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NOTICE – 2012 Changes to the Survey of Public Pensions

Recently, the U.S. Census Bureau changed the name of the Annual Survey of Public-Employee Retirement Systems to the Annual Survey of Public Pensions (ASPP). At that time, we implemented several other modifications and improvements to the survey.

We are now providing an improved electronic reporting instrument, Centurion, to make responding to the survey easier. Centurion offers new features including viewable auto-summed totals and a user-friendly interface. Please respond online at: **respond.census.gov/aspp**. Use the User ID and password on the enclosed form to log in and complete the survey.

Centurion is only available for reporting 2012 data and beyond. If you need to provide revisions to data previously reported, please go to: **harvester.census.gov/sgfnet**. To access the system, please contact us to receive your previous 14-digit User ID.

We have also revised Parts 5 and 7 of the survey. In PART 5 – RECEIPTS FOR DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS, question 13 now separates realized net gains or losses from unrealized net gains or losses. The new question appears in three parts: (1) realized net gains or losses on investments, (2) unrealized net gains or losses on investments at market value, and (3) a total that combines the realized and unrealized net gains or losses.

In PART 7 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS FOR DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS, question 15, please include Federally-sponsored agency securities including bonds and mortgage-backed securities in “Federal agency securities” (Line B2a) instead of “Corporate bonds” (Line C). Also, please report private equity, venture capital, and leveraged buy-outs in “Corporate stocks” (Line D) instead of “Other investments” (Line H).

If you need assistance with your response, please call 1-800-832-2839 weekdays between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM ET, or by email at govs.pensions@census.gov.

Sincerely,

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