



## State Employees' Retirement System

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## Early Retirement Incentive Estimates 2003 Workshop Schedule

As we promised at the Retirement Coordinator meetings, we have enclosed with this Field Report a sample of the ERI estimate/information packet that the 20,500 SERS members eligible to retire under the ERI will be mailed by July 15.

This packet contains:

- An estimate of the retirement benefit these employees will receive by participating in the ERI. The estimate provides the member's effective retirement date, final average compensation, a pension estimate with and without the ERI service and age enhancement, amount of service (ERI not included) at the retirement effective date, months of ERI service added for this estimate,

June 1 rate of pay, the ERI required contribution, and the value of each additional month of service.

- A brochure explaining the ERI program, the requirements to participate, and how the contribution is figured.
  - An ERI checklist of the necessary steps to take before retiring from SERS.
  - A postcard listing the special ERI telephone number and e-mail address to request an ERI application packet ONLY.
- Because we are expecting a large volume of application requests, questions about the ERI that are sent to these addresses will not be answered.

The 2003 preretirement workshop schedule is complete. Workshops scheduled for the first five months of 2003 are open to everyone.

All members who were signed up for the Investing in Your Future (IYF) or Education for Tomorrow's Choices (ETC) from June through December of 2002, but were cancelled due to the passage of the ERI, will be placed in a workshop scheduled for the city and date similar to the workshop they were signed up for that was cancelled.

Therefore, many of the June thru December, 2003 IYF and ETC workshops will be filled by the time the schedule is printed in the August SERS-O-GRAM.

If the previous registrants do not fill up these workshops, the dates will be available for all members. Registration for our workshops do not begin until September 3, 2003.

The complete preretirement workshop schedule is on the back page.

### ERI Informational Meetings

*Many of our members contemplating the ERI were unhappy with the scheduling procedure for the ERI meetings. Scheduling was done on a first-come, first-serve basis. Requests came fast and furious, and within a few days all meetings were filled. We are attempting to reach as many members as possible by continuing these meetings until July 15.*

# 2003 PRERETIREMENT WORKSHOPS

## INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE

*For employees under age 45*

Jan. 28	Chicago
Feb. 4	Chicago
Mar. 4	Joliet
Mar. 11	Schaumburg
Mar. 18	Springfield
Apr. 15	ISAC, Deerfield
May 6	Chicago
May 20	Urbana
Jun. 3	Rockford
Jun. 17	Springfield
Jul. 15	Mt. Vernon
Aug. 5	Springfield
Aug. 19	Peoria
Sep. 30	Springfield
Oct. 7	Tinley Park
Oct. 21	Collinsville
Oct. 28	Chicago

## EDUCATION FOR TOMORROW'S CHOICES

*For employees 5-15 years from retirement*

Jan. 8 & 9	Chicago & Springfield
Jan. 15 & 16	Springfield
Jan. 22 & 23	Springfield
Jan. 29 & 30	Springfield & Glen Ellyn

Feb. 5 & 6	Springfield
Feb. 19 & 20	Springfield
Feb. 26 & 27	Carbondale
Feb. 27 & 28	& Chicago
Mar. 5 & 6	Springfield
Mar. 12 & 13	Collinsville & Schaumburg
Mar. 26 & 27	Peoria
Apr. 2 & 3	Chicago & Springfield
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
Jun. 11 & 12	Springfield
Jul. 9 & 10	Springfield
Jul. 23 & 24	Peoria
Jul. 30 & 31	Carbondale
Aug 13 & 14	Collinsville
Aug. 20 & 21	Chicago
Sep. 10 & 11	Springfield
Sep. 17 & 18	Joliet
Oct 8 & 9	Tinley Park
Oct 15 & 16	Springfield
Oct. 22 & 23	Chicago
Nov. 12 & 13	Springfield
Nov. 19 & 20	Chicago & Peoria

## COUNTDOWN TO RETIREMENT

*For employees 3 years from retirement.*

Jan. 23	Chicago
Feb. 20	Joliet
Feb. 27	Springfield
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 & Chicago
Sep. 30	Gurnee
Oct. 2	Peoria
Oct. 16	Matteson
Oct. 23	Springfield
Oct. 30	Chicago
Nov. 13	Chicago & Mt. Vernon
Nov. 20	Springfield