



Application For Return of Excess Retirement Deductions

Federal Employees Retirement System



To avoid delay in payment:
(1) Complete application in full; (2) Type or print in ink; (3) Read the instructions and tax information included with this form.

1. Name (last, first, middle)		2. Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	3. Social Security Number	4. Are you a citizen of the United States of America?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5. List all other names you have used (including maiden name, if applicable.)		6. Previous applications filed (indicate by "X")		<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Annuity	<input type="checkbox"/> Deposit
				<input type="checkbox"/> Refund	

7. List below all of your civilian and military service for the United States Government

Department or Agency (Including bureau, branch, or division where employed)	Location of Employment (City, State and ZIP Code)	Title of Position	Periods of Service		Indicate whether retirement deductions were withheld from your salary. (Check One)		Have you paid deposit for any period including military service? (Check one)	
			Beginning Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Ending Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Withheld	Not Withheld	Fully or Partially Paid	Not Paid

8. Indicate how you wish to have your excess deductions paid to you if the amount is \$200 or more. If your payment is less than \$200, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) cannot roll it over. It will be paid directly to you. Please carefully read all of the information provided with this form, including the Special Tax Notice Regarding Rollovers, before you make your decision. An error in completing this form could delay your payment or cause payment in a manner you did not intend. If you elect to roll over less than 100% of your excess deductions, the total amount you roll over to any one organization must be at least \$500. *Make one choice in each section below, unless you need additional information. If you need additional information before making this election, check the last box below.*

Pay the INTEREST PORTION (Taxable Portion) of my Excess Deductions Refund –

Pay ALL by check made payable to me, with 20% Federal Income Tax Withholding.

Pay ALL by check made payable to my Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA) or Eligible Employer Plan. (Your financial institution or employer plan must complete the financial institution certification form in this package.)
Name of Financial Institution or Employer Plan _____

Pay ALL to my Thrift Savings Plan Account. (You must sign and submit form TSP-60, Request for a Transfer Into the TSP, to OPM. Form TSP-60 is available on the internet at <http://www.tsp.gov>.)
Mail the check to the above institution or plan.
 to me. I will deliver the check to the above institution or plan.

Pay the CONTRIBUTION PORTION (After-Tax Portion) of my Excess Deductions Refund –
(The Thrift Savings Plan will not accept this portion of your excess deductions refund.)

Pay ALL by check made payable to me.

Pay ALL by check made payable to my IRA or Eligible Employer Plan. (Your financial institution or employer plan must complete the financial institution certification form in this package.)
Name of Financial Institution or Employer Plan _____

Mail the check to the above institution or plan.
 to me. I will deliver the check to the above institution or plan.

I Need Additional Information Before I Decide

I elect to have my excess deductions refund computed and a rollover package with all my options sent to me before I decide how it should be paid. (Electing this option delays your payment at least an additional 30 days.)

9. **APPLICANT CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that all statements in this application, including any information I have given, are true to the best of my belief and knowledge and that the tax withholding election made here reflects my wishes.

Your Signature (*Do not print*)

Date (*mm/dd/yyyy*)

WARNING: Any intentional false statement in this application or willful misrepresentation relative thereto is a violation of the law punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both. (18 U.S.C. 1001)

10. Address for mailing refund check (*number, street, city, state, ZIP Code*) *We cannot authorize payment if this address is erased or otherwise changed*

Telephone Number (*including area code*)

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NOTE: This application should not be offered to a financial institution or other person as collateral or security for a loan. An employee must apply for payment personally and payment must be made directly to him or her. However, outstanding debts to the U.S. Government can, at the Government's request, be withheld from a payment provided all legal requirements are met.

Privacy Act Statement

Solicitation of this information is authorized by the Civil Service Retirement law (Chapter 83, title 5, U.S. Code) and the Federal Employees Retirement law (Chapter 84, title 5, U.S. Code). The information you furnish will be used to identify records properly associated with your application for Federal benefits, to obtain additional information if necessary, to determine and allow present or future benefits, and to maintain a uniquely identifiable claim file. The information may be shared and is subject to verification, via paper, electronic media, or through the use of computer matching programs, with national, state, local or other charitable or social security administrative agencies in order to determine benefits under their programs, to obtain information necessary for determination or continuation of benefits under this program, or to report income for tax purposes. It may also be shared and verified, as noted above, with law enforcement agencies when they are investigating a violation or potential violation of civil or criminal law.

