

TSP CHANGES AND THEIR EFFECT ON ABC-C AND YOU!

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Beginning with the 15 May – 31 July 2001 Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) Open Season, Department of the Army Appropriated Fund civilian employees will be able to contribute an additional 1% of their base pay to the Thrift Savings Plan. They will also be able to contribute to two new investment funds (S fund and I fund) and also begin contributing to the TSP without a waiting period. These changes have been publicized in other articles and for additional information on these changes, you may read about them on both the ABC-C Home Page at www.abc.army.mil and the TSP web site at www.tsp.gov. However, what many employees do NOT realize is that beginning May 1, 2001, employees will continue to use the ABC-C web site or telephone system (IVRS) to start, stop or change the amount of the contributions. BUT, the allocation of those contributions among the various investment funds will no longer be able to be processed by ABC-C. Those allocations will have to be processed through the TSP web site or their phone system. There will be no limit on the number of contribution allocations that participants may request, but only one contribution allocation can be made effective on any given business day. Employees will be able to use electronic media (i.e. the TSP web site or the Thriftline) or hard copy forms to request contribution allocations. However, participants will be encouraged to use the more efficient electronic media to request contribution allocations. Electronic and paper contribution allocation requests will generally be effective no later than 2 business days after receipt. There is a new TSP Form 50, Investment Allocation, which will be used for both contribution allocation and interfund transfer requests. A future TSP Bulletin will announce the availability of the new form, so stay tuned. We will put it on the ABC-C web site when available and TSP will certainly add it to their web site.