### External Matching data

[*In this age of sophisticated software, powerful computers, and a heightened awareness of privacy concerns, all data collected by the IES (and other federal and state agencies) must conduct an analysis to determine if the elements collected in a study can be used to identify the respondents when matched against any publicly available database.*

*Matching is the primary approach followed by the IES DRB in ensuring the confidentiality of released public-use data.*

*Please refer to the “More about Matching” tab which provides a thorough discussion on this key component of the disclosure analysis*.]