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To: Agency Liaison Officers
From: Cindy Rougeou, Executive Director
Re: Virtual Learning Opportunities for LASERS Members
Date: January 14, 2021

Educating LASERS members about retirement empowers them by providing the knowledge and resources to answer questions about their future benefits. It encourages pride, ownership, and confidence in their retirement system, as well as encourages commitment to their employment with the State. Education begins during the on-boarding process and continues throughout the member's career into retirement.

LASERS Education Department introduced a new Pre-Retirement Education Presentation (PREP) Virtual Learning format in 2020, and will continue to introduce additional ways for members to receive education virtually in 2021.

- Virtual Early-Career (NEW Format in 2021) - This two-hour virtual seminar is for LASERS members hired on or after January 1, 2011, but not within 5 years of retirement eligibility. This seminar introduces members to LASERS and educates them on the value of membership in a defined benefit retirement plan. We encourage you to promote this seminar to all new hires who meet the above requirement, especially members who have no previous LASERS service.
Virtual PREP Learning Seminar (Introduced in 2020) - This four-hour virtual seminar targets LASERS members who are approaching retirement. This seminar includes

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information on Social Security and the Office of Group Benefits, and includes a presentation from Empower Retirement. **We encourage you to promote this seminar to any member inquiring about retirement and/or approaching retirement within five years.**

Members should register for the Early Career and PREP Virtual Seminars by clicking “Register for a Workshop” on the LASERS website at www.lasersonline.org. Schedules are currently posted through March. New dates will be posted quarterly.

Lastly, LASERS Education Department can tailor virtual presentations specifically for your agency. Email LASERSEducation@lasersonline.org for more information.

Please join us in promoting these new learning opportunities to members. Thank you.