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GENERAL MEMORANDUM

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To: All Authorized Agents

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Subject: 2012 Employer Rate Meetings: 2011 investment return, its impact on employers,

potential pension-related legislation, and other forces influencing IMRF

We encourage each Authorized Agent to share this memorandum with your unit of government's chief financial officer, other officials, and governing body members.

This preliminary information is based on unaudited investment return data and projected actuarial information. Finalized information will be available in early May 2012.

The estimated 2011 investment return for IMRF is a negative .5%. This return translates into investment loss of approximately \$106 million. From an actuarial basis, IMRF assumed it would earn \$1.979 billion.

As a result, employer reserve balances will be reduced by approximately 18% on their beginning of the year balance. This charge to employer reserve balances reflects the fact that, as a member of a defined benefit plan, IMRF employers share all the risks and rewards of investment returns.

2012 Employer Rate Meetings: beyond rates and returns

Beginning on April 23, 2012, IMRF will present a series of Employer Rate meetings throughout the state. At these meetings we will discuss the impact of year-end financial and actuarial data on IMRF as a whole and its estimated impact on individual employers.

However, at these meetings we will **also discuss potential pension-related legislation** that could impact IMRF **as well as other forces influencing IMRF**.

The meetings will take approximately an hour-and-a-half, consisting of both a formal presentation and a question and answer period. We encourage you, your chief financial officer, other officials, governing board members, and other interested parties from your employer to attend.

IMRF will also present the same information at a webinar in early May. (Information on the webinar will be provided in a future Employer Digest email).

Questions?

If you have any questions, please call an IMRF Member Services Representative at 1-800-ASK-IMRF (1-800-275-4673) 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

Louis W. Kosiba Executive Director

2012 Employer Rate Meetings

2011 investment return, its impact on employers, potential pension-related legislation, and other forces influencing IMRF

Advance registration is requested.

Monday	April 23 Stoney Creek Inn	Monday	April 30 Clock Tower Resort & Conf 7801 E. State Street
	101 Mariners Way East Peoria10 am		Rockford9 am
	IMRF Regional Office 3000 Professional Drive Springfield		Stoney Creek Inn 101 18th Street Moline2 pm
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Tuesday	April 24 Gateway Center One Gateway Drive Collinsville9 am	Tuesday	May 1 Hilton Garden Inn 26225 N. Riverwoods Blvd. Mettawa2 pm
	Fairfield Inn by Marriot 217 Potomac Blvd. Mt. Vernon2 pm	Wednesday	May 2 Hilton Garden Inn 18335 S. LaGrange Rd. Tinley Park10 am
Wednesday	April 25 Hilton Garden Inn 1501 S. Neil St. Champaign9 am		DoubleTree 1909 Spring Road Oak Brook2 pm
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Register online by logging in to Employer Access.			
If you do not have an Employer Access account, register by FAX or by phone (see below).			
Date of Meeting Location		ocation	
Name (please print)			
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Name (please print)			
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Employer Name Employer Number Work phone		Work phone	

If you are unable to register online, please mail or fax your completed registration to: Donna Cesario, Field Services Meeting planner,

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