ETF Names Two Division Administrators

MADISON, (Wis.) -- David Stella, Secretary of the Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF), announced the appointments of Matt Stohr to the position of Division of Retirement Services administrator and Lisa Ellinger to the position of Division of Insurance Services administrator.

“Lisa and Matt both have a strong understanding of ETF’s programs and the needs of those we serve,” said Stella. “I am excited about their appointments and feel their leadership skills will be an asset to not only ETF, but to the members of our programs, and state and local government employers.”

Ellinger will oversee the Department’s administration of health care, life, and disability benefits for nearly 240,000 state and local government employees in Wisconsin. She served in her prior role as deputy administrator in the Division of Insurance Services since January 2008. Ellinger has led the division since last fall.

Prior to joining ETF, Ellinger was the assistant director of the Wisconsin Health Project (WHP) from 2004-2007. She also served as a policy advisor and research assistant in the legislative and executive branches of state government.

Ellinger holds a Bachelor’s degree in Journalism and Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Master’s degree from the UW-Madison LaFollette School of Public Affairs.

As Retirement Services Division administrator, Stohr will lead the Department’s largest division with responsibilities for the administration of retirement benefits for more than 560,000 active and retired Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) members. These
Include: retirement system policy and implementation; member and employer outreach and customer services; and paying out more than $3.9 billion in benefit payments.

Stohr previously served as director of ETF’s Office of Communications and Legislation, where he was the Department’s liaison with the state Legislature, Governor’s office, Congress and many stakeholder groups. In addition, he handled media relations and was responsible for overseeing ETF’s strategic planning efforts, general communication efforts and ombuds functions. Prior to joining ETF in 2008, he worked for the Wisconsin Counties Association, where he represented counties on many issues.

Stohr holds a Bachelor’s degree in International Relations with an emphasis on Political Science and Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Stohr and Ellinger start their new duties April 11, 2011.

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