

Dated: February 20, 2008.

**Mary Glenn-Croft,**

*Deputy Commissioner for Budget, Finance and Management.*

**Notice of Computer Matching Program, Social Security Administration (SSA) With the Office of Personnel Management (OPM)**

**A. Participating Agencies**

SSA and OPM.

**B. Purpose of the Matching Program**

The purpose of this agreement is to establish the conditions, terms and safeguards under which OPM agrees to the disclosure of civil service benefit and payment data to SSA. The old-age, survivors, disability insurance (OASDI), supplemental security income (SSI), and special veterans' benefits (SVB) programs administered by SSA will use the match results under this agreement. The OASDI programs are social insurance programs. The SSI program pays benefits to aged, blind and disabled recipients with incomes below levels established by law and regulations. The SVB program provides special benefits to certain World War II veterans. The results of the matching operations are used to determine SSI eligibility and to determine beneficiaries whose benefits should be reduced due to the Public Disability Benefit offset provision, the Windfall Elimination Provision, and the Government Pension Offset provision.

**C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program**

The legal authority for SSA to conduct this matching activity for SSI purposes is contained in section 1631(e)(1)(B) and (f) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1383(e)(1)(B) and (f)) and for the SVB program as authorized by section 806 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1006). Section 224 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 424a, provides for the reduction of Social Security disability benefits when the disabled worker is also entitled to a Public Disability Benefit. Sections 215(a)(7) and 215(d)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(a)(7) and 415(d)(3)) provide for a modified benefit computation to be used for certain beneficiaries who are concurrently entitled to both Social Security benefits and a monthly periodic payment based in whole or in part on employment not covered by Social Security, including a civil service benefit. This modified benefit computation is called the Windfall Elimination Provision. Section 202(k)(5)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(k)(5)(A)) requires that

SSA reduce the Social Security benefits of certain beneficiaries entitled to Social Security spouse's benefits who are also entitled to a government pension based on their own noncovered earnings. This reduction is referred to as Government Pension Offset.

**D. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Matching Program**

Monthly, OPM will provide SSA with an electronic file containing civil service benefit and payment data from the annuity and survivor master file. The **Federal Register** designation for the OPM file is OPM/Central-1 Civil Service Retirement and Insurance Records. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3), OPM has established routine uses to disclose the subject information to SSA.

Each record on the OPM file will be matched for Social Security Number (SSN) verification to SSA's Master Files of SSN Holders and SSN Applications. The **Federal Register** designation for the SSA file is Master Files of SSN Holders and SSN Applications, SSA/OSR, 60-0058. Those records verified will then be matched to SSA's SSI and SVB payment information maintained in the SSR and SVB. The **Federal Register** designation for the SSA file is SSR and SVB, SSA/OSR, 60-0103.

The file will also contain information about each new disability annuitant and annuitants whose disability benefits have changed from previous reports. The **Federal Register** designation for the OPM file is also OPM/Central-1 Civil Service Retirement and Insurance Records. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3), OPM has established routine uses to disclose the subject information to SSA.

Each record on the OPM file will be matched for Social Security Number (SSN) verification to SSA's Master Files of SSN Holders and SSN Applications. The **Federal Register** designation for the SSA file is Master Files of SSN Holders and SSN Applications, SSA/OSR, 60-0058. Those records verified will then be matched to DI records on the MBR to identify DI beneficiaries who may be subject to PDB offset. Those records verified will also be matched to SSA's MBR for WEP and GPO purposes. The **Federal Register** designation for the SSA file is MBR, SSA/OSR, 60-0090.

This monthly file contains approximately 25,000 records. OPM will provide SSA with the entire master annuity file of approximately 2.7 million records once yearly for the month of the civil service cost-of-living allowance.

**E. Inclusive Dates of the Matching Program**

The matching program will become effective no sooner than 40 days after notice of the matching program is sent to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget, or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever date is later. The matching program will continue for 18 months from the effective date and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if certain conditions are met.

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

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**In the Matter of the Designation of HARAKAT UL-JIHAD-I-ISLAMI/ BANGLADESH (HUJI-B) aka Islami Dawat-e-Kafela (IDEK), aka Harakat ul-Jihad e Islami Bangladesh, aka Harkatul Jihad al Islam, aka Harkatul Jihad, aka Harakat ul Jihad al Islami, aka Harkat ul Jihad al Islami, aka Harkat-ul-Jehad-al-Islami, aka Harakat ul Jihad Islami Bangladesh as a Foreign Terrorist Organization Pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended**

Based upon a review of the Administrative Record assembled in this matter, and in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury, I conclude that there is a sufficient factual basis to find that the relevant circumstances described in section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (hereinafter "INA") (8 U.S.C. 1189), exist with respect to Harakat ul-Jihad-i-Islami/ Bangladesh (HUJI-B), aka Islami Dawat-e-Kafela (IDEK), aka Harakat ul-Jihad e Islami Bangladesh, aka Harkatul Jihad alIslam, aka Harkatul Jihad, aka Harakat ul Jihad al Islami, aka Harkat ul Jihad al Islami, aka Harkat-ul-Jehad-al-Islami, aka Harakat ul Jihad Islami Bangladesh.

Therefore, I hereby designate that organization and its aliases as a foreign terrorist organization pursuant to section 219 of the INA.

This designation shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 15, 2008.

**Condoleezza Rice,**

*Secretary of State, Department of State.*

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