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ePER – Getting a Level 2 eAuthentication Account

ePER – eAuth

- Accessing RDAApply requires a Level 2 eAuth account. eAuth is the Security System that RDAApply and many of the USDA Public applications utilize for access.
- Engineers can access via the eAuth Page by clicking Register (<https://identitymanager.eems.usda.gov/registration/selfRegistrationForm.aspx?level=2>)
- or by going directly to ePER at <https://eper.sc.egov.usda.gov>

ePER – eAuth

- The USDA eAuth Login Screen is presented.
- If the Engineer does not have an account, then they will click REGISTER.



The screenshot displays the USDA eAuthentication Login interface. At the top, the USDA logo and text 'United States Department of Agriculture' and 'USDA eAuthentication' are visible. Below this is a banner image showing a person logging in. A navigation bar contains links: Home, About eAuthentication, Help, Contact Us, and Find an LRA. A breadcrumb trail reads 'You are here: eAuthentication Home > eAuthentication Login'. The main heading is 'eAuthentication Login'. On the left, a 'Quick Links' sidebar lists: 'What is an account?', 'Create an account', 'Update your account', and 'Administrator Links' with a sub-link 'Local Registration Authority Login'. The main content area has two columns. The left column is titled 'LincPass (PIV)' with a question mark icon and a large blue button that says 'CLICK HERE TO LOG IN WITH YOUR LincPass (PIV)' next to a PIV card image. The right column is titled 'User ID & Password' with a question mark icon and contains input fields for 'User ID:' and 'Password:'. Below these fields are links for 'I forgot my User ID | Password', a blue 'REGISTER' button, a blue 'LOGIN' button, and a link 'Change my Password'.

USDA United States Department of Agriculture
USDA eAuthentication

login : Y2
Password :

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eAuthentication Login

Quick Links

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Administrator Links

- ▶ Local Registration Authority Login

LincPass (PIV) ?

CLICK HERE TO
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User ID & Password ?

User ID:

Password:

[I forgot my User ID | Password](#)

[REGISTER](#) [LOGIN](#)

[Change my Password](#)

ePER – eAuth Registration

- The Engineer will need to select Register for a Level 2 Account.

The screenshot displays the 'Create an Account - Getting Started' page. On the left, a sidebar contains 'Quick Links' (What is an account?, Create an account, Update your account) and 'Administrator Links' (Local Registration Authority Login). The main content area has a breadcrumb trail 'You are here: eAuthentication > Account Creation'. It features three sections: 1) 'USDA Federal Employees, Contractors, & Affiliates' with a 'Register for an Internal Account' button. 2) 'USDA Customers - What Level of Access Do You Need?' which includes 'Request Level 1 Access to:' (with three bullet points and a 'Register for a Level 1 Account' button) and 'Request Level 2 Access to:' (with three bullet points and a 'Register for a Level 2 Account' button). 3) 'Changing from Level 1 Access to Level 2 Access' with a three-step numbered list and a 'Log into Your Profile' button.

Home | About eAuthentication | Help | Contact Us | Find an LRA

You are here: [eAuthentication](#) > Account Creation

Create an Account - Getting Started

USDA Federal Employees, Contractors, & Affiliates

If you are a USDA Federal Employee, Contractor, or Affiliate of the USDA, you must register for a USDA Internal Account.

[Register for an Internal Account](#)

USDA Customers - What Level of Access Do You Need?

Request Level 1 Access to:

- Visit a USDA web page that indicates a Level 1 account is necessary
- Obtain general information about the USDA or its agencies
- Participate in public surveys for a USDA agency

[Register for a Level 1 Account](#)

Request Level 2 Access to:

- Submit official business transactions via the Internet
- Enter into a contract with the USDA
- Submit forms or applications for the USDA via the Internet

[Register for a Level 2 Account](#)

Changing from Level 1 Access to Level 2 Access

If you already have a Level 1 account and require Level 2 access:

1. Log into your profile
2. Fill in and submit the required information
3. Visit your Local Registration Authority (LRA)

[Log into Your Profile](#)

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- The Engineer will need to enter the required fields.