Executive Order 9397 (November 22, 1943) authorizes the use of the Social Security Number. The Government may use your number in collecting and reporting amounts that you owe the Government. Failure to provide information may delay or prevent our determination of your eligibility to receive a refund of your excess retirement deductions.

Where to File your Application

1. If you are employed or have been separated 30 days or less, this application should be forwarded to the office in which you were last employed.
2. If you have been separated more than 30 days and want a refund of your total deductions, use form SF 3106; otherwise, forward this application to the Office of Personnel Management, Federal Employees Retirement System, P.O. Box 45, Boyers, PA 16017-0045.

Instructions to Employee

Do not complete this application if you had more than 5 years of civilian service as of the effective date of your Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) coverage. (Service after 1983 covered by **both** Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and social security deductions **does not** count toward the 5 year limit.) The notice of personnel action concerning your transfer to FERS will generally indicate if you are eligible for a refund. If your personnel office determines that you are not eligible for a return of excess deductions because you had 5 years of creditable civilian service, your application will be returned to you. If your application is returned to you, your service will be credited under the Civil Service Retirement System. You may request, in writing, your personnel office to reevaluate your application if you believe you have less than five years of creditable civilian service. If your agency again determines that you are not eligible

of excess deductions, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) will reconsider your application.

If you have less than 5 years of creditable civilian service (excluding service after 1983 that was simultaneously subject to both CSRS and Social Security [SSA] deductions) on the effective date of your FERS coverage, you may request a return of any excess military deposit you may have made, as well as any excess CSRS deductions. Your service will still be credited under FERS. You may elect a return while you are an employee. Use this form to elect such a return. By law, interest is not paid on excess military deposits. Interest is paid on excess civilian deductions at a rate of 3% through 1984 and a variable, market based rate, thereafter.

Federal Tax Information

Applicants are permitted to roll over their excess retirement deductions payment to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA) or an eligible employer plan. The actual retirement deductions are not taxable. However, any interest paid on the deductions is taxable. If OPM pays the interest to you, 20% Federal income tax must be withheld. If the taxable portion is rolled over, we will not withhold any Federal income tax. If you roll all of your excess deductions into an IRA, you are responsible for accounting separately for the taxable and non-taxable portions. If you want to roll all of your excess deductions into an eligible employer plan, you are responsible for selecting a plan that accounts separately for the taxable and non-taxable portions. Please note that the Federal Retirement Thrift Savings Plan will accept the taxable portion (interest portion), but will not accept the non-taxable portion (actual retirement deductions).

case will be held until we send and receive your written election, usually a delay of payment of at least 30 days.

If you elect to roll over any portion of the excess deductions into an IRA or eligible employer plan, your financial institution or employer plan must complete the certification found in this package, before we can process your election. Two certification forms are provided, since you can roll your excess deductions over to two different institutions. If you elect to roll over less than 100% of your excess deductions, the total amount you roll over to any one organization must be at least \$500.

If your excess deductions are less than \$200, we are not required to withhold 20% of the interest for Federal income tax and we cannot roll over any of the amount. You can still roll over an amount equal to the excess deductions personally after we send the payment to you.

More information is given in the Special Tax Notice Regarding Rollovers, found in this package. Consult a qualified tax advisor or the Internal Revenue Service if you need more information on tax matters. OPM cannot provide you with tax publications or tax advice. You should be aware that distributions made from the plan to which the rollover is made may be subject to different restrictions and tax consequences than those that apply to distributions from OPM.

You must complete Question 8 on this application, instructing us how to pay any excess deductions refund you may be due to receive. Since we cannot tell you the amount of your excess deductions until we receive your application and complete the calculations, you can instruct us to prepare an election form telling you the amount you can roll over (if it is over \$200) after we compute the benefit. If you ask for this detailed information, your

If you do not complete an election, and your excess deductions are \$200 or more, we will pay the amount directly to you and will withhold 20% of any interest payable for Federal income tax. You have the option to roll over part or all of the excess deductions yourself within 60 days after you receive the payment. If the amount of your excess deductions is less than \$200, we will pay the amount directly to you and no tax will be withheld.

