

# STATE OF ALASKA

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Subject: Child Support Enforcement Financial Institution Data Match

On August 22, 1996, Public Law 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 was signed into Law. One provision of this act requires agreements between child support agencies and financial institutions in Alaska.

The law provides for the development and operation of a data match system that enables banks to provide requested information on child support obligors on a quarterly basis in an automated fashion to the Alaska Child Support Enforcement Division. After much discussion and planning, both on the state and national levels, standard data match specifications and standardized agreements were developed to facilitate the process.

Enclosed you will find the Financial Institution Data Match (FIDM) brochure that outlines general information about the program and processes. The brochure contains information regarding the Alaska FIDM Alliance website and hotline where you may obtain supplementary information and download additional forms. In addition, we have included with this letter an agreement that outlines the purpose and additional terms regarding the process, including your institution's choices regarding match method and media type. The agreement is to be signed by the appropriate person in your company and returned to the attention of Darrell J. Watson, State of Alaska, Child Support Enforcement Division, 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ste 310 (MS23), Anchorage, AK 99501.

As you may be aware, under state and federal law, financial institutions cannot be held liable for release of a financial record to state child support enforcement agencies. Additional information regarding these statutes can be accessed through the FIDM Alliance website.

A great deal of effort has gone into designing a data match approach that will be simple and efficient. Alaska was a member of a 14-state consortium (The FIDM Alliance) who shares a common database of information to manage this process. The Alliance has contracted with Informatix, Inc. to perform the data match services.

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We appreciate your involvement in this worthwhile cause and look forward to a successful implementation of a process that will greatly benefit the children of Alaska. Should you have questions, please me at (907) 352-4140 or access the Alaska FIDM Alliance website and hotline at <http://fidm.statedatamatch.com> or 1 877 365-3436 (fidm).

Sincerely,

Darrell J. Watson  
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