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On June 7, 2011 FFAS announced a Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA) for all employees in the mission area, PM-Notice 2807. VERA allows FFAS to temporarily lower the age and service requirements in order to increase the number of employees who are eligible for retirement. By offering these short term opportunities, FFAS can make it possible for employees to receive an immediate annuity years before they would otherwise be eligible.

In order to familiarize employees with VERA, FFAS HRD will host a series of informational webinars. This training will showcase the features of this authority and educate employees interested in Early Out Retirement; allowing employees to make informed decisions. Employees may submit their application for the VERA between June 13 and July 8, 2011.

Five sessions are scheduled to introduce VERA. Click on one of the links below to register for a "Live Meeting" session. AgLearn will send registrants a "Registration Notification" that will provide a link to the VERA Training.

[Live Meeting - Tuesday - June 14, 2011 - 2:00 pm EST](#)

[Live Meeting - Wednesday - June 15, 2011 - 10:00 am EST](#)

[Live Meeting - Wednesday - June 15, 2011 - 2:00 pm EST](#)

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[Live Meeting - Thursday - June 23, 2011 - 2:00 pm EST](#)

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2. Enter your user ID and password
3. Click the Catalog tab
4. On the left side of the page click on + next to AgLearn Original Courseware Structure
5. Locate and click on Farm Service Agency or Risk Management Agency or Foreign Agricultural Service
6. Locate Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA)
7. Select the date
8. Click Register
9. Click Confirm

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