VERA VSIP User Notice – Town Hall Conference Calls – August 14, 2015

This notice shares information on the VERA/VSIP Town Hall Conference Calls.

**General Information:** The Town Hall Conference Calls are being held to provide employees with an overview of the Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA) and Voluntary Separation Incentive Payments (VSIP) being used in conjunction with NPIS implementation. Each call will cover the same material. There will be a time for questions and answers at the end of each session.

**Presenters:** Benefits Specialists in Human Resources Operations in Minneapolis will conduct the conference calls.

**Target Audience:** Individuals considering VERA/VSIP are encouraged to call in for one of these information sessions. As with the VERA/VSIP itself, participation is voluntary.

**Dates and Times:** Town Hall Conference Calls are scheduled for the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, August 19th, from 10:00am-11:30am CST.
- Tuesday, August 25th, from 2:00pm to 3:30pm CST.

**Call Number:** The call in number is 1-888-844-9904, and the Access Code is 6491221.

**Webinar:** A PowerPoint presentation will be shown during the concurrent webinar. The address for the Web Conference is [https://connect16.uc.att.com/usda/meet/?ExEventID=86491221](https://connect16.uc.att.com/usda/meet/?ExEventID=86491221).

**Alternative to Webinar Access:** Those participating on the telephone without concurrent webinar access may wish to obtain a copy of the PowerPoint presentation prior to the Town Hall Conference Call. This may allow those on the phone to more easily follow along during the presentation. Presentation materials can be found on the FSIS Website ([www.fsis.usda.gov](http://www.fsis.usda.gov)) under the heading "Modernization of Poultry Slaughter Inspection."

**Coverage Issues:** Employees who are at work during the conference call can participate without loss of pay and without using leave, provided attendance does not adversely impact the agency mission.

**Additional Information:** Materials covered during the Town Hall Conference Calls will be posted for those unable to attend one of the calls. This information will be placed alongside other VERA/VSIP Information posted on the FSIS Website ([www.fsis.usda.gov](http://www.fsis.usda.gov)) under the heading “Modernization of Poultry Slaughter Inspection.” The Town Hall Conference Call materials will remain available for future reference until the agency’s VERA/VSIP authority expires at the end of calendar year 2016.

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