

Please be aware that occasionally, USF employees will receive solicitation for services via email such as the below example. These are not USF sanctioned vendors nor are they representatives of the Florida Retirement System (FRS). Any business that you conduct with them is of a private nature and at your own risk.

If you have questions about the legitimacy of an email that you receive regarding benefits or retirement, please contact Benefits@usf.edu.

Example 1:

Dear _____,

As a valued University Of South Florida employee, you are eligible to receive a one-on-one virtual consultation for answers to your specific state, federal and individual retirement benefit questions. The licensed representatives are appointed with certain companies approved by the university. Use the link below to schedule an evaluation of your current state retirement benefits.

Schedule Now

The licensed representatives are NOT employees of the university or the Public Employee Retirement Association.

*Thank you,
NES*

Please note this is only available to university employees.

If you would no longer like to receive updates like this from NES: www.nesgroup.us/email

Example 2:

Subject: State Retirement Education for University of South Florida

Employee Smith,

Each year, as an employee of University of South Florida you are eligible to schedule a phone call, teleconference, or in-person meeting off campus with a representative for answers to your specific state, federal and individual retirement benefit questions.

At your consultation, you will be provided with information that will tell you:

- How much longer you may have to work, and what your potential income can be upon retirement.*
- Which providers' 403(b) options have Guaranteed income when you retire.*

You will also learn about options to help you save more money for retirement without affecting your take home pay.

Please be sure to indicate which type of appointment you prefer (off-campus, phone call, or teleconference) in the notes section while scheduling. Please also include your direct cell phone number.

*Appointments fill up quickly. To secure your spot, simply reply 'yes' to this email or use the following link:
[link not provided]*

All licensed representatives are not employees of the district or FRS. All representatives are licensed by the state department of insurance and are appointed with district-approved vendors.