Part 2 - To be completed by employing office

Instructions to Employing Office

Review service listed in item #7 on page 1 of this form and the applicant's personnel folder and complete the following:

1. Eligibility for Return of Excess Contributions

	Years	Months	Days
1a. Total civilian service subject to full CSRS or Foreign Service retirement deductions			
1b. Total creditable civilian service not subject to retirement deductions (other than Social Security)			
1c. Enter total of 1a. and 1b. (<i>Exclude service subject to SSA and partial retirement deductions</i>)			
1d. Does item 1c. show at least 5 years service? <input type="checkbox"/> No → Employee is entitled to return of excess deductions <input type="checkbox"/> Yes → Employee is not entitled to return of excess deductions. <i>Return application to employee.</i>	2. Effective date of FERS coverage		
3. I certify that this individual has less than 5 years of creditable civilian service (excluding service after 1983 subject to both CSRS and Social Security coverage), is covered by FERS, and is eligible for this refund.			
Signature	Date		

Part 3 - Instructions to Payroll Office

Please forward the original of this application along with the employee's redesignated civilian or military SF 2806 to OPM under cover of a FERS Register of Separations and Transfers (SF 3103) separate from regular SF 3103's. Do not intermingle these retirement records with other FERS retirement records being sent to OPM. If a return of excess military service deductions only is due the employee, follow the instructions in Payroll Office Letter 87-9. If the employee is eligible for a return of excess civilian deductions only, refer to Payroll Office Letter 87-10 for instructions. If eligibility for **both** types of refunds has been established, the associated civilian and military service retirement records should be transmitted to OPM together, along with the original of the application using the same SF 3103.

Amount of excess military deductions paid by the Payroll Office: \$_____.

Certification by Financial Institution or Eligible Employer Plan

If Applicant Elects to Roll Over a Refund of Excess Deductions

This must be completed by your financial institution or eligible employer plan.

Name of applicant (<i>last, first, middle</i>)		Social Security Number
Name of institution or employer plan		Account number
Certification: My signature below confirms the account number for the individual named in item 1 on the first page of this form. As a representative of the financial institution or plan named above, I certify that this institution or plan agrees to accept the funds described above as a direct trustee-to-trustee transfer from the Office of Personnel Management, to deposit them in an eligible IRA or eligible employer plan as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, and to account for these monies in compliance with the Internal Revenue Code. I understand that my signature below authorizes the transfer of taxable and/or non-taxable funds as indicated above.		Address of institution or employer plan
Typed or printed name of certifying representative	Phone number (<i>including area code</i>) ()	
Signature of certifying representative		Date of certification (<i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>)

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Typed or printed name of certifying representative	Phone number (<i>including area code</i>) ()	
Signature of certifying representative		Date of certification (<i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>)

Instructions for Rollover to the Federal Retirement Thrift Savings Plan

The Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) will not accept non-taxable (post-tax) monies. You must have an open TSP account. Before the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) can complete a rollover to your Thrift Savings account, you must sign and submit Form TSP-60, *Request for a Transfer Into the TSP*, to OPM. Submit both the TSP-60 and this form, OPM Form 1562, at the same time. OPM will complete its portion of the form and fax it to the Thrift Savings office for processing. The form must be approved by the Thrift Savings Board and the Board must notify OPM to transfer the funds. Form TSP-60 is available on the internet at <http://www.tsp.gov/forms>.

Special Tax Notice Regarding Rollovers

Your excess retirement deductions payment consists of a taxable portion (any interest payable) and an after-tax portion (the actual retirement contributions that you paid into the retirement system). This notice explains how you can continue to defer federal income tax on the interest payable on your excess deductions payment from the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) and contains important information you will need before you decide how to receive your excess retirement deductions payment.

This notice is provided to you because your excess retirement deductions payment is eligible for rollover by you or the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to a traditional Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA) or an eligible employer plan. A rollover is a payment by you or OPM of all or part of your benefit to another plan or IRA that allows you to continue to postpone taxation of that benefit until it is paid to you. Your payment cannot be rolled over to a Roth IRA, a SIMPLE IRA, or a Coverdell Education Savings Account (formerly known as an education IRA). An "eligible employer plan" includes a plan qualified under section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, including a 401(k) plan, profit-sharing plan, defined benefit plan, stock bonus plan and money purchase plan; a section 403(a) annuity plan; a section 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity; and an eligible section 457(b) plan maintained by a governmental employer (governmental 457 plan).

