# PENSIONGOLD® TEAMING CONFERENCE



2019





### Welcome

#### Welcome!

Thank you for attending the 2019 PensionGold® Teaming Conference. Join us as we take a pause to recognize and celebrate 40 successful years for LRS. While we might take a moment to honor our past, we haven't stopped preparing PensionGold and you, our customers, for a great future. If you attended last year's conference, you will notice this year our former construction zone is now a modern, state-of-the-art office complex. We are very excited to share it with all of you.

Our goal year after year is to make the Teaming Conference valuable for everyone, whether you are a regular, occasional, or new attendee and whether you have an older version of PensionGold or our newest version. That means providing you with the latest information on our software products, relevant technical developments, and other information pertinent to our customers. To learn what great topics we will present at this year's conference, check out the agenda on our mobile app (https://guidebook.com/g/2019pgtc; passphrase = pgold23) -- or locate the 2019 PensionGold Teaming Conference program book in PDF form at https://www.lrsretirementsolutions.com/Teaming-Conference-login (username = teaming; password = pgold23).

We are excited to have Patti Wood back as our guest speaker! If you attended our 2011 conference, you may recall her entertaining and informative presentation on "First Impressions". Called the "Gold Standard of Body Language Experts" by the *Washington Post*, Patti Wood is an international speaker, trainer, researcher, and author of nine books. She is recognized as a nonverbal communication and human behavior expert and interviewed by media outlets around the globe to render her opinion on the body language of celebrities and public figures. This year, Patti will share her expertise related to "Communication that Transforms".

Regarding this year's schedule, we decided to use a shortened schedule just as we have the last couple years (given that we received great feedback on this format). We've packed several sessions into  $2\frac{1}{2}$  days which allows us to wrap up the conference by Noon on Thursday while still providing you the same amount of content! We hope that wrapping up by mid-day Thursday will allow you to travel back home by Thursday evening, if needed. If you are in no hurry to leave, don't hesitate to stick around and enjoy some of our historic sites or local restaurants.

The opportunity for you to meet and interact with our team members face-to-face and chat with your peers is one of the key benefits of our conference. While you are here, please plan to join us for the evening events, which provide networking opportunities with your peers in a casual setting. On Tuesday evening, we have planned a special dinner at *Augie's Front Burner*, an upscale restaurant serving gourmet American fare in a colorful setting in downtown Springfield. On Wednesday night, you can kick back and relax at our reception at the *Ace Sign Company Museum!* Of course, we will be "partying like it's 1979" under a disco ball, maybe firing up a game of Trivial Pursuit, or just jamming to a Sony Walkman. Most certainly, we are looking forward to an all-around good time with great information to share!

As you mingle with our LRS Retirement Solutions team during the sessions, breaks and evening events, you will likely see many familiar faces and several new ones. We once again added several people to our team as we prepare for the next 40 years. Every member of our team is here to help you learn more about PensionGold! We encourage fresh ideas, enthusiasm, a new perspective, and a willingness to challenge the status quo -- all qualities needed to keep improving.

Every year, we look forward to seeing each of you at the conference and spending valuable time together. Don't hesitate to offer us your suggestions for improving the conference.

Thank you for choosing LRS, our PensionGold products, and for joining us at the 23rd PensionGold Teaming Conference!

Tom Chesser

"HONORING OUR PAST...PREPARING FOR YOUR FUTURE!"

### Featured Speaker

# **Patti Wood**Reach Out—Communication that Transforms



Called the "gold standard of body language experts" by the *Washington Post*, Patti Wood is an international speaker, trainer, researcher, and author of nine books, including *Snap: Making the Most of First Impressions, Body Language and Charisma*. She is recognized as a nonverbal communication and human behavior expert and interviewed by media outlets around the globe to render her opinion on the body language of celebrities and public figures. And this year Patti Wood will be speaking about body language and communication at the 23rd Annual PensionGold Teaming Conference.

When was the last time you had a conversation that affected you profoundly? What are you saying to people that can influence them in a positive way? Do you feel that people are paying attention to what you have to say?

In this motivational program, rich with stories, tears, and laughter, Patti Wood will explain ways to transform your communications to help you:

- establish meaningful rapport
- uncover commonalities that connect
- discover what makes each person unique
- learn methods to be more receptive and open to others

*Time Magazine* recognized her nonverbal communication course at FSU as one of the top college courses in the country. Her programs are described as dynamic, high-energy, powerful, and very funny. You will not want to miss out on Patti Wood's insightful presentation at the PensionGold Teaming Conference this year.

