



City of Milwaukee
Employees' Retirement System

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

As you may be aware, one of the requirements for the adoption of the recent 2% Milwaukee City sales tax is that the Employees' Retirement System of the City of Milwaukee (ERS) be closed to new hires. At this time, we anticipate that date to be December 31, 2023; employees hired on/after January 1, 2024 will need to be enrolled in the State's retirement system – the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS). The employer and employee contributions requirements as well as the retirement benefits will follow the rules for the WRS for these new employees.

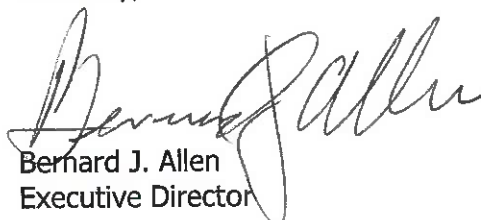
You should contact WRS to determine what steps you need to take to enroll your organization with them, and to determine requirements related to wage reporting, contribution payments, etc. You may find information at the following site to be useful:

<https://etf.wi.gov/employers/joining-etf-administered-benefit-programs>

Please note that you should continue to send a file feed to the ERS for your current employees (and those hired until December 31, 2023), since those employees will continue to be part of the ERS and accrue benefits through the system. Employer and employee contributions will also continue to be due the ERS for benefits accrued by the current ERS participants.

Important: The WRS has indicated an interest in having an introductory meeting. To that end, please advise us of your availability and number of participants so we can attempt to coordinate a meeting. Please contact Terry Siddiqui at terry.siddiqui@cmers.com or 414-286-3180 regarding this matter. **Please be advised that time is of the essence due to regulatory deadlines and actions you may have to undertake with your respective Boards.**

Sincerely,



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