

## **EXHIBIT A-1**

### **State Compliance Matters**

#### **California Retail Seller**

Provisions of the California Consumer Credit Reporting Agencies Act, as amended effective July 1, 1998, will impact the provision of consumer reports to Subscriber under the following circumstances: (a) if Subscriber is a "retail seller" (defined in part by California law as "a person engaged in the business of selling goods or services to retail buyers") and is selling to a "retail buyer" (defined as "a person who buys goods or obtains services from a retail seller in a retail installment sale and not principally for the purpose of resale") and a consumer about whom Subscriber is inquiring is applying, (b) in person, and (c) for credit. Under the foregoing circumstances, Search America, before delivering a consumer report to Subscriber, must match at least three (3) items of a consumer's identification within the file maintained by Search America with the information provided to Search America by Subscriber in connection with the in-person credit transaction. Compliance with this law further includes Subscriber's inspection of the photo identification of each consumer who applies for in-person credit, mailing extensions of credit to consumers responding to a mail solicitation at specified addresses, taking special actions regarding a consumer's presentment of a police report regarding fraud, and acknowledging consumer demands for reinvestigations within certain time frames.

If Subscriber designated in Section 7 of the Agreement that it is a "retail seller," Subscriber certifies that it will instruct its employees and agents to inspect a photo identification of the consumer at the time an application is submitted in person. If Subscriber is not currently, but subsequently becomes a "retail seller," Subscriber agrees to provide written notice to Search America prior to ordering credit reports in connection with an in-person credit transaction, and agrees to comply with the requirements of the California law as outlined in this Section, and with the specific certifications set forth herein.

Subscriber certifies that, as a "retail seller," it will either (a) acquire a new Subscriber number for use in processing consumer report inquiries that result from in-person credit applications covered by California law, with the understanding that all inquiries using this new Subscriber number will require that Subscriber supply at least three items of identifying information from the applicant; or (b) contact Subscriber's Search America sales representative to ensure that Subscriber's existing number is properly coded for these transactions.