### **Customer Presenters**



**Amy Adams** is the Executive Director for The General Retirement System for Employees of Jefferson County, Alabama (GRS), which serves approximately 2,600 active members and 2,300 retired members. Prior to joining GRS as Executive Director in 2015,

Amy was a partner in a local public accounting firm which served as the auditor of record for GRS. GRS went live with PensionGold® January of 2018. Ms. Adams has a Bachelor of Science in Business and a Master of Accountancy from the University of Alabama. She is also a Certified Public Accountant.



**Rebekah Bardakos** joined the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System team in 2016 and is delighted to serve as the SBCERS Member Services Director, overseeing benefits for approximately 10,000 members and 11 Plan Sponsors.

She is a UC Santa Barbara graduate with a degree in Spanish and Latin American Iberian Studies and a certified Wiley DiSC Facilitator. Prior to joining SBCERS, she worked for 18 years at the Santa Barbara Superior Court, where she served as a Financial Analyst and implemented the Court payroll system as the Payroll Manager for 10 years. Rebekah is a founding member of the local chapter of the American Payroll Association, serving as its first president in 2007 and again in 2015. All things payroll and benefits are familiar and enjoyable territory for her. She feels privileged to serve retirees and take care of the people who spent their career taking care of the community.



**Scott Steventon** currently serves as the Acting Director of Retirement for the City of Phoenix Employees' Retirement System (COPERS). Prior to that, he served as the Deputy Director and Operations Manager. Scott is responsible for the effective and

efficient administration of retirement benefits for over 22,000 civilian and public safety employees and retirees, including an administrative and investment budget of over \$18 million and an investment portfolio of over \$2.5 billion. With over 23 years of government service, Scott spent 17 years with the Phoenix Police Department in a number of different positions, completing his time as a state and federal grants program manager. He also spent several years as a capital bond programs manager building cultural facilities for non-profit organizations that provide programs and services to residents and visitors to the Valley of the Sun. Scott holds a Bachelor of Science and Masters of Public Administration from Grand Canyon University.



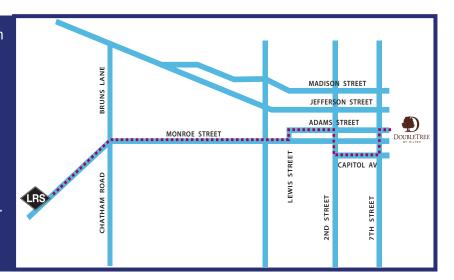
Julie West is the Communications Specialist for the Missouri Department of Transportation and Highway Patrol Employees' Retirement System (MPERS). She reports directly to the Assistant Executive

Director and is responsible for the development and implementation of digital media including, but not limited to, MPERS' website, social media platforms, publications, and multimedia educational content. Additionally, she serves as a backup Benefit Specialist as needed. Julie has nine years of experience with State of Missouri employee benefits, which began with the Missouri Department of Corrections. In 2018, she came to MPERS from Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan (MCHCP) where she was a Member Education Specialist for the western region of the state. During her time at MCHCP, she earned her Missouri Life and Health Insurance Producers License. Julie holds a Bachelor of Arts in communication arts from Hannibal-LaGrange University and a Masters of Arts in speech communication from the University of Central Missouri.

### **Maps & Shuttle**

#### **HOTEL TO LRS CAMPUS**

- 1. Go West on E. Adams toward S. 7th
- 2. Turn left at S. 7th St.
- 3. Turn right at E. Capitol Ave.
- 4. Turn right at S. 2nd St.
- 5. Turn left at E. Adams St.
- 6. Turn left at S. Lewis St.
- 7. Turn right at W. Monroe St.
- 8. LRS on right at 2401 W. Monroe St.
- 9. Park near Bldg. 6, and follow the sidewalk to Bldg. 5



#### **SHUTTLE SCHEDULE**

**TUESDAY 9/17:** DoubleTree - President Abraham Lincoln Hotel Departures 7:15 am and 7:45 am; Return to the hotel 15 and 45 minutes after last session.