An eligible employer plan is not legally required to accept a rollover. Before you decide to roll over your payment to an employer plan, you should find out whether the plan accepts rollovers and, if so, the types of distributions it accepts as a rollover. You should also find out about any documents that are required to be completed before the receiving plan will accept a rollover. Even if a plan accepts rollovers, it might not accept rollovers of certain types of distributions, such as after-tax amounts. The portion of your payment that represents your actual retirement contributions, is an after-tax amount. (The interest payable on this amount is a taxable amount.) If this is the case, you may wish instead to roll your payment over to a traditional IRA or split your rollover amount between the employer plan in which you will participate and a traditional IRA. If an employer plan accepts your rollover, the plan may restrict subsequent distributions of the rollover amount or may require your spouse's consent for any subsequent distribution. A subsequent distribution from the plan that accepts your rollover may also be subject to different tax treatment than distributions from OPM. Check with the administrator of the plan that is to receive your rollover prior to making the rollover.

If you have a Federal Retirement Thrift Savings Plan account, you may roll over the taxable portion (interest portion) of your payment into that account. The Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) will not accept non-taxable monies (the actual retirement contributions that are being paid). To accomplish a rollover to the TSP, you will need to submit form TSP-60 to us. See Part II, *Direct Rollover* for more information.

Summary

There are two ways you may be able to receive an excess deductions payment that is eligible for rollover.

- 1) Your payment can be made directly to a traditional IRA that you establish or to an eligible employer plan that will accept it and hold it for your benefit ("DIRECT ROLLOVER"); or
- 2) The payment can be PAID TO YOU.

If you choose a DIRECT ROLLOVER of your excess deductions payment

- The interest portion of your payment (the taxable portion) will not be taxed in the current year and no income tax will be withheld.
- You choose whether your payment will be made directly to your traditional IRA or to an eligible employer plan that accepts your rollover. Your payment cannot be rolled over to a Roth IRA, a SIMPLE IRA, or a Coverdell Education Savings Account because these are not traditional IRAs.
- The interest portion of your payment (the taxable portion) will be taxed later when you take it out of the traditional IRA or the eligible employer plan. Depending on the type of plan, the later distribution may be subject to different tax treatment than it would be if you received a taxable distribution from OPM.

If you choose to have your excess deductions PAID TO YOU:

- You will receive 80% of the interest portion (taxable amount) of the payment, because OPM is required to withhold 20% of that amount and send it to the IRS as income tax withholding to be credited against your taxes. You will receive all of your actual retirement contributions, since taxes have already been paid on this amount.
- The interest portion of your payment will be taxed in the current year unless you roll it over. If you receive the payment before age 59-1/2, you may have to pay an additional 10% tax.
- You can roll over all or part of the refund payment by paying it to your traditional IRA or to an eligible employer plan that accepts your rollover within 60 days after you receive the payment. The amount of the interest portion rolled over will not be taxed until you take it out of the traditional IRA or the eligible employer plan.
- If you want to roll over 100% of the payment to a traditional IRA or an eligible employer plan, you must find other money to replace the 20% of the taxable portion (interest amount) that was withheld. If you roll over only the 80% of the interest amount that you received, you will be taxed on the 20% that was withheld and that is not rolled over.

Your Right to Waive the 30-Day Notice Period

Generally, neither a direct rollover nor a payment to you can be made until at least 30 days after your receipt of this notice. Thus, after receiving this notice, you have at least 30 days to consider whether or not to have your withdrawal directly rolled over. If you do not wish to wait until this 30-day notice period ends before forwarding your application to your former agency or OPM, you may waive the notice period by making an election indicating whether or not you wish to make a direct rollover.

More Information

I. Payments That Can and Cannot Be Rolled Over

Excess deductions payments are "eligible rollover distributions." This means that they can be rolled over to a traditional IRA or to an eligible employer plan that accepts rollovers. They cannot be rolled over to a Roth IRA, a SIMPLE IRA, or a Coverdell Education Savings Account. Both the taxable portion (interest) and the after-tax portion (actual retirement contributions) can be rolled over.

