

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

You may start, stop, or change your contributions at any time. Your TSP election will stay in effect until you submit another election or until you leave Federal service. (This form only applies to regular contributions. If you are age 50 or older and want to make or change catch-up contributions, use Form TSP-1-C, Catch-Up Contribution Election.)

Important note for new TSP participants: All contributions to your account will be invested in the Government Securities Investment (G) Fund until you direct the TSP to allocate your contributions differently. The TSP publication *Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan* describes all of your investment choices and discusses their risks and advantages. For more information, you can also obtain a copy of the TSP Fund Information sheets. (The most current versions of TSP forms and publications are available on the TSP website at www.tsp.gov.)

To choose your investment fund(s), use the TSP website (www.tsp.gov) or the ThriftLine at 1-TSP-YOU-FRST (1-877-968-3778; outside the U.S. and Canada, call 404-233-4400). On the TSP website, you will need your TSP account number (or user ID) and 8-character Web password. If you use the ThriftLine, you will need your TSP account number and 4-digit ThriftLine Personal Identification Number (PIN). If you are a new participant, your TSP account number, ThriftLine PIN, and Web password will be mailed to you (separately) after your account has been established.

If you change your address, notify your **agency** immediately to correct your records for your TSP account.

SECTION I

Complete all items in this section.

SECTION II

Your choice will cancel all previous elections.

Example

Previous Election:

Traditional	5%
Roth	2%

New Election:

Traditional	5%
Roth	10%

Complete this section to start your TSP contributions or to change the amount and type of contributions. Because whatever you enter in this section will cancel all previous elections, be sure to indicate exactly what percentages/amounts you want to contribute, even if part of your election has not changed (see the example in the margin). You can elect to make traditional (pre-tax) and Roth (after-tax) contributions simultaneously. **Traditional contributions** come out of your pay **before** income taxes are calculated; you pay income taxes on these contributions and their earnings when you withdraw them. **Roth contributions** are made from your pay **after** taxes, and the earnings grow in your account tax-deferred. Withdrawals of Roth contributions are tax-free. The earnings associated with Roth contributions are also tax-free, but only if 5 years have passed since January 1 of the calendar year in which you made your first Roth contribution, **and** you have reached age 59½, have a permanent disability, or have died. **Note for FERS:** All agency contributions to your account are tax-deferred, even if they are matching your Roth contributions. Complete **either** Item 6 **or** Item 7 (not both) for traditional (pre-tax) contributions; **either** Item 8 **or** Item 9 (not both) for Roth contributions. You may choose a percentage of basic pay for one type of contribution and a dollar amount (as little as \$1) for the other type of contribution.

If you choose a percentage of basic pay, your contribution amount will automatically increase when you receive a pay raise.

If you choose a dollar amount per pay period, your contribution amount will not increase when you receive a pay raise; you must submit a new Form TSP-1 to change the amount.

Contribution limit. The **total** of your traditional and Roth contributions cannot exceed the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) annual elective deferral limit (\$17,000 in 2012). Since the elective deferral limit may be adjusted annually for inflation, check the TSP website, www.tsp.gov, to be sure that you have the most up-to-date limit amount (and the most recent version of this form).

SECTION III

Complete Item 10 to stop all (or just one type) of your contributions. You may restart your contributions at any time.

FERS employees: Your Agency Automatic (1%) Contributions will continue after you stop your employee contributions, but you will no longer receive valuable Agency Matching Contributions. (If you restart your contributions, the matching contributions will resume.)

Note for newly hired or rehired FERS or CSRS employees: As a new employee, your agency automatically deducts 3% of your pay, tax-deferred, and deposits the money in your TSP account for your retirement savings. If you want all or any portion of your automatic contributions to be after-tax Roth contributions, **you must complete Section II** and indicate what percentages or amounts you want as traditional (pre-tax) and Roth (after-tax) contributions. You can stop your automatic employee contributions before they start if you submit this form to your agency at the start of your first full pay period, subject to your agency's processing deadlines. If your agency has already begun to deduct your automatic employee contributions from your pay each pay period, you are entitled to request a refund of your initial contributions by submitting Form TSP-25, Automatic Enrollment Refund Request. The TSP must receive Form TSP-25 within 90 days of your first contribution.

SECTION IV

You must complete this section.

SECTION V

(To be completed by personnel or benefits office)

The Receipt Date (Item 14) is the date that a **properly completed** form is received by the agency personnel office. If the form has not been properly completed, it should be returned to the employee.

Requests must be processed immediately for new and rehired employees who want to stop automatic enrollment before it begins. This will help avoid a payroll deduction that may have to be refunded. The Effective Date (Item 15) must be no later than the first full pay period after receipt of a properly completed form.

You should provide the participant with a copy of this completed election form.