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Metro Pension Website Offers 24/7 Access Beginning June 14

By NED RACINE

(June 13, 2007) A new Pension & Benefits Department website premiering Thursday, June 14, gives Metro employees the ability to view their retirement benefits status 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Employees can link to MyRetirement.Metro from myMetro.net or the Pension & Benefits website. The Metro-only website prompts visitors through the initial sign-on procedure. It will also allow them to print their pension information, including vesting status and payment options.

The website is individualized according a worker's membership in the ATU, TCU, UTU, non-contract or AFSCME Retirement Income Plans. Non-contract or AFSCME employees with service credit in the CalPERS pension plan should access those benefits at www.calpers.ca.gov.

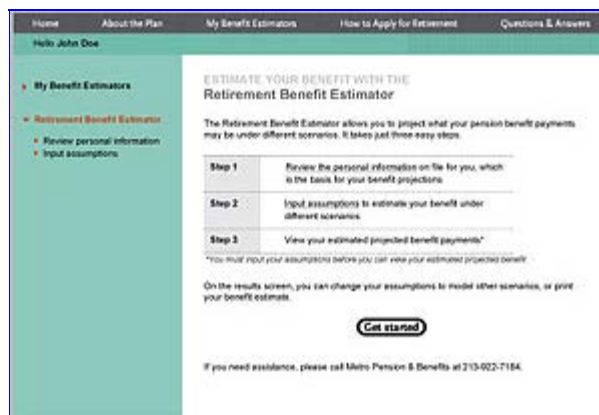
Pension plan description booklets will be available as Acrobat documents on the website. CalPERS members can access their pension information on the CalPERS website at: www.calpers.ca.gov.

Jan Olsen, Pension & Benefits supervisor, describes the password-protected website as having the look and feel of metro.net. "The best part is it is available 24 hours a day."

Saves employees time

By displaying only information pertinent to an employee's specific pension plan, the website conserves the time an employee must spend on the site. Olsen cites employee privacy as another benefit of the MyRetirement.Metro website.

The site includes a Retirement Benefit Estimator, telling the visitor what he or she would receive if he or she retired today. AFSCME and non-contract visitors can also receive an estimate for buying additional service time credit or check what their pensions would be at future



Click on image to link to retirement benefits website through myMetro.net.

dates. "Anything that a . . . person is eligible for they can see on their screen," Olsen said.

"All the trustees for all the plans have signed off on it," said Olsen, who with Pension & Benefits staff has worked for more than six months to bring the website to life.

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