

DID YOU KNOW

The End of Thrift Savings Plan Open Seasons & the New L Fund

Thrift Savings Plan open seasons were eliminated as of July 1, 2005. You may now make contributions elections at any time, and they are effective the beginning of the first pay period after the TSP-1 is filed with your agency.

Beginning August 1, 2005, the TSP will begin offering “Lifecycle funds” or L Funds. With the L Funds, you can turn over your asset allocation and rebalancing chores to professional managers who take into account your age and strive to grow your savings while taking minimal risk.

The L Funds offer diversity and are a mix of the existing C, G, F, S and I funds. You determine which L Fund is best for you based upon the date you want to withdraw your money. For example, a younger employee can tolerate higher risks for a greater rate of return. As the employee matures, each fund would automatically gradually adjust to low risk, lower-return investments as they approach time to withdraw.

Participants will have the option of investing in the L Fund, keep their savings in the existing funds or put just a portion of savings or contributions into the L Fund. You will be able to enter and leave the L Fund when you want and move among the L Fund as you currently can with the individual TSP funds.

TSP participants will receive a postcard announcing the new funds, and a DVD to view in the near future. Additional information can be received by contacting Ms. Robin Campbell, EMCBC, at 513-246-0515 or e-mail Robin.Campbell@emcbc.doe.mil or TSP’s website at www.tsp.gov.