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LEAVE ACCOUNTING LETTER # 03-023

To: All Agencies/Campuses in the California Leave Accounting System (CLAS)

From: JOHN R. HARRIGAN, Chief
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Re: LEAVE ACCOUNTING TRAINING CATALOG FOR THE WINTER 2004 SEMESTER

This memo provides the latest information regarding the State Controller's Office, Personnel/Payroll Services Division's California Leave Accounting System (CLAS) training classes for January through March, 2004.

TRAINING ENROLLMENT

On Tuesday, September 9, 2003 a Needs Assessment form will be electronically distributed to all CLAS agencies/campuses. In order to create an equitable process for all agencies/campuses when responding to the Needs Assessment, we request that the agency/campus Training Coordinator complete the form and return it no earlier than 8:00 AM on Thursday, September 16, 2003 and no later than the close of business on Monday, September 22, 2003. Please return the form to the Training Administrator, at ppsdtraining@scsco.ca.gov, or via fax at (916) 324-7293. Please note that no phone calls will be accepted in lieu of this procedure.

By Tuesday, October 21, 2003 the CLAS Winter 2004 Training Schedule will be published via electronic mail. On Monday, October 27, 2003 the Training Administrator will begin contacting each agency/campus Training Coordinator in the order that the Needs Assessment forms were received.

When selecting a location for CLAS Refresher Training, please indicate the nearest city for which you know your agency/campus will provide travel funds and which you are sure the trainees will be able to attend. Our training sites are ADA accessible. If there are no cities that meet these criteria, refer to the 'Consultations/Special Requests' section of this letter.

CONFIRMATION OF ENROLLMENT

Each scheduled trainee and the agency/campus Training Coordinator will receive an electronic mail confirmation letter approximately 30 days prior to the class date. This letter will contain important enrollment information including class dates, duration of class, time and location.

CANCELLATION REQUIREMENTS

To cancel an enrolled trainee, contact the Training Administrator at (916) 322-1245, via e-mail at ppsdtraining@sco.ca.gov, or the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2922 (TTY) no later than two weeks before the class. It is important that the "two weeks before" guideline be followed so that other trainees have an opportunity to enroll in the vacated spot.

ENROLLMENT SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions will be accepted provided the substituting trainee meets the prerequisites set for the class.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Prerequisites ensure that each trainee succeeds in comprehending the subject matter offered in the class. Trainees who lack the required experience may have difficulty with the material and detract from the class. Therefore, if a trainee is unable to maintain the pace of the session, the instructor may request that he/she return to his/her agency/campus.

CONSULTATIONS/SPECIAL REQUESTS

If your agency/campus requires a consultation or has a special training request, contact the Leave Accounting Liaison Unit at (916) 327-0756.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS AND PREREQUISITES

Course: CLAS Initial Training - (2 1/2 Days)

THIS COURSE IS ONLY OFFERED IN SACRAMENTO AT THE STATE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE.

CLAS Initial Training is a "hands-on" training program that covers the fundamentals of the CLAS and is recommended for all new CLAS users. Trainees will access the CLAS Training Database and through the use of various exercises, will learn how to access, navigate through, and update the CLAS.

Prerequisites:

Must have a minimum of three months personnel/payroll experience and a basic knowledge of leave benefit rules and Employment History transactions.

Course: CLAS Refresher Training (1 Day)

CLAS Refresher Training covers a brief review of CLAS fundamentals with the primary focus on the more advanced processes, such as Leave System Eligibility and Temporary Separations.

Prerequisites:

Must have either attended the CLAS Initial Training class, or have a minimum of six months of CLAS experience and knowledge of leave benefit rules and Employment History transactions.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ron Hutcheson at (916) 445-6983, or via e-mail at rhutcheson@sco.ca.gov.

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