

Office of Personnel Management
Retirement and Insurance Service



1920



1954



1959



1986

Benefits Administration Letter

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SUBJECT: Upcoming Satellite Broadcast

The purpose of this BAL is to let you know that the next **HRM: Information Highway Governmentwide Satellite Broadcast** on March 20, 1996, will contain a segment on benefits issues for employees facing a career transition.

The 90-minute satellite broadcast is part of a series sponsored by the Interagency Advisory Group Directors of Personnel. The topic for the March show is "Of Benefit To YOU." We will present a 20-minute segment which speaks directly to Federal employees and explores what happens to their Federal benefits when they separate from Government service, highlighting the choices and decisions they face regarding these benefits. It covers both those employees who are eligible to retire and those who are not. Although the segment focuses on employees in a career transition, the information is of value to anyone leaving Government service. It will include retirement benefits, health and life insurance issues, TSP issues, reemployment, and severance pay.

Other topics in the broadcast will include: a legislative update, OPM Around the Nation--A Look at the Revised Role of the Office of Personnel Management, an update on career transition, tax information from the IRS, and more. There will be a question and answer period at the end of the broadcast during which the audience can call or fax in any questions they may have about any of the issues covered.

We hope you will encourage your employees to watch the broadcast. We also encourage you to tape the Benefits segment for use later. It should prove helpful in career transition counseling.

The broadcast will be from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST on Wednesday, March 20, 1996. Updated satellite information is listed below. Additional information about this, and other broadcasts in the series, can be found in the Communication/Satellite Info Forum on **OPM Mainstreet**. **Mainstreet** can be reached at 202-606-4800

We have attached a flyer you may want to use to advertise the broadcast. The flyer contains the satellite coordinate information.

Mary M. Sugar, Chief
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IAG SATELLITE BROADCAST



"Of Benefit To You"

- ☞ **Benefits Issues** This program will explore what happens to an employee's Federal benefits on separation from Federal service, and highlight the choices/decisions an employee faces regarding these benefits. The session will focus on health benefits, life insurance and retirement benefits, in addition to thrift savings and severance pay issues. Agencies are encouraged to tape or purchase this broadcast for use in counseling employees during career transition.
- ☞ **Additional Segments**
- Legislative and Issues Updates
 - An OMB Update with John Koskinen
 - A Look at the Earned Income Credit
 - The First Installment on the Development of an Agency's Performance Management System
 - An Update on Career Transition Activities
 - A Look at the Revised Role of the Office of Personnel Management
 - Plus More, More, More!
- ☞ The Broadcast airs on **Wednesday, March 20, 1996, from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.** Test Pattern begins at 12:45 pm EST
- ☞ **Ku Band**
- Telstar - 401**
Transponder - 11
Channel - 11
Downlink - 12040 MHZ
Polarity - Vertical
Position - 97 West
Audio - 6.2/6.8
- C-Band**
- Telstar - 401**
Transponder - 16
Channel - 16
Downlink - 4020 MHZ
Polarity - Horizontal
Position - 97 West
Audio - 6.2/6.8

For Information, call 202 606-1800