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NOTICE – 2012 Changes to the Survey of the Finances of Public Employee Retirement Systems

Effective with the first quarter of 2012, the Census Bureau changed the name of the Quarterly Survey of the Finances of Public Employee Retirement Systems to the Quarterly Survey of Public Pensions (QSPP). 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/qspp**. Use the User ID and password on the enclosed letter to log in and complete the form.

Centurion is only available for capturing 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.

As of the first quarter, we also revised Parts 1 and 3 of the survey. PART 1 – RECEIPTS, question 3 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.

When reporting PART 3 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS, please include Federally-sponsored agency securities including bonds and mortgage-backed securities in “Federal government securities” instead of “Corporate bonds.” Also, please report private equity, venture capital, and leveraged buy-outs in “Corporate stocks” instead of “Other investments.”

If you need assistance with your response, please call 1-888-529-1963 weekdays between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM ET, or email us at govs.pensions@census.gov.

Sincerely,

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