



# Thrift Savings Plan BULLETIN

for Service TSP Representatives

**Subject:** Change in Thrift Savings Plan Open Season Dates

**Date:** May 2, 2002

After the close of the May 15 through July 31, 2002, open season, the dates of the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) open seasons will change to October 15 through December 31 and April 15 through June 30.\* The corresponding election periods will then be the months of December and June. As discussed in TSP Bulletin 01-U-3, dated July 19, 2001, the "election period" is the earliest period during which a contribution election to start or change the amount of contributions made during a TSP open season can become effective.

**Increasing TSP contributions.** Because we have moved the election period to December, the increases in the TSP employee contribution limits, which are also discussed in TSP Bulletin 01-U-3, can become effective each December. Consequently, during the October 15 through December 31, 2002, open season, members of the uniformed services may elect to contribute to the TSP up to 8% of the basic pay they earn each pay period.

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\*As indicated in previous TSP issuances, the open season dates were to be changed after the implementation of the new record keeping system.

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**Chapter:** This bulletin may be filed in Chapter 4, Open Season.