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Correspondence Memorandum

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To: Employee Trust Funds Board
From: Gene Janke Jr., Policy Analyst & Social Security Program Manager,
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Subject: New Employers and Employer Dissolutions

This memo is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.

In any given year there are employers who resolve to join to the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS). The purpose of this memo is to provide an annual update on the new WRS employers as well as other employer changes, such as dissolutions and name changes. In 2017, 15 employers became WRS employers while two WRS employers dissolved, and three changed names.


New employers typically join the WRS effective the first of the year. The most notable exceptions are state agencies created by legislation -- these typically are created mid-year. Included in the listing of new employers are those employers that, in compliance with state law, covered protective occupation employees or teachers but did not resolve to provide WRS coverage to other employees until now.

While it is not possible for an employer to withdraw from the WRS, there are instances where an employer may change its name, merge with another governmental entity, or is annexed or dissolved. Many governmental entities complete these actions at the end of year for administrative ease for both federal and state reporting.

Additionally, ETF houses the position of State Social Security Administrator. Each state and territory is required to enter into a federal-state agreement known as a 218 Agreement, which governs the Social Security coverage of public employees. If a governmental entity resolves to join the WRS it is required to be included in the 218 Agreement for the state by modifying the original agreement. Therefore, it is ETF's responsibility to notify the Social Security Administration of any changes to a governmental entities status, such as a dissolution.

Staff will be available at the Board meeting to answer questions.

Attachment: 2018 New Employers, Name Changes, and Dissolutions

Reviewed and approved by Matt Stohr, Administrator, Div. of Retirement Services
 Electronically Signed 3/14/18

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2018 New Employers, Name Changes, and Dissolutions

New WRS Employer	Number of WRS Eligible Employees
Arcadia, City of	27
Big Foot School District	29
Bristol, Town of (Dane County)	2
Clinton, Town of (Rock County)	1
Cloverland, Town of (Vilas County)	1
Colfax, Town of (Dunn County)	1
Dunbar, Town of (Marinette County)	2
Eau Claire County Housing Authority	2
Lanark, Town of (Portage County)	1
Medina, Town of (Dane County)	2
Prentice, Town of (Price County)	1
Salem Lakes, Village of	32
Stoddard, Village of	4
Union, Town of (Rock County)	1
Waterford, Village of	38
Total:	15
	144

Dissolved Employers	
	Salem, Town of
	Silver Lake, Village of
Total:	2

Name Changes	
	DeForest Windsor Fire & EMS District Board
	Western Lakes Fire District
	Fox West Regional Sewerage Commission
Total:	3