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TO: All Program Participants

SUBJ: Revision of VA Form 26-1880

1. **PURPOSE:** This circular announces the revision of VA Form 26-1880, Request For A Certificate Of Eligibility For VA Home Loan Benefits, (formerly entitled "Request For Determination Of Eligibility And Available Loan Guaranty Entitlement"). The form is available on the Internet at "www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms1.htm". The number of questions has been reduced and the overall form has been simplified.

2. **PROCEDURES:** Lenders should begin using the new form immediately. VA will continue to process eligibility requests received on the previous version of the form; however, we expect lenders to begin using the revised form as quickly as possible. An initial distribution of the revised VA Form 26-1880 should be arriving at VA field stations the latter part of April. The form should also be available from the major forms companies. As a temporary measure, we are attaching a copy for your use obtained from the web site identified above.

3. **VA LOAN NUMBERS:** Please make sure you use the 12-digit VA loan identification number, indicating the state where the home is located, on all correspondence related to a particular loan. We are authorized to process correspondence concerning VA home loans in the 6 states shown below. The following list indicates the numbers to be used as the first 6 digits of the 12-digit VA number and the corresponding states:

09-09-6-0 New Jersey	25-25-6-0 Ohio
10-10-6-0 Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware	26-26-6-0 Indiana
11-11-6-0 Western Pennsylvania	29-29-6-0 Michigan

4. **CONTACTS:** A complete list of VA offices, states and their corresponding numbers is available upon request. If additional information is needed concerning these instructions, or if you would like to schedule VA training for your company, please fax your request to VA Loan Production at (216) 522-3103. Your interest and participation in our program is greatly appreciated.

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