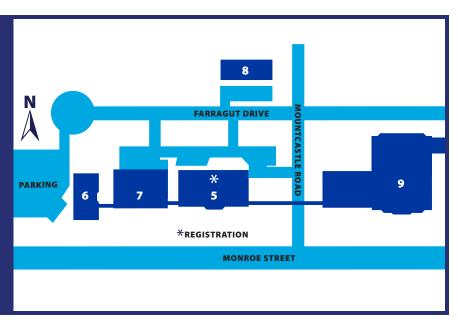
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#### **LRS CAMPUS**

#### **Parking at the LRS Campus**

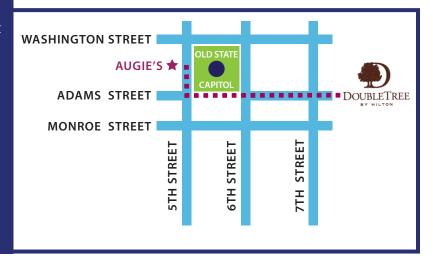
If you drive to the LRS campus versus taking our shuttle from the hotel, please park at 2451 W. Monroe Street (watch for our PensionGold Teaming Conference parking signs). This is the surface parking lot just outside of LRS Building 6. Note that conference registration and check-in is located in LRS Building 5 at 2401 W. Monroe Street (a short 3-minute walk from the parking lot).



# **Maps & Shuttle**

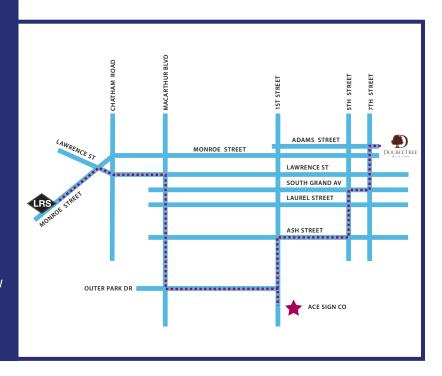
#### **TO AUGIE'S FRONT BURNER**

- Walking from DoubleTree President
   Abraham Lincoln Hotel, proceed
   WEST on Adams to 5th Street.
- 2. Cross 5th Street
- 3. Turn RIGHT and proceed NORTH on 5th Street
- 4. Augie's Front Burner is ahead on your LEFT.



#### **TO ACE SIGN COMPANY**

- From the DoubleTree President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, proceed SOUTH on 7th Street.
- 2. Follow 7th Street SOUTH to South Grand Ave
- 3. Turn RIGHT onto South Grand and follow to 5th Street
- 4. Turn LEFT onto 5th Street, and follow to Ash Street
- 5. Turn RIGHT onto Ash Street and follow to 1st Street
- 6. Turn LEFT onto 1st Street and follow to ACE Sign Company at 2540 S. 1st Street



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Lincoln Yellow Cab 217-523-4545

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#### **Breakfast, Lunches & Breaks**

Hunger and thirst can keep you from learning, so we want to take care of both. You are welcome to start your morning with a hot breakfast at the LRS Campus, in the Building 5 Atrium. Throughout the day you'll find snacks and beverages at locations near the sessions. Daily lunches will also be served in the Building 5 Atrium with seating in the Auditorium and the Atrium.

#### **Shuttles**

For those of you who need a way to get to the LRS Campus from the conference hotel, we provide a shuttle van that will run between the LRS Campus and the DoubleTree - President Abraham Lincoln Hotel. There are scheduled pickups and drop-offs in the mornings (see Pg. 4) and afternoons for each day of the conference. You can locate the shuttle outside the main entrance at the hotel and outside Buildings 5 and 6 on the LRS campus. Jump on the shuttle if you need a ride; seats are available on a first come, first served basis.

Give the shuttle drivers a call if you need to be picked up or dropped off at the hotel outside of the scheduled times.

#### **Internet Café**

For an easy way to stay informed of what's going on back at the office during your time at the PensionGold Teaming Conference, feel free to use the Internet Cafe located just outside the Auditorium in the Building 5 Atrium. The Internet Cafe offers access to the web for whatever you need, including printing your airline boarding pass. WiFi is also available in the LRS buildings; join the "LRSGuest" network - no password is required.

#### **Format**

The PensionGold Teaming Conference sessions consist of a variety of formats to help you gain information during your time here. Each day offers General Sessions and product specific sessions. You will also find hands-on labs, and you may attend 1-on-1 meetings, too. Feel free to attend any session you choose. Please keep in mind that seating capacity is limited in some sessions.

#### **Team Challenge**

During the 2019 PensionGold Teaming Conference, each conference attendee will be assigned to a team. The teams are in competition to win awards which will be presented at Thursday's Closing Session. Most of the activities related to the Team Challenge are focused on this year's theme: the 40th Anniversary of LRS / "Honoring our past ... Preparing for your future." Our goal is to create more opportunity for interaction between our attendees and have a little fun at the same time. It's a Teaming Conference tradition!

