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Department of Administration

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Office of Accounts and Control

TO: Payroll / Personnel Officers
All Departments and Agencies

DATE: January 28, 2011

FROM: Louise M. Anderson
Associate Controller

SUBJECT: **2010 W-2 CORRECTION REQUEST FORM (rev. 1/28/11)**
CPO 11-11

Attached please find the instructions for correcting a W-2. Please print out these instructions for review.

The blank W2 Correction form (W-2C Request Form-2010) is available in a downloadable excel format in the Forms section of the Controller's Office website in the Payroll Forms subsection.

Send your W-2 correction request form and backup information to:

Office of Accounts and Control
One Capitol Hill
4th Floor
Providence RI 02908
Attention: Malcolm Varadian / W-2 CORRECTION

Processed W-2 corrections will be sent to the agency from where they originated for distribution to the employee.

For questions regarding college generated W2's the issuing institution(s) should be contacted.

Please review the information provided and if you have any questions, contact Malcolm Varadian at 222-4997.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR REQUESTING A CORRECTED W-2

For security purposes, if an employee needs a corrected W-2 the payroll or personnel office where the employee works must request it. Any request for a W-2 correction that does not originate from a payroll or personnel office cannot be processed.

Therefore you must include on the W-2 correction request form the name of the person who prepared the form, the name of the agency, and a telephone number where you can be reached.

As in the past, attach to the correction request form a copy of the W-2 (or W-2's if more than one) issued to the employee for 2010. Please do not send in a W-2 correction request form without a copy of the originally issued W-2 attached.

Do not send a printout of year to date earnings data in place of the W2 because each has slightly different reporting information.

Lastly, please use the names and box numbers listed below if you need to correct dollar amounts for any of the following categories:

- Deferred Comp Box 12
- Tax Shelter Box 12
- NON-ERS Retirement Box 12
- ERS Retirement Box 14
- Flex Plan Box 14
- Fringe Benefits Box 14
- Imputed Income Box 14

Please continue on to the next page to see samples of the most common W2 errors and the easy solutions for correcting them.

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Instructions for Requesting a Corrected W-2 - Sample Errors and Solutions

Employee received one or more W-2's with a wrong Social Security Number but all of the wages were due and payable to the employee.

Solution: Prepare one request form with the following information:

Name of Employee
Employee Address/City/State/Zip
Payroll Account Number and Budget Object Code
Correct Social Security Number (Box A)
Incorrect Social Security Number (Box B)
DO NOT FILL IN ANY WAGE DATA

Employee received a W-2 with a wrong Name.

Solution: Prepare one request form with the following information:

Correct Name of Employee
Employee Address/City/State/Zip
Payroll Account Number and Budget Object Code
Social Security Number in Box A
Incorrect Name of Employee in Box C
DO NOT FILL IN ANY WAGE DATA

Employee received one W-2 with dollar amounts that are incorrect.

Solution: This situation will require you to send in a check change attached to the W-2 correction request. When you have prepared the check change documentation, prepare one W-2 correction request form with the following information:

Name of Employee
Employee Address/City/State/Zip
Payroll Account Number and Budget Object Code
Social Security Number (Box A)

For boxes 1 through 17, only make an entry in a box if you need to correct a dollar amount. Do not enter a dollar amount in any box that you do not need to correct. Therefore:

In the **PREVIOUSLY REPORTED** column of the request form, enter only the dollar amounts reported on the original W-2 that need correcting. Do not enter a dollar amount in any box that you are not correcting.

In the **CORRECT INFORMATION** column enter only the amounts that you are correcting. Do not enter a dollar amount in any box that you are not correcting.