Duty to Serve Self-Certification Terms of Use

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   - Entered on behalf of the Program Manager
   - To the best of your knowledge and the Program Manager’s knowledge complete, accurate and up to date.

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other works in any form, media, or technology now known or later developed including without limitation as follows:

- GSN may disclose the Data to the Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae").
- GSN may collect and use personal data such as name, title, business phone number and/or business email, from or about you to help GSN support its non-profit mission and serve GSN’s membership.
- GSN may use or disclose Data about the Program Manager and/or each of the Programs collected by the Site if required to do so by law or in GSN’s good-faith belief that such action is necessary to meet any applicable law, regulation, legal process or enforceable governmental request. GSN may disclose any information as GSN deems necessary to satisfy any applicable law, regulation, legal process, or governmental request.
- After January 1, 2025, GSN may license and publish the Data and Fannie Mae certification results or results of the audits on the Fannie Mae DTS certification and may at its sole discretion, share the Data with GSN members, researchers, media partners, or other entities to advance GSN’s mission. Prior to January 1, 2025, GSN will not (except as otherwise provided in this Agreement) disclose the Fannie Mae certification results or results of the audits on the Fannie Mae DTS certification except to the Program Manager submitting the Data.
- GSN may add you to the GSN mailing list using the contact information you have provided.
- GN may provide the contact information you have provided to third parties in GSN’s sole discretion.

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8. SECURITY.

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If there is any dispute about or involving these Terms of Use or the Site, you agree that any dispute shall be governed by the laws of the State of California, notwithstanding any principles of conflicts of law. You specifically consent to personal and exclusive jurisdiction by and venue in the State and Federal courts of and for Alameda County, California in connection with any dispute between you and/or the Program Manager and GSN arising out of or involving this Agreement, the Site and/or any use of the Data.

YOU AND THE PROGRAM MANAGER AGREE THAT REGARDLESS OF ANY STATUTE OR LAW TO THE CONTRARY, ANY CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION BY YOU AGAINST GSN ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT, YOUR USE OF THE SITE OR GSN’S USE OR DISTRIBUTION OF THE DATA MUST BE FILED WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR AFTER SUCH CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION AROSE OR BE FOREVER BARRED.

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