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START Database Conversion Project

The projected implementation date for CalSTRS' new corporate database project, START, is March 15, 2001. In preparation for the new database, CalSTRS has developed an implementation plan that will ease the conversion process.

How will this implementation plan affect your interaction with CalSTRS?

Downtime

During the period of February 15, 2001 through March 15, 2001, CalSTRS will freeze all automated processing. Monthly Contribution Reports (F-496), Statistical Updates (MR-87) and any other employer-transmitted data submitted during this period will be held for processing in the new environment. However, the current database (IDMS) will still be accessible for inquiry.

Monthly Contributions (C-118) will not be affected by the conversion.

Remote Employer Access Program (REAP)

During Downtime, you will still be able to query CalSTRS database. Once the new database is up and running, REAP will have a new look. A new user guide will be distributed describing the new screens and their functionality. This guide will be available by the implementation date. Over the next year, we will be working on several enhancements that will improve the functionality of REAP and, hopefully, make your job easier.

During this conversion project, please continue submitting all contributions and reports, including C-118 contributions and F-496 reports according to the Monthly Submission Schedules. Since the implementation date is still tentative, we will send an update in approximately 30 days. With your assistance, we believe we can achieve an orderly conversion and minimize the impact to your operations. Thank you for your cooperation.