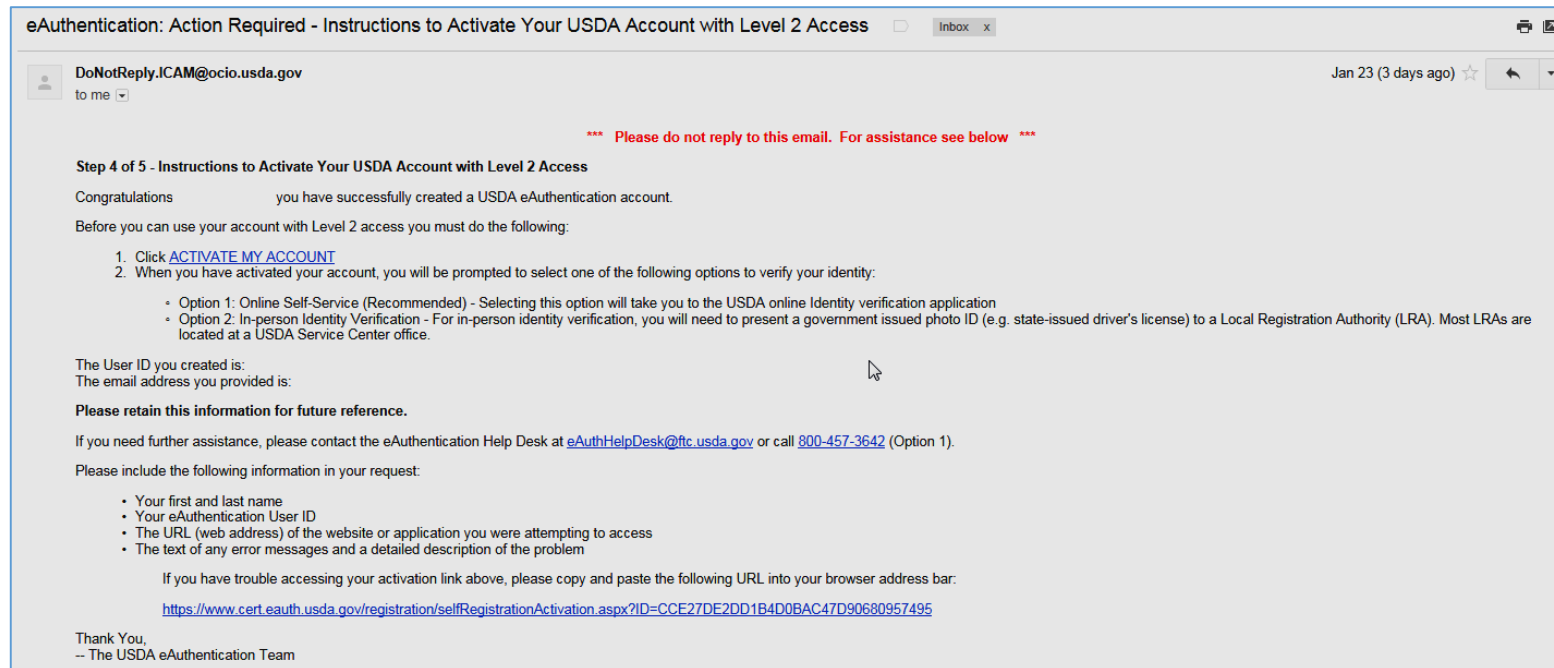
The screenshot shows the USDA eAuthentication website. The header includes the USDA logo and navigation links: Home, About eAuthentication, Help, Contact Us, and Find an LRA. A sidebar on the left contains 'Quick Links' (What is an account?, Create an account, Update your account) and 'Administrator Links' (Local Registration, Authority Login). The main content area is titled 'Register for Your Account - Level 2' and 'Step 1 of 5 - Level 2 Access Account Registration'. It includes instructions for users to complete the form and a note about prohibited characters. The 'User Information' section contains several required fields marked with an asterisk:

- First Name*
- Middle Initial
- Last Name*
- Address*
- City*
- State* (dropdown menu)
- Zip/Postal Code*
- Country* (dropdown menu, currently showing United States)
- Birth Date*

A red label 'Required Field*' is positioned above the First Name field.

