



The Four Winds

National Weather Service Employees Organization

NWSEO needs You!

\$100 Rebate for New Members valid until May 24, 2013

(May 9, 2013) NWSEO is continues its work to prevent the furlough of NWS employees and to save the ITO position. The union has recently made great headway in communicating the message that furloughs put the agency's mission at risk while saving little money in the NWS budget. Key members of Congress have been given more than 100 pages of documentation of the important role of the ITO. It is NWSEO members who have pulled together to help get these messages out. We appreciate your response to surveys, your phone calls to Congress and work with your local media.

NWSEO's bargaining power and influence is a direct result of the number of NWS employees who have joined the union's ranks. We urgently need your continued membership support in these efforts. Therefore, NWSEO is offering a \$100 to any new member who joins NWSEO by [1187](#) for payroll deduction by Friday, May 24, 2013.

If you are not a member, we need you. Please don't hesitate another day. Attached is an [1187 form](#) to join our professional organization of men and women. The 1187 form for payroll deduction can be faxed to Peter Nuhn at 202-600-2145. Only through solidarity of the workforce and the financial support that it brings will NWSEO be able to protect your paycheck.

If you are a member, please encourage your coworkers to join. Just a reminder, because your recruitment efforts strengthen our professional organization, NWSEO will provide airfare, lodging, and group meals for the 2013 convention to any member who recruits two new members to join our professional organization using the 1187 for payroll deduction from November 14th 2012 through July 31, 2013. The name of the recruiter must be on the 1187. The 2013 annual convention will be held at the [Vinoy Renaissance Resort @ Golf Club](#) in St. Petersburg, Florida on Sunday and Monday, September 22 and 23, 2013

NWSEO – Helping our Own through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Two NWSEO members are in need of medical leave donations. **(George) Michael Lammers, the OPL at GLD in Goodland, Kansas**, is in need of donated medical leave time after suffering a brain injury. Mike is a long time union member and served as a Met Instructor at the NWSTC a few years ago. He is approved and on the list for leave transfer donations. **Debbie Winston, from Cheyenne, Wyoming** is also in Leave Transfer program and in need of donated leave time for an autoimmune disorder.

NWSEO Members have always been generous with annual leave donations for co-workers in need. If you are interested in donating leave for Mike or Debbie, you may complete the 630A Form at this link:

http://www.opm.gov/Forms/pdf_fill/opm630a.pdf

Please make sure the form is signed by you and that George Michael Lammers or Debbie Winston is named as the recipient and then submit it to your ASA.

Here are a few facts about donated medical leave and the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program that you might find beneficial if you are considering donating leave or if you are in need of donated leave time:

OPM regulates that only annual leave may be donated. You cannot donate sick leave. Leave donors can specify a member of the Leave Donor Program whom they'd like to receive their donated leave time by completing [form OPM-630A](#) .

Any leave that is not used is returned back to the donor.

A person does not have to wait until their leave is exhausted before applying to be a recipient of the Leave Transfer Program. They must present medical documentation showing they anticipate that they will be on unpaid status for at least 24 hours.

Before a person can accept any donated leave, they must complete the required paperwork, have it processed, and receive notification that they are accepted as a recipient of the Leave Transfer Program. It can take two weeks to process the paperwork, so applicants should apply as soon as they realize the condition is expected to exhaust their leave.

Department of Commerce leave rules come straight from OPM. There are no agency specific rules. If you would like to learn more about the Leave Transfer Program, including a full list of participants, visit: http://www.wfm.noaa.gov/policies/leavedonor_info.html.

If you know of an NWSEO member in need of a medical leave donation and would like us to inform members on the NWSEO.org website, please have them contact NWSEO at mediarelations@nwseo.org.

NWSEO thanks you for your generosity and care!

For additional information, please visit:

http://hr.commerce.gov/Practitioners/CompensationAndLeave/DEV01_006149

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