



Interstate Data Exchange Consortium

The Finder

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Dear Colleague,

The South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS) is currently the Seat Agency for the consortium of states that operate the Interstate Data Exchange Consortium (IDEC). I am the Director of IDEC and manage the consortium on behalf of the IDEC Policy Board; I invite you to look at our Financial Institution Data Match (FIDM) Limited Partner Memberships as IDEC expands its FIDM matching capabilities.

IDEC is a partnership of 15 states for the collection and enforcement of child support. We operate as a state-administered, state-owned system and are managed by SCDSS. States may join as either Full Members or as Limited Partners through a state contract containing a memorandum of understanding agreement administered by SCDSS. All full member states participate in the IDEC Governing Board and these states have a say in the operation of the consortium.

Currently, IDEC membership consists of: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

IDEC recently developed a Limited Partners FIDM membership with the following features.

- With Limited Partnership no changes are necessary to existing in-state FIDM matching systems or software or vendor contracts.
- The Limited Partner states decide how many quarters during the year that they want to participate. They also decide on the frequency that they receive their match files (quarterly, monthly or weekly).
- Reciprocal Partners – Limited Partners match their inquiry file against IDEC Financial Institutions and IDEC matches their one inquiry file against the Limited Partner's Financial Institutions.



- Presently Michigan is participating as a Limited Partner with IDEC. In their first quarterly match of September 2008, Michigan shared their results with us:

Liens Generated:	263
Total Frozen:	\$399,095.70
Total Funds Distributed:	\$326,658.12
Liens Released or Still Being Contested:	\$72,437.58

We would like to welcome you to participate in IDEC and I will assist you in any way possible. Please contact me at (803) 898-7342 or send an email to Tom.Christmus@dss.sc.gov. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Christmus
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Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

IDEC is stated-owned and operated. States may join as either Full Members or as Limited Partners through a state contract containing a memorandum of understanding agreement administered by the South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS) which serves as the "Seat Agency." [Read more.](#)

IDEC Consortium Full Member States:
Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia,
Kentucky, Louisiana, New Mexico,
North Carolina, Oklahoma,
Pennsylvania, South Carolina,
South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia,
West Virginia



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