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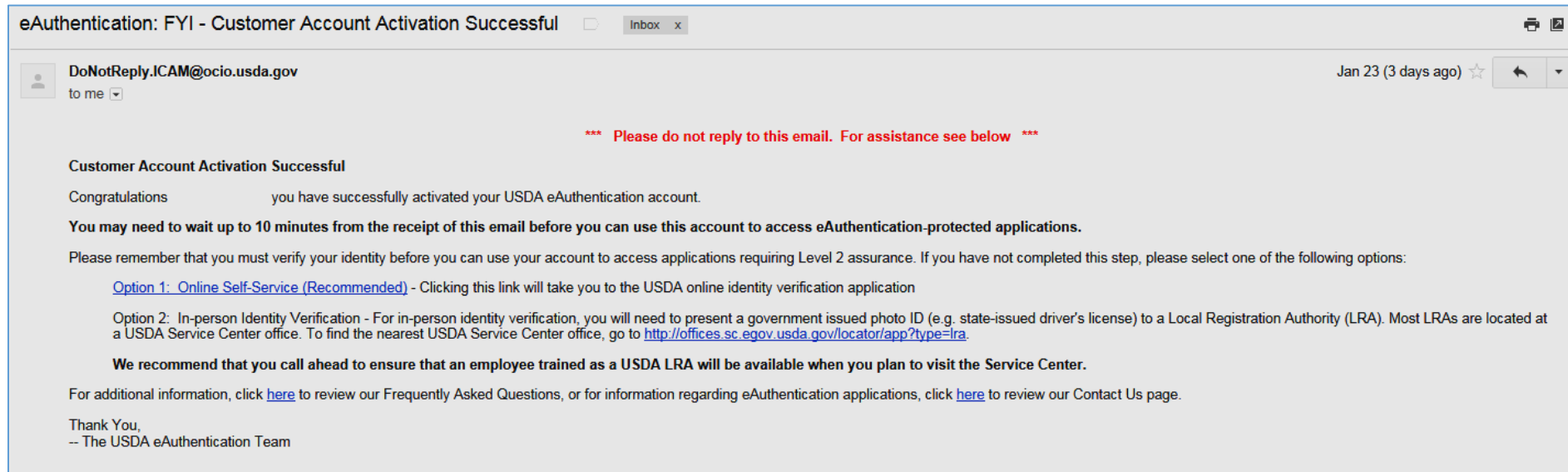
- Once the Account is created, the Engineer will receive an Email to Enable the Account.



- The Engineer will need to click the ACTIVATE MY ACCOUNT link

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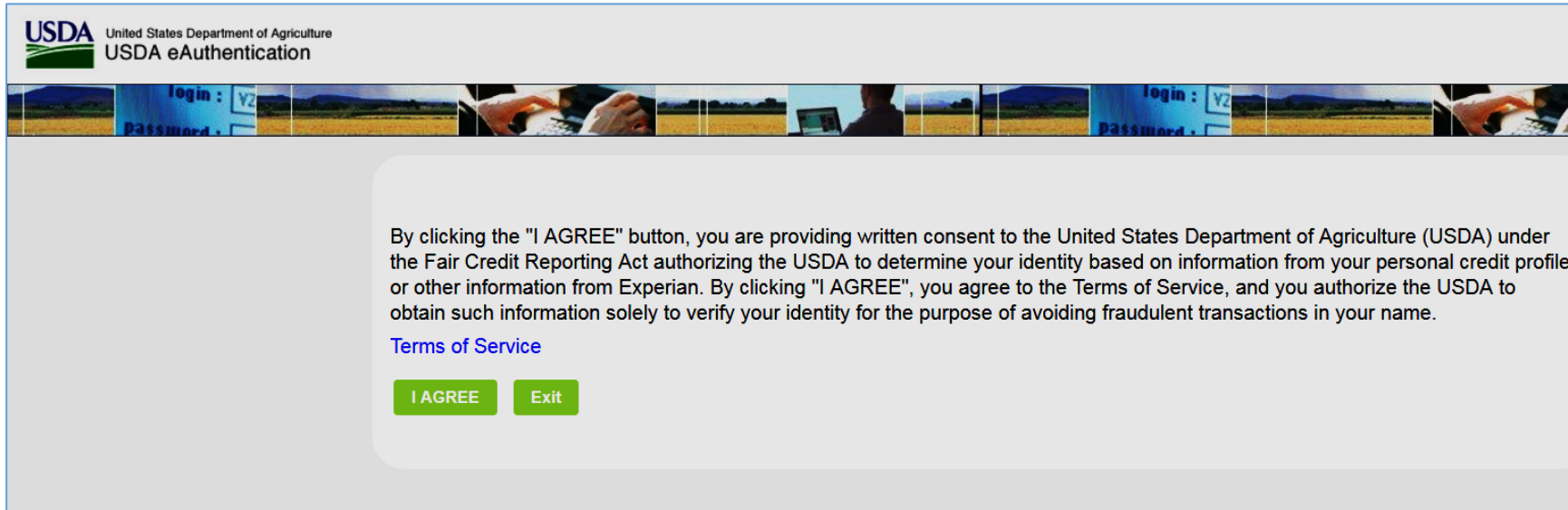
- Once the Engineer activates the Account, they will receive a second email. The Account is activated but the Engineer's Identity still needs validation.



- The Engineer can either use the Online Self-Service, or visit an LRA.

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- After clicking the Online Self Service link, and logging back, the Engineer will see the following screen:



The screenshot shows the USDA eAuthentication interface. At the top left is the USDA logo and the text "United States Department of Agriculture" and "USDA eAuthentication". Below this is a decorative banner with a repeating pattern of a field, a person at a computer, and a login form. The main content area contains a consent agreement text, a link to the Terms of Service, and two buttons: "I AGREE" and "Exit".

