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Dear Sir/Madam:

We are pleased to announce that through the collaborative efforts of Wisconsin's financial community and the Department of Workforce Development (DWD), we are ready to implement the account seizure provisions of 1997 Wisconsin Act 191. As you know, this act requires financial institutions operating within Wisconsin to participate with DWD in a data matching program to locate the financial accounts of people who are delinquent in paying child support. Banks, savings and loans, credit unions and stock broker/dealers are all included in this requirement.

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

Enclosed you will find a Financial Institution Data Match (FIDM) brochure that outlines general information about the program and processes. The brochure contains information regarding the Wisconsin FIDM Alliance website and hotline where you may obtain supplementary information and download additional forms. In addition, we have enclosed the final version of the agreement, which outlines the purpose and terms regarding the match process, including your institution's choices regarding match method and media type. The agreement has been divided into two parts, the agreement itself and Attachment A, to simplify the making of changes by your institution.

This agreement and the attachment to the agreement are to be returned within 30 days from the date of this notice to the following address:

Informatix, Inc.
FIDM Operations
5913 Executive Dr.
North Tower
Lansing, MI 48911

Under state and federal law, financial institutions cannot be held liable for the release of financial records to state child support enforcement agencies. Additional information regarding these statutes can be accessed through the FIDM website at <http://fidm.statedatamatch.com>.

We believe that we have designed a data match approach that will be simple and efficient. Wisconsin and 14 other states have formed a consortium (The FIDM Alliance) which share a common database of information to manage this process. The Alliance has contracted with Informatix, Inc., to perform the data match services.

All data and match-results, including tapes or other media shall be sent to the Informatix, Inc., at the above address.

We appreciate your involvement in this worthwhile cause and look forward to a successful implementation of a process, which will greatly benefit the children of Wisconsin. Should you have questions, please call 1-877-965-3436.

Your support and cooperation are greatly appreciated as we work together to improve the lives of Wisconsin's children.

Sincerely,

Susan E. Pfeiffer
Director
Wisconsin Bureau of Child Support

Attachments