## **BENEFITS BULLETIN**

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SUBJECT: Pay & Benefits Website

TO: All Employees

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Did you know that the <u>Pay & Benefits website</u> is now accessible on the **public internet**? This means that you can access and utilize the great content at any time, on any computer, anywhere you may be! Take some time to tour the information provided on the homepage at <a href="http://www.usgs.gov/humancapital/pb/paybenefitslinks.html">http://www.usgs.gov/humancapital/pb/paybenefitslinks.html</a>.

Managing your benefits and planning for retirement are personal responsibilities for each of us. The website is provided as a self-service resource to deliver information that will help you during your career. It is designed to provide easy and quick access to current information about Pay & Benefits topics. The site is mainly comprised of links to other public sites - such as the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), and Social Security Administration (SSA) – that are organized with the goal of providing one-stop-shopping for answers to the most common questions for Federal employees.

The website content includes information on the following topics: Pay, Leave, Worklife Benefits, Insurance, Retirement, Life Events, and News – Resources – Tools.

## Also included are:

- <u>Contact Us Spreadsheets</u> click on the link to see a listing of all Pacific & Atlantic servicing assignments for USGS Human Capital staff.
- <u>Benefits Bulletins</u> all Bulletins are archived and available on the website. You can check here periodically if you missed the email notification of a new topic.
- Systems such as Employee Express, eOPF and Quicktime are linked for easy access.
- Benefits calculators and Planning for Retirement information.

**Questions?** Go to the AskHRO page at <a href="http://www.usgs.gov/humancapital/hr/askhro.html">http://www.usgs.gov/humancapital/hr/askhro.html</a> and click on the "Benefits & Retirement Servicing Assignments" pdf document link. A complete listing by organization is provided with name, phone, email and mailing address of your assigned Benefits Specialist who will be happy to assist you!