



Employer *Bulletin*

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Coming in January: Online Newsletter for Active Employees

In January the Department of Employee Trust Funds and the State of Wisconsin Investment Board will split the member newsletter, *WRS News*, into two separate newsletters. We will produce a new online newsletter for Wisconsin Retirement System active employees and continue publishing the paper-based *WRS News*—but exclusively for retirees. This change will allow us to provide both of these member groups with timely, targeted information and news about retirement, insurance and other benefits.

The new online newsletter for active employees will contain quick-to-read articles, links to even more content and colorful graphics—all of which can be easily viewed from a computer or a mobile device. Articles will address the diverse needs and interests of those who are just starting their public service careers, are mid-career or are near retirement. In addition to learning about WRS benefits and important SWIB investment news and information, employees will have access to links to other helpful online resources and tools.

What this means for WRS employers:

- After September, you will no longer receive paper copies of *WRS News* for distribution to active employees.
- Beginning in January, you will receive from ETF an e-mail to the online newsletter for distribution to employees. We will send you the link via our *ETF E-mail Updates* notification service.
- Employers will be expected to forward the link to the online newsletter to employees (or make it available in another manner).

As the official recipient of *WRS Employer Bulletins*, you will be automatically sent an *ETF E-mail Update* for each edition of the online newsletter for distribution to employees.

WRS retirees will continue to receive a printed copy of *WRS News*, mailed to their home addresses on file. The newsletter will keep the same design as the current newsletter, but the content will be specifically oriented to retirees.

Overall, the focus is on improving the customer experience and supporting our members as their needs change. ETF and SWIB have been co-publishing the *WRS News* since January 2011.

Contact

If you have any questions regarding the new online newsletter, please contact the Employer Communication Center toll free at 1-877-533-5020 or 608-266-3285 (local Madison).

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