

August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2000

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Dear XXXXXX:

We are pleased to announce that we are ready to move forward and implement provisions of N.D.C.C. § 50-09-08.2(1)(h). This law sets forth requirements for financial institutions and the Child Support Enforcement Division to enter into agreements for the purpose of operating a data match system.

The law provides for the development and operation of a data match system that enables financial institutions to provide requested information on a quarterly basis in an automated fashion to the Child Support Enforcement Division. After much discussion and planning, both on the state and national levels, standard data match specifications 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 North Dakota 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 has been divided into two parts, the Agreement itself, and Attachment A, to simplify the making of changes by your institution. Limited reimbursement for costs associated with FIDM may be available to your institution through the negotiation of a separate agreement with the State. This agreement and the attachment to the agreement (and all future revised attachments to the agreement) are to be returned to the following address or to any future address provided to the financial institution by the State:

Child Support Enforcement Division  
Attn: Financial Institution Data Match Program  
PO Box 7190  
Bismarck, ND 58507-7190

Please note that all data and match-results, including tapes or other media shall be sent to the State's agent at the following address or to any future address provided to the financial institution by the State:

Informatix, Inc.

Bldg. 3 1st floor  
Suite 101  
171 Jersey St.  
Trenton, NJ 08611

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. North Dakota is working with a 15-state consortium (the FIDM Alliance) to develop and implement the financial institution data match program. The FIDM Alliance has contracted with Informatix, Inc. to perform the data match services.

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 North Dakota. Should you have questions, please contact Bruce Murry at the Child Support Enforcement Division.

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Sincerely,

Mike Schwindt, Director  
Child Support Enforcement Division

Enclosures