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REPORT



State Employees' Retirement System

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CHANGES IN FIELD SERVICES

As most state agencies are affected by the ERI, the Field Services division of SERS has also changed considerably. Division manager John Sowinski, field representative Lee Brown, and publications employee Fred Fliege all took advantage of the ERI.

Field representative Dave Thompson replaces John Sowinski on January 2, but John will stay on until April 30 to help train the new field representatives.

Mandy Beedie will take over Dave Thompson's position on January 2. Mandy graduated from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

She worked at State Universities Retirement System for two years. From there she was a teacher at Southeast High School in Springfield where she taught U.S. History and Government. She started working at SERS in July of 2002 to assist with the workload from the ERI.

Marlys Vala, who works in the SERS Disability section replaces Lee Brown. Marlys graduated from Western Illinois University. She worked for the state of Illinois as an Adjudicator for 14 years. She transferred to SERS as a Disability Specialist in February, 1998.

Please help us in welcoming our new Field Services staff.

THE ERI DEADLINE IS COMING!

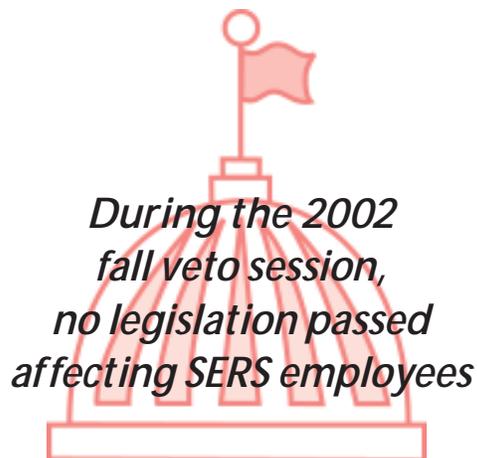
ERI Applications

The December 31 deadline for participating in the ERI is approaching quickly. The ERI requires SERS members to file their retirement application and election form and terminate state service by December 31, 2002. Employees taking the "Option 2-Buy & Quit" also need their election forms in by this date. Any ERI documentation received after December 31 will not be accepted.

Employment Extensions

The ERI also allows agency directors to retain key employees until April 30, 2003. However, all agencies under the Governor must request an employment extension with the Governor's office before the extension can be sent to us. If an employee is granted an extension, all required documentation **MUST** be received at SERS by December 31, 2002.

Applications and extensions can be mailed or dropped off at our Chicago or Springfield offices.



The number of SERS members who are taking advantage of the ERI is updated on our web site (www.state.il.us/srs) each week.

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

The schedule at right shows the remaining workshops open in 2003. Employees who were signed up for workshops from June through December of 2002 that were cancelled because of the ERI were automatically placed in a corresponding workshop in the second half of 2003.

Therefore, most of the open workshop dates for 2003 are in the first half of the year. The workshop location for the CDR on June 12 and October 16 in Tinley Park has been changed to Matteson.

INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE

For employees under age 45

Feb. 4	Chicago
Mar. 4	Joliet
Mar. 11	Schaumburg
Apr. 15	ISAC, Deerfield
May 6	Chicago
May 20	Urbana
Jun. 3	Rockford
Jul. 15	Mt. Vernon
Oct. 7	Tinley Park
Oct. 21	Collinsville
Oct. 28	Chicago

Apr. 9 & 10	Urbana
Apr. 16 & 17	Joliet
Apr. 30 & May 1	Chicago
May 7 & 8	Springfield
May 14 & 15	DeKalb
May 28 & 29	Mt. Vernon
Jun. 4 & 5	Rockford
Nov. 19 & 20	Peoria

COUNTDOWN TO RETIREMENT

For employees 3 years from retirement.

Feb. 20	Joliet
Mar. 6	Carbondale
Mar. 20	Springfield & Chicago
Mar. 27	Collinsville
Apr. 10	Chicago
Apr. 24	Springfield & Schaumburg
May 29	Rockford & Springfield
Jun. 12	Matteson
Jun. 19	Springfield
Jul. 17	Springfield
Jul. 24	Urbana
Aug. 7	Springfield
Aug. 21	Springfield
Aug. 28	Collinsville
Sep. 4	Joliet
Sep. 16	Schaumburg
Sep. 18	Springfield
Sep. 25	Carbondale
Sep. 30	Gurnee
Oct. 16	Matteson
Oct. 23	Springfield
Oct. 30	Chicago
Nov. 13	Chicago
Nov. 20	Springfield

EDUCATION FOR TOMORROW'S CHOICES

For employees 5-15 years from retirement

Jan. 22 & 23	Springfield
Jan. 29 & 30	Springfield & Glen Ellyn
Feb. 5 & 6	Springfield
Feb. 19 & 20	Springfield
Feb. 26 & 27	Carbondale & Chicago
Mar. 5 & 6	Springfield
Mar. 12 & 13	Collinsville & Schaumburg
Mar. 26 & 27	Peoria
Apr. 2 & 3	Chicago & Springfield



Happy Holidays from all of us at SERS!