Boost Retirement Savings with RSA-1

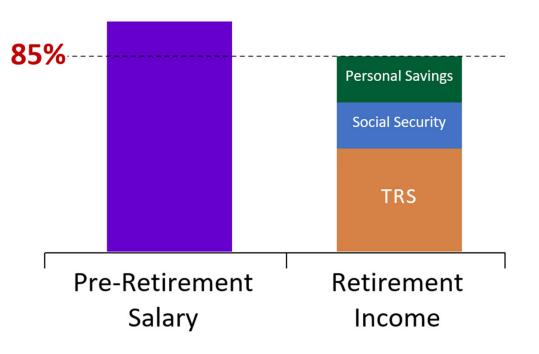
A 457 Deferred Compensation Plan



BUILDING UP RETIREMENT INCOME

Aim to replace most of your salary with:

- TRS Retirement Benefit
- Social Security
- Personal Savings Plan like RSA-1





SAVING WITH RSA-1

- Voluntarily put back a portion of your pre-tax income
 - each pay period to save more for Retirement.
- Invest the deferred salary in RSA-1 allowing it to grow tax-deferred.
- Save on income taxes while saving for Retirement!



INVESTMENT OPTIONS

- Bond Fund
 - Majority Corporate & Governmental Bonds
- 2. Stock Fund
 - S&P 500 Index Fund
- 3. Short Term Investment Fund
 - Mix of securities, U.S. Treasury bills & notes





CHANGING INVESTMENT OPTIONS

Members and beneficiaries may choose to:

- Invest among the three funds.
- Change investment options (permitted once every 90 days).
- Invest future RSA-1 deferrals differently than how an existing account balance is invested.



RSA-1 INVESTMENT FUNDS



The RSA Investment staff decides the composition of the investment funds for the RSA-1 PLAN...

...the same expert team that handles your TRS retirement funds.



No Fees = More Savings

- RSA-1 charges no fees.
- Deferred salary and investment earnings make up your account balance.
- Without fees you keep more of your money!

- No administrative fees
- No membership fees
- No investment fees
- No transaction fees
- No commission fees



No MINIMUM CONTRIBUTIONS



You could defer just \$25.00 per pay period.

And that's <u>before</u> income taxes are collected!



MAXIMUM 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS

Under Age 50

\$19,500.00

Age 50 or Over

\$26,000.00

Remember: Saving with RSA-1 does <u>not</u> impact how your TRS retirement benefit is calculated.



CATCH-UP WITH RETIREMENT SAVING

- Apply unused, eligible deferrals from as far back as 1986 to catch-up in the last years of employment.
- For 1, 2, or 3 consecutive years before reaching retirement eligibility you may take advantage of RSA-1 Catch-Up.
- During Catch-Up, you may double the under age 50 contribution limit:

For 2020 – that's \$39,000.00!



RSA-1 CATCH-UP PROVISION

- Must be within 3 years of retirement eligibility.
- Catch-up can only be elected once.
- Catch-up period cannot be amended once approved.
- Designate a NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE to establish the Catch-up period: 1, 2, or 3 consecutive years.
- Age 72 is the oldest Normal Retirement Age.



AVAILABILITY OF RSA-1 FUNDS

- 1. Separation of service, regardless of age
 - Retirement
 - Termination of Employment



OR

2. Unforeseeable Emergency as defined by the U.S. Treasury

OR

3. At age 72, if still employed.



DISTRIBUTIONS

- Lump Sum
- Partial Lump Sum
- Equal Periodic Payments
- Delay distributions of RSA-1 monies until a future date (No later than April 1st, following the calendar year the member reaches age 72)





PAYMENTS: LUMP SUM & PARTIALS

- Generally, checks are mailed or available to pick up by Friday of the week following a request.
- 20% withholding for federal income tax liability
- Distribution(s) must begin no later than April 1st of the calendar year following <u>whichever is later</u>:
 - The year the member reaches age 72, OR
 - The year the member retires.



PAYMENTS: EQUAL PERIODIC

- Direct Deposit on the last business day of the month.
- Normally 20% withholding, though perhaps less if paid over 10-year period or longer
- Distributions must begin no later than April 1st of the calendar year following <u>whichever is later</u>:
 - The year the member reaches age 72, OR
 - The year the member retires.



Purchase Service Credit With RSA-1

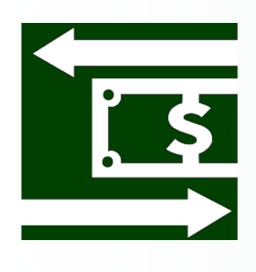
You may use money from your RSA-1 account to purchase permissible service credit for the TRS/ERS; for example:

- Withdrawn Service
- Military Service
- Out-of-State Public Service, and more.

Money from your RSA-1 account is transferred directly to your TRS/ERS account – No tax obligation.



Transfers From Other 457 Plans



- RSA-1 welcomes transfers from other 457 Plans.
- Simply establish your RSA-1 account prior to the transfer.
- Remember: Only 457 Plans are eligible for transfer into RSA-1.





PLOP ROLLOVERS

- Partial Lump Sum Option Plan (PLOP) payment is eligible for rollover into your RSA-1 account.
- You may invest the PLOP rollover separately from your existing RSA-1 account balance.
- Defer income taxes on the PLOP rollover and its earnings
 - until distribution.



RSA-1 ENROLLMENT

- Enroll at any time!
- Change deferral amount at any time... in accordance with employer policies.

Enrollment forms are found in the RSA-1 Handbook:

- 1. Enrollment Form
- 2. Beneficiary Designation
- 3. Investment Option Election
- 4. Authorization-to-Defer (Give to Payroll)



KEEPING TRACK OF YOUR RSA-1 ACCOUNT

- Easy-to-read statements are posted quarterly to your Member Online Services (MOS) Account.
- Investment returns are posted monthly on the RSA website.







Get more information on RSA-1 by visiting our website at:

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