



# Thrift Savings Plan BULLETIN

for Service TSP Representatives

**Subject:** Introduction of TSP Bulletins

**Date:** May 25, 2001

On October 30, 2000, President Clinton signed the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law 106-398). One provision of the law extended participation in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) for Federal civilian employees to members of the uniformed services. The initial open season for uniformed members to enroll in the TSP will begin October 9, 2001, and end January 31, 2002. The first contributions to the TSP will begin in January 2002.

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board (which administers the TSP) is providing assistance to the uniformed services representatives responsible for implementing the TSP. The primary means of doing so will be through TSP bulletins. This bulletin is the first in the series; bulletins announcing the TSP training schedule, guidance on enrolling members in the TSP, and information for the uniformed services payroll offices about processing TSP records will be issued shortly. Additional bulletins will be issued as the open season date approaches. (To see examples of the TSP bulletins issued to civilian agency representatives, visit the "Info for Agency Reps" section of the TSP Web site, [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov).)

The TSP bulletins for uniformed services representatives will contain the letter U in the identifier for the bulletin. Because the bulletins are numbered consecutively each year, with the first two digits indicating the year of issuance, the first bulletin is identified as TSP Bulletin 01-U-1, the second 01-U-2, etc.

All TSP bulletins pertaining to the uniformed services will be on TSP Web site in the section designated "Info for Uniformed Services Reps." As new bulletins are added to the site, they will also be announced in that section. In addition, we will distribute the bulletins for uniformed services representatives electronically (via e-mail). We do not anticipate issuing any of the bulletins (except this one) in hard copy format.

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**Inquiries:** Questions concerning this bulletin should be directed to the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board at **202-942-1460**.

**Chapter:** This bulletin may be filed in Chapter 2, General Information.

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LTC Tom Emswiler, the Department of Defense liaison to the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, is available to answer questions regarding this bulletin. His e-mail addresses are: [temswil@tsp.gov](mailto:temswil@tsp.gov) or [Thomas.Emswiler@osd.mil](mailto:Thomas.Emswiler@osd.mil). You may also contact the Board as indicated on the first page of the bulletin.

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