



Thrift Savings Plan BULLETIN

for Service TSP Representatives

Subject: *Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for the Uniformed Services*

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The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board (Board) has issued the booklet *Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for the Uniformed Services*. The Plan Summary describes the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) in detail, discussing participation and contribution rules, the investment funds, contribution allocations and interfund transfers, loans, withdrawals, and other aspects of the TSP. Each service must provide a copy of the Plan Summary to its members, as discussed below. The Plan Summary is also available from the TSP Web site at www.tsp.gov.

Distribution to the services. The Board will send each service's central distribution point a supply of the booklets. By September 15, 2001, each central distribution point should receive an amount approximately equal to its total force.

Representatives from the services' central distribution points may order additional copies of the Plan Summary by using Form TSP-U-40, Thrift Savings Plan Publications Order Form, which will be provided shortly. Other service representatives, however, may not order the Plan Summary (or other TSP materials) directly from the TSP. Consequently, the services must develop internal procedures for notifying their central distribution points when they need additional supplies of the Plan Summary (or other TSP materials).

Distribution by the services. Upon receipt, the services' central distribution points must distribute these booklets appropriately to the offices that are responsible for providing

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them to members. Those offices must provide the Plan Summary to all members eligible to participate in the TSP. Services should provide the Plan Summary to their current members during the special sign-up period which begins October 9, 2001. Services should provide the Plan Summary to new members when they join the uniformed services.*



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* See TSP Bulletin 01-U-3, Uniformed Services Participation in the Thrift Savings Plan, dated July 19, 2001, for more information about the special sign-up period for current members and the contribution election opportunity for new members. The bulletin also includes a sample letter which may be used to provide the Plan Summary to new members.