



Thrift Savings Plan BULLETIN

for Agency TSP Representatives

Subject: Revision of *Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for Federal Employees*

Date: March 30, 2001

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board (Board) has revised the booklet *Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for Federal Employees*. A copy of the revised booklet, dated May 2001, is attached to this bulletin. The **May 2001 revision supersedes all prior versions of the Plan Summary**; agencies should discard all prior versions of the Plan Summary when they receive their supplies of this revision.

Changes to the Plan Summary. This revision reflects the changes to the TSP that will occur beginning May 1, 2001. These changes include opportunities to:

- invest in the Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment (S) Fund and the International Stock Index Investment (I) Fund (see Your Investment Options);
- request contribution allocations at any time (see page 8);
- elect to contribute to the TSP immediately upon appointment (see page 6);
- elect to contribute more than 10% (if FERS), or 6% (if CSRS*) (see page 5); and
- transfer funds from qualified trusts into the TSP (see pages 8 and 9).

* FERS refers to the Federal Employees' Retirement System, the Foreign Service Pension System, and other equivalent Government retirement plans. CSRS refers to the Civil Service Retirement System, including CSRS Offset, the Foreign Service Retirement and Disability System, and other equivalent Government retirement plans.

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Inquiries: Questions concerning this bulletin should be directed to the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board at **202-942-1460**.

Chapter: This bulletin may be filed in Chapter 5, Open Season.

Supersedes: This bulletin supersedes TSP Bulletins 97-19, Revision of *Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for Federal Employees*, dated May 12, 1997; 96-27, Revision of *Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for Federal Employees*, dated October 2, 1996; and 95-19, Revision of *Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for Federal Employees*, dated May 19, 1995.

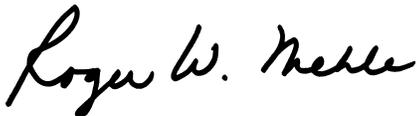
For more information about these opportunities, including the applicable agency responsibilities for implementing them, see TSP Bulletin 01-2, Processing Agency Submissions in the Modified Current Record Keeping System, dated January 10, 2001; TSP Bulletin 01-3, New Thrift Savings Plan Contribution Limits, dated January 23, 2001; and TSP Bulletin 01-4, Participation in the Thrift Savings Plan, dated February 2, 2001.

The Plan Summary also includes a description of the changes to the TSP which will occur when the new record keeping system is implemented (see pages 42 and 43). For more information about these changes, see TSP Bulletin 00-6, Processing Agency Submissions in the New Record Keeping System, dated March 30, 2000.

Distribution to agencies. The Board will send each agency central distribution point a supply of the revised booklets. By April 1, 2001, each central distribution point should receive an amount approximately equal to its total work force.

After April 30, 2001, agencies may obtain additional supplies by following the procedures for ordering TSP materials contained in TSP Bulletin 95-1, dated January 3, 1995. On May 1, 2001, this revision of the Plan Summary will also be available on the TSP Web site, www.tsp.gov.

Distribution by agencies. Upon receipt, agency central distribution points must distribute these booklets appropriately to the personnel (or administrative) offices in the agency which are responsible for providing them to employees. **By May 15, 2001**, personnel (or administrative) offices must distribute the booklets to **all employees covered by FERS or CSRS**.



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Attachment: *Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for Federal Employees* (May 2001)