USDA United States Department of Agriculture
USDA eAuthentication

login : Y2
password :

By clicking the "I AGREE" button, you are providing written consent to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) under the Fair Credit Reporting Act authorizing the USDA to determine your identity based on information from your personal credit profile or other information from Experian. By clicking "I AGREE", you agree to the Terms of Service, and you authorize the USDA to obtain such information solely to verify your identity for the purpose of avoiding fraudulent transactions in your name.

[Terms of Service](#)

I AGREE Exit

- Click the I AGREE button

ePER – Online Identity Proofing

- Electing to verify online will present the following page asking for SSN Number.

Step 1 - Validate Identity

Verify eAuthentication Profile Data

Please verify that the information below is correct before clicking Submit. If you need to correct your information, [click here](#) to update your eAuthentication profile. Once you have updated your profile, please return to this page to complete the identity verification process.

First Name:	Last Name:
Address:	City:
State:	Country:
Zipcode:	Birth Date:
Email:	

To start the process you must enter your complete 9-digit Social Security Number (SSN) without spaces or dashes. For example: 123456689. Once you have entered your SSN, click the "Submit" button to continue.

Social Security Number(SSN) ★

Note - Your SSN is used as a temporary part of the online identity validation process. The AAA application does not store or uses your SSN beyond the validation of identity.

- PLEASE NOTE: The Engineer must enter their SSN, not the Company's TIN.

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- The Engineer will then respond to a series of identification questions.

Step 2 - Validate Identity

You must validate your identity to ensure you are who you say you are, and to prevent unauthorized access to your account information. To validate your identity online, answer the following questions. All questions must be answered before you can continue.

Note: The questions are provided by a nationally known third party identity proofing service. The questions and answers are not retained by USDA.

Which state is associated with your relative SARAH?

- ☐ OHIO
- ☐ CALIFORNIA
- ☐ ILLINOIS
- ☐ IOWA
- ☐ NONE OF THE ABOVE/DOES NOT APPLY

You may have opened a mortgage loan in or around October 2015. Please select the dollar amount range in which your monthly mortgage payment falls. Refer only to the regular monthly payment which includes principal, interest, and escrow (escrow could include taxes and insurance if collected by lender). If you have not had a mortgage payment now or in the past, please select 'NONE OF THE ABOVE/DOES NOT APPLY'.

- ☐ \$510 - \$809
- ☐ \$810 - \$1109
- ☐ \$1110 - \$1409

Which of the following is a current or previous employer? If there is not a matched employer name, please select 'NONE OF THE ABOVE'.

- ☐ USDA
- ☐ BELL ATLANTIC
- ☐ COMFORT INN
- ☐ ZEE BUICK
- ☐ NONE OF THE ABOVE/DOES NOT APPLY

Please select the year you opened your auto loan or lease ending in 0001.

- ☐ 2011
- ☐ 2012
- ☐ 2013
- ☐ 2014
- ☐ NONE OF THE ABOVE/DOES NOT APPLY

Please select the range that includes the year you graduated from high school.

- ☐ 1989 - 1991
- ☐ 1992 - 1994
- ☐ 1995 - 1997
- ☐ 1998 - 2000
- ☐ NONE OF THE ABOVE/DOES NOT APPLY

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- After the Engineer answers the questions, the system processes the responses, and if successful the account is upgraded to Level 2

Identity Verification - Success

Congratulations! Your identity has been validated and your eAuthentication account is now being promoted to Level 2. This process may take a few minutes to complete. You will receive a confirmation email from the USDA eAuthentication Service at the email address you provided once the action is complete.

After you have received the confirmation email, you will be ready to use your Level 2 account to log in to USDA applications.

[Continue](#)

- If it was not successful, the Engineer will be allowed to try again with a different set of identifying questions.

ePER – Accessing the System

- Once the Engineer has a Level 2 Account, they can now access ePER (<https://eper.sc.egov.usda.gov>)

The screenshot shows the ePER system interface. At the top left is the USDA logo with the text "United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development". At the top right is the "ePER PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT" logo. Below the USDA logo is a dark blue bar with the text "Home". To the right of this bar, it says "You are logged in as:" followed by a user name and a "Logout" link. Below the "Home" bar are two buttons: "Add New PER" and "Register", separated by the word "or". Below these buttons is a dark green bar with the text "Search Results". At the bottom is a table with the following headers: "Report Number", "Client", "Lead Engineer", "Firm Name", "Date Initiated", "Date Completed", and "Action".

Report Number	Client	Lead Engineer	Firm Name	Date Initiated	Date Completed	Action
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ePER – Accessing the System

- If the Engineer attempts to access ePER with a Level 1 eAuth Account they will see the following:

