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Correspondence Memorandum

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To: Employee Trust Funds Board
Teachers Retirement Board
Wisconsin Retirement Board
From: Gene Janke Jr., Policy Analyst & Social Security Program Manager, Division of Retirement Services
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 the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS). The purpose of this memo is to inform the Boards that the Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) will provide an annual update on any new WRS employers as well as other employer changes, such as dissolutions and name changes.

New employers typically join the WRS effective the first of the year. The most notable exceptions are state agencies created by legislation, in which case these typically are created mid-year. Included in the list of new employers are those who, 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 the 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: 2017 Employer Update

Reviewed and approved by Matt Stohr, Administrator
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Electronically Signed 3/2/17

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2017 New Employers, Name Changes, & Dissolutions

New WRS Employer	Number of WRS Eligible Employees
Albany Housing Authority	1
Auburndale School District	20
Cottage Grove, Town of (Dane County)	6
Elections Commission	11
Ethics Commission	20
Fox Crossing, Village of	97
Harrison, Town of (Grant County)	1
Herman-Neosho-Rubicon School District	60
Koshkonong, Town of (Jefferson County)	2
Mellen School District	16
Monarch Library System	14
Monticello, Village of	8
Norris School District	4
Oneida-Vilas Transit Authority	12
Rib Lake School District	21
Sevastopol, Town of (Door County)	1
Shell Lake City Housing Authority	2
Somers, Village of	37
St Croix Falls, Town of (Polk)	1
Sun Prairie, City of	144
Thorp City Housing Authority	4
Westfield School District	50
WPPI Energy	99
Total:	23
	632

Dissolved Employers
Eastern Shores Library System
Government Accountability Board
Herman School District #22
Menasha, Town of (Winnebago)
Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System
Neosho Joint School District #3
Northern Bridges
Rubicon Joint School District #6
Wisconsin Arts Board
Total:
9

Name Changes
Community Care Connections of Wisconsin
Housing Authority of the City of South Milwaukee