

Office of Personnel Management
Retirement and Insurance Group



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1954



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1986

Benefits Administration Letter

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Subject **SSA Satellite Broadcast:**

The Social Security Administration is presenting a free Satellite Broadcast entitled "Planning for Tomorrow" on September 18, 1996, from 1:00 - 3:00 PM EDST. SSA has asked OPM to invite all agencies to join them for the live, interactive satellite broadcast that will explain Social Security Retirement, Disability and Survivors Benefits and Medicare.

Background

To prepare for the broadcast, you should advise employees to order their Personal Earnings and Benefits Estimate Statement (PEBES) (SSA-7004) now so they can have a record of their earnings returned to them in time for the broadcast. Then, during the broadcast, they will be able to ask questions that apply to their specific work and earnings history.

Employees can find The Request for Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement Form (SSA-7004) on OPM's Mainstreet Bulletin Board Service in the Retirement and Insurance Forum under Benefits Administration.

Satellite Downlink Information

The program will be on the Social Security Administration National Satellite Network. Satellite information for the program:

KU Band:

Telstar 401

97 Degrees West

Downlink Frequency 12040 MHZ

Transponder K11 Full

Audio 6.2/6.8

C-Band:

Telstar 402

89 Degrees West


Downlink Frequency 3860 MHZ

Transponder 8 Horizontal

Audio 6.2/6.8

Downlink Sites

Both the OPM (19th and E Streets NW) and GSA (18th and F Streets, NW) Auditoriums will serve as downlink sites for the Satellite broadcast. Federal Benefits Specialists should plan to view the broadcast **from the GSA auditorium**, because SSA will have representatives there to field questions that arise during and after the broadcast.


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