After-tax Contributions. After-tax contributions (your actual retirement contributions, excluding any interest paid) may be rolled into either a traditional IRA or to certain employer plans that accept rollovers of the after-tax contributions. The following rules apply:

- a) Rollover into a Traditional IRA. You can roll over your after-tax contributions to a traditional IRA either directly or indirectly. The actual retirement contributions being refunded to you are after-tax contributions. You do not owe any tax on this amount. Only the interest portion is taxable.

If you roll over after-tax contributions to a traditional IRA, it is your responsibility to keep track of, and report to the IRS on the applicable forms, the amount of these after-tax contributions. This will enable the nontaxable amount of any future distributions from the traditional IRA to be determined.

Once you roll over your after-tax contributions to a traditional IRA, those amounts CANNOT later be rolled over to an employer plan.

- b) Rollover into an Employer Plan. You can roll over after-tax contributions to an employer plan using a direct rollover if the other plan provides separate accounting for amounts rolled over, including separate accounting for the after-tax employee contributions and earnings on those contributions. You CANNOT roll over after-tax contributions to a governmental 457 plan. If you want to roll over your after-tax contributions to an employer plan that accepts these rollovers, you cannot have the after-tax contributions paid to you first. You must instruct OPM to make a direct rollover on your behalf. Also, you cannot first roll over after-tax contributions to a traditional IRA and then roll over that amount into an employer plan.

II. Direct Rollover

A DIRECT ROLLOVER is a direct payment of your excess deductions to a traditional individual retirement arrangement (IRA) or an eligible employer plan that will accept it. You can choose a DIRECT ROLLOVER of all or any portion of your payment, as described in Part I above. You are not taxed on the taxable portion of your payment (interest amount) for which you choose a DIRECT ROLLOVER until you later take it out of the traditional IRA or eligible employer plan. In addition, no income tax withholding is required for any taxable portion of your payment for which you choose a DIRECT ROLLOVER. You cannot choose a DIRECT ROLLOVER if your excess deductions payment is less than \$200.

DIRECT ROLLOVER to a Traditional IRA. You can open a traditional IRA to receive the direct rollover. If you choose to have your excess deductions paid directly to a traditional IRA, contact an IRA sponsor (usually a financial institution) to find out how to have your payment made in a direct rollover to a traditional IRA at that institution. If you are unsure of how to invest your money, you can temporarily establish a traditional IRA to receive the payment. However, in choosing a traditional IRA, you may want to make sure that the traditional IRA you choose will allow you to move all or a part of your payment to another traditional IRA at a later date, without penalties or other limitations. See IRS Publication 590, *Individual Retirement Arrangements*, for more information on traditional IRAs (including limits on how often you can roll over between IRAs).

DIRECT ROLLOVER to an Eligible Employer Plan. If you want a direct rollover to an eligible employer plan, ask the plan administrator of that plan whether it will accept your rollover. An eligible employer plan is not legally required to accept a rollover. Even if the employer's plan does not accept a rollover, you can choose a DIRECT ROLLOVER to a traditional IRA. If the employer plan accepts your rollover, the plan may provide restrictions on the circumstances under which you may later receive a distribution of the rollover amount or may require spousal consent to any subsequent distribution. Check with the plan administrator of that plan before making your decision.

Change in Tax Treatment Resulting from a DIRECT ROLLOVER. The tax treatment of any payment from the eligible employer plan or traditional IRA receiving your DIRECT ROLLOVER might be different than if you received your payment in a taxable distribution directly from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

Direct Rollover to the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). If you choose to roll part or all of the taxable portion of your payment into your TSP account, you need to submit form TSP-60, *Request for Transfer Into the TSP*, along with your *Application for Return of Excess Retirement Deductions*. This form is available on the internet at <http://www.tsp.gov>. Fill out your portion of the form; we will complete our portion and fax it to the TSP office for processing. The form must be approved by the Thrift Savings Board and the Board must notify OPM to transfer the funds.

