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OFFICE OF STATE CONTROLLER TO OFFER VIRTUAL CLASSROOM COURSES

RALEIGH – As part of its efforts to find more innovative and cost effective ways to serve its constituents, the North Carolina Office of the State Controller will begin offering virtual classroom sessions on select human resources and payroll courses. State employees who use the human resources and payroll system will be able to participate in virtual classes, starting in April, simply by having access to a phone line and a computer with an internet connection.

“These virtual classrooms will eliminate travel costs, as well as the time it takes employees to travel to OSC’s training facility,” said State Controller David McCoy. “We believe virtual classes are a strong alternative for those who cannot travel due to budget constraints.”

“Unlike webinars and other web-based training courses, OSC’s virtual classroom sessions are instructor-led and allow students to participate in hands-on exercises,” said McCoy. “Our virtual classes have been designed to be as interactive as our traditional courses.”

Course participants will be able to sign up for these virtual courses just like they currently sign up for traditional instructor-led courses. Feedback from those who participated in the pilot program has been extremely positive.

Although not every instructor led course is a candidate to be converted to a virtual course, McCoy explained that close to half of the traditional courses are being converted to virtual classes. He said that most of the longer courses that last between six and 16 hours will not be converted because they are not conducive to being taught in a virtual classroom environment.

McCoy said the OSC is making good progress stabilizing the human resources and payroll system by ensuring that employees are properly trained. “My number one goal when it comes to training is that employees learn how to operate the State’s HR/payroll system and apply what they’ve learned at their respective agencies,” said McCoy.

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