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EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

"Contributing today for a better tomorrow"

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ST. THOMAS/ST. CROIX, VI -

NEW MEMBER SELF SERVICE LAUNCH AND DEMONSTRATIONS and NEW RETIREE ANNUITY CHECK

THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF ITS NEW MEMBER SELF-SERVICE MODULE. MEMBER SELF-SERVICE IS A SOFTWARE APPLICATION THAT EXISTS AS A SAFE AND SECURED WEB/INTERNET PAGE AND PROVIDES MEMBER ACCESS TO DATA THAT THEY HAVE ON FILE WITH THE GERS. MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW THEIR PERSONAL DATA, DO ANNUITY ESTIMATES, DOWNLOAD FORMS AND APPLICATIONS, VIEW ANNUITY CHECK STUBS AND MORE. IN PREPARATION FOR THE MARCH 15TH LAUNCH, DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED TO FAMILIARIZE AND ASSIST MEMBERS AND RETIREES WITH THE MODULE. THESE DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE HELD ON ALL THREE ISLANDS, 8:30 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M. AS FOLLOWS:

- MONDAY, MARCH 11TH: ST. THOMAS @ GERS COMPLEX 1ST FLOOR TECH CENTER
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH: ST. JOHN @ THE ST. JOHN ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE; CRUZ BAY
- THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH: ST. CROIX @ GERS COMPLEX; ORANGE GROVE

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REMIND RETIRES THAT EFFECTIVE WITH THE MARCH 15TH PAYROLL, A NEW TRIFOLD ANNUITY CHECK WILL BE ISSUED TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS STILL RECEIVING A CHECK. ADDITIONALLY, WE WILL NO LONGER ISSUE CHECK STUBS TO DIRECT DEPOSIT RECIPIENTS. RETIRES WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR CHECK STUB INFORMATION THROUGH THE MEMBER SELF-SERVICE AT WWW.USVIGERS.COM.

"WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT BRINGING THIS TECHNOLOGY TO OUR MEMBERS AS IT WILL PLACE INFORMATION DIRECTLY AT THEIR FINGERTIPS," SAID MR. NIBBS. IT IS ALSO EXPECTED THAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE, MEMBERS WOULD BE ABLE TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT FORMS AND APPLICATIONS THROUGH THE SELF-SERVICE MODULE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL OUR MEMBER SERVICES DIVISION AT (340) 776-7703 – ST. THOMAS OR (340) 718-5480 – ST. CROIX.

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