III. Payment Paid to You

If your payment can be rolled over (see Part I on the previous page) but the payment is made directly to you, the interest portion is subject to 20% federal income tax withholding (state tax withholding may also apply). The payment is taxed in the year you receive it unless, within 60 days, you roll it over to a traditional IRA or an eligible employer plan that accepts rollovers. If you do not roll it over, special tax rules may apply.

Income Tax Withholding:

Mandatory Withholding. If any portion of your payment can be rolled over under Part I above and you do not elect to make a DIRECT ROLLOVER, OPM is required by law to withhold 20% of the interest portion (taxable amount). This amount is sent to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as federal income tax withholding. For example, if you can roll over a taxable payment of \$10,000, only \$8,000 will be paid to you because OPM must withhold \$2,000 as income tax. However,

when you prepare your income tax return for the year, unless you make a rollover within 60 days (see "Sixty-Day Rollover Option" below), you must report the full \$10,000 as a taxable payment from OPM. You must report the \$2,000 as tax withheld, and it will be credited against any income tax you owe for the year. There will be no income tax withholding if your payments for the year are less than \$200.

Sixty-Day Rollover Option. If you receive a payment that can be rolled over under Part I above, you can still decide to roll over all or part of it to a traditional IRA or to an eligible employer plan that accepts rollovers. If you decide to roll it over, *you must contribute the amount of the payment you received to a traditional IRA or eligible employer plan within 60 days after you receive the payment.* The portion of your payment that is rolled over will not be taxed until you take it out of the traditional IRA or the eligible employer plan.

You can roll over up to 100% of your payment that can be rolled over under Part I above, including an amount equal to the 20% of the taxable portion that was withheld. If you choose to roll over 100%, you must find other money within the 60-day period to contribute to the traditional IRA or the eligible employer plan, to replace the 20% that was withheld. On the other hand, if you roll over only the 80% of the taxable portion that you received, you will be taxed on the 20% that was withheld.

Example: The taxable portion of your payment that can be rolled over under Part I above, is \$10,000, and you choose to have it paid to you. You will receive \$8,000, and \$2,000 will be sent to the IRS as income tax withholding. Within 60 days after receiving the \$8,000, you may roll over the entire \$10,000 to a traditional IRA or an eligible employer plan. To do this, you roll over the \$8,000 you received from OPM, and you will have to find \$2,000 from other sources (your savings, a loan, etc.). In this case, the entire \$10,000 is not taxed until you take it out of the traditional IRA or an eligible employer plan. If you roll over the entire \$10,000, when you file your income tax return you may get a refund of part or all of the \$2,000 withheld.

If, on the other hand, you roll over only \$8,000, the \$2,000 you did not roll over is taxed in the year it was withheld. When you file your income tax return, you may get a refund of part of the \$2,000 withheld. (However, any refund is likely to be larger if you roll over the entire \$10,000.)

Additional 10% Tax If You Are under Age 59-1/2. If you receive a payment before you reach age 59-1/2 and you do not roll it over, then, in addition to the regular income tax, you may have to pay an extra tax equal to 10% of the taxable portion of the payment. The additional 10% tax generally does not apply to (1) payments that are paid after you separate from service with your employer during or after the year you reach age 55, (2) payments that are paid because you retire due to disability, (3) payments that are paid directly to the government to satisfy a Federal tax levy, (4) payments that are paid to an alternate payee under a qualified domestic relations order, or (5) payments that do not exceed the amount of your deductible medical expenses. See IRS Form 5329 for more information on the additional 10% tax.

Additional Tax Information

This notice summarizes only the federal (not state and local) tax rules that might apply to your payment. The rules described above are complex and contain many conditions and exceptions that are not included in this notice. Therefore, you may want to consult with the IRS or a professional tax advisor before you take a payment of your excess deductions from OPM. You can find more specific information on the tax treatment of payments from qualified employer plans in IRS Publication 575, *Pension and Annuity Income*, and IRS Publication 590, *Individual Retirement Arrangements*. For an overview of the tax consequences of payments from the Civil Service Retirement System and Federal Employees Retirement System, you can also consult IRS Publication 721, *Tax Guide to U.S. Civil Service Retirement Benefits*. These publications are available from your local IRS office, on the IRS's Internet Web Site at www.irs.gov, or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORMS.