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## **LASERS to Present Pension System Update at New Orleans Chapter RSEA Meeting**

**Baton Rouge** – Maris LeBlanc, Chief Operating Officer of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS), will speak to the New Orleans chapter of RSEA on Wednesday, March 21, 9:30 a.m., at Deutsches Haus, 1023 Ridgewood Drive, Metairie. Active state employees and retirees from Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, and St. John the Baptist parishes are expected to attend.

LeBlanc will address current issues affecting state employees and retirees' pension benefits, including a new retirement plan for future state employees proposed in the 2018 Regular Legislative Session. LeBlanc will be available for interviews before and after the presentation. RSEA members will also be available for interviews.

In the New Orleans RSEA chapter region, 6,332 LASERS retirees and beneficiaries received more than \$150 million in gross retirement benefits in fiscal year 2017.

LASERS administers a defined benefit pension plan that covers approximately 100,000 members. *LASERS Benefits Louisiana* by paying over \$1 billion in annual benefits to beneficiaries, providing a strong and reliable economic stimulus for the state.

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