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TRS LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE DESIGN

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SPRINGFIELD, IL – Teachers' Retirement System today unveiled a new design for its website that maintains the secure interactive features popular with members and makes the TRS site more compatible with mobile devices such as smart phones and tablets.

“This new design is another step in our continuing efforts to enhance communications and outreach with our members and the general public,” said TRS Executive Director Dick Ingram. “Because the website is always available, we want it to be our members’ primary source of information and contact with TRS. We encourage all of our members to create a secure account so they can take full advantage of our online services.”

The new design was developed and implemented entirely in-house. It replaces an old website template that many years ago had been dictated to state agencies, boards, commissions and pension systems in an effort to standardize all Illinois government websites. That template was very limited in its scope and precluded the use of such common features as “drop boxes.”

The new TRS website design will continue to feature a password-activated secure area for members that they can use to view confidential information about their retirement. Other features of the website include member benefit handbooks, Employer Guide, investment information, the TRS governance structure, Board of Trustee schedules and meeting minutes, authorized requests for proposals and other vendor information, a portal to initiate Freedom of Information Act requests and up-to-date synopses of pension issues and legislation pending in the General Assembly.

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The availability of TRS member services on mobile devices is expected to grow in popularity as younger teachers in Tier II get gradually closer to retirement. Currently, it is typical for younger members to have a higher interest in technology and mobile devices while older members have a greater interest in their retirement benefits. As the number of Tier II members steadily increases and ages, their interest in the technology is not expected to decline, but their interest in their benefits will increase.

The TRS website is <http://trs.illinois.gov>

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About Teachers' Retirement System

The Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois is the 39th largest pension system in the United States, and provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits to teachers, administrators and other public school personnel employed outside of Chicago. The System serves 366,000 members and had assets of \$39.6 billion as of March 31, 2013.