



HR Newsletter

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Welcome National Park Service!

Effective June 1, we will become the servicing Human Resources Office for the NPS in addition to the BLM and BIA. With this change comes a new Human Resources Assistant position, which we are currently advertising for. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome all the NPS employees who we will be servicing in the future!

Supplemental Dental and Vision Benefits Program Update

OPM Selects Vendors for Supplemental Dental and Vision Benefits Program



Washington, DC- The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has selected the companies that will offer supplemental dental and vision benefits under the new Federal Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Program which will begin December 31, 2006. Following a review of proposals, OPM has selected MetLife, GEHA, United Concordia, Aetna, GHI, CompBenefits, and Triple-S to offer dental benefits and Vision Services Plan, BCBS Vision, and Spectera to offer vision benefits.

"This new dental and vision program provides new healthcare choices for the federal family," said OPM Director Linda M. Springer. "Those covered will be able to enroll for comprehensive dental benefits, comprehensive vision benefits or both, and employees will be able to use pre-tax payroll deductions to acquire their additional dental and vision benefits."

The Federal Employee Dental and Vision Benefits Enhancement Act of 2004 was signed into law by President Bush on December 23, 2004. The Act requires OPM to establish arrangements under which supplemental dental and vision benefits will be made available to federal employees, retirees, and their dependants, and it gives OPM broad contracting authority to leverage the purchasing power of federal enrollees.

The new supplemental dental and vision program will be offered during this year's Open Season which begins November 13.



Training Calendar

What:

Ethics Broadcast

When:

06-8-2006

Time:

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Where:

Payette/Clearwater Room

What:

EEO Broadcast &
Ethics Training

When:

7-12/13-2006

Time:

9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

(7-12)

9:00 a.m. to noon

(7-13)

Where:

Training Building
Auditorium



All I need to know
I learned from my dog

BLM Emerging Leaders Program Training

Applications for the Emerging Leaders Program are now being accepted and are due June 21, 2006.

The goal of the Emerging Leaders Program is to develop the core supervisory leadership competencies of employees interested in expanding their leadership capabilities and preparing themselves for higher levels of leadership in the organization.

For information on this program or to obtain the information to apply, contact Suzanne Rebish at X5388.

Service Credit Information on Deposits/Redeposits

THIS INFORMATION IS ONLY FOR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE CURRENTLY MAKING PAYMENTS FOR THEIR DEPOSIT/REDEPOSIT

A message from Office of Personnel Management

An updated service credit statement can now be obtained by calling OPM's toll free number, 888-767-6738 or by sending an e-mail to retire@opm.gov with the words "deposit inquiry" in the subject line.

To receive an updated billing statement the employee should have their CSD number available when calling or in the body of the e-mail. The CSD number was issued when the employee originally applied for the deposit or redeposit and can be found on any old billing statement.

With one click of the mouse, a Customer Service Representative can instantly provide the amount owed, including accrued interest and generate a statement to be mailed to the customer. The status of a service credit account can also be obtained by calling the toll free number.

Do not reapply to obtain a status report. Duplicate applications slow the process down. Calls will be forwarded to the Refund and Deposit Section if the Customer Service Representative determines it is necessary.

Leave and Earnings Statements (LES)

A message from our Payroll Operations Division

Employees are responsible for carefully reviewing their Leave and Earnings Statements (LES) every pay period.

Salary overpayments including under-withholding for benefits, are generally subject to repayment by the employee, even if the error is the result of an administrative error.

Employees often ask for waivers, but they are invariably denied because the employee would have seen the lack of a deduction if he/she had looked at the Leave and Earnings Statement and reported it.

If you believe that there is an error related to your pay, withholdings, leave, or benefits, contact your Servicing Personnel Office at 208-387-5523.

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FEHB Account Information On-line

Did you know you can check your Health Benefit account information on-line? Click on the following links for your information:

GEHA health benefit participants can make eligibility inquires and claim inquires by visiting:
http://www.geha.com/web_enablement/provider_demo.asp

BCBS health benefit participants can view claim status, request cards, etc. by visiting:
<https://custserv.fepblue.org/fepesvc/login.do>

MHBP health benefit participants can view claim status by visiting:
<http://www.firsthealth.com/smfh/login.do>



Hires

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Jarrod Simontacchi
Michael Tupper
Maribel Gonzalez

Departures

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Andrea Broyles
Robert McCormick

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<http://www.firejobs.doi.gov/>

<https://jobs1.quickhire.com/scripts/blm.exe>



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