#### **TUESDAY • SEPTEMBER 17**

#### 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

### Registration Check-In and Breakfast at LRS

#### 8:30 AM - 10:10 AM

### Welcome and Introductions (Session 1)

Welcome to the 23rd Annual PensionGold Teaming Conference! We will include a roll-call introduction of customers this year and introduce some key members of the LRS Retirement Solutions group. Other topics to be covered include some of the latest happenings in the LRS Retirement Solutions group, along with future plans and direction. There will also be a brief overview of the conference agenda, highlighting our guest speaker, an overview of this year's conference theme, and details of this year's Team Challenge. Towards the end of the Welcome Session, attendees will break into small groups and get the chance to "put a name with a face" for the many Retirement Solutions Product Support team members as well as providing an opportunity to get acquainted with their fellow conference participants.

#### 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

# Product Update – Version 3 (Session 18)

Join the Product Research and Development team for a review of recent and planned development activities with PensionGold Version 3.

### Product Update - Version 2 (Session 13)

In this session, our Product Support team will review the recent development activities with PensionGold Version 2 and the status of where customers are at in taking the latest release. This session will include an overview of where we will be focusing our attention for future improvements and enhancements to the Version 2 product and Web Member Services.

### Product Update - Version 1 (Session 10)

In this session, our Product Support team will provide an overview of the recent development activities focused on technology changes that we continue to test in an effort to ensure that PensionGold Version 1 can continue to be supported as technology changes.

#### 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

#### Lunch

A buffet lunch will be served. Seating will be available in the Auditorium and Atrium area.

#### 12:15 PM – 12:35 PM

#### **Campus Tour (Session 9a)**

Sign up for a 20-minute walking tour of the LRS campus. This guided tour will allow attendees to see our latest building additions and will provide a brief overview of the other divisions within the company.

#### 12:45 PM - 2:00 PM

# "A Day in the Life - It's not just PensionGold" (Panel Discussion) (Session 2)

We realize using PensionGold to perform benefit calculations and process payroll is just part of what you do. This panel discussion will explore member communications/outreach as well as how customers measure the effectiveness of their various member communications strategies and specific processes. Topics range from maintaining consistent broadcast messages, use of social media and member portal, and programs and events, to response time for member questions and timely processing of a retirement benefit, disability, refund, etc.

#### 2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

# Retirement Solutions 101 (Session 3)

Are you a first-time attendee? Are you a new user of PensionGold software or maybe in the middle of an implementation project? If you answered yes to any of these questions or would like to explore the Who, What, Why, and How of the Retirement Solutions Product Support team, plan to attend this informative session.

# PensionGold Does That? — Version 3 (Session 19)

Have you ever wondered if you're getting all the value out of your PensionGold software? Often, we find there are features and functionality that are available in our products, but some of our customers don't realize they exist. This session will provide an overview of some of the most commonly unknown features and functionality available in the products. Come find out what you didn't know so you couldn't ask, tips for using the product, or even ways to be more efficient in your daily activities.

### PensionGold Does That? — Version 2 (Session 14)

Have you ever wondered if you are getting all the value out of your PensionGold software? Often, we find there are features and functionality that are available in our products, but some of our customers don't realize they exist. This session will provide an overview of some of the most commonly unknown features and functionality available in the products. Come to this session to find out what you didn't know so you couldn't ask, tips for using the product, or even ways to be more efficient in your daily activities.

## PensionGold Version 1 Product Lab (Session 11)

In this session, customers who may be novices at using their PensionGold Version 1 software will have the opportunity to get "hands on" with our Version 1 software, with the assistance of our Product Support team. They will help you understand how to get the most out of the product. They will also be able to share examples of "best practices" to follow when working with the PensionGold Version 1 software. If you are new to your retirement system or are not an accomplished PensionGold Version 1 user, you will find this session beneficial.

#### 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

# ActiveReports Server (ARS) — Ad Hoc Reporting — Version 3 (Session 24)

Are you curious about self-service reporting within PensionGold Version 3? Join us for a conversation on the state of business intelligence within PensionGold Version 3 and an in-depth demonstration of our Ad Hoc solution, ActiveReports Server (ARS). We'll show you just how easy it can be to empower your team with data. We will also take a sneak-peek at WynEnterprise, the next generation of ARS that brings exciting new possibilities to our Ad Hoc solution.

#### 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

# PensionGold Show and Tell – Version 3 (Session 21)

Over the past few years, our Product Research and Development team has released a significant amount of new and improved PensionGold Version 3 functionality. The product's core business functionality has also been expanded to support customer needs and improve customer service, productivity, and efficiency. Join us as we show and tell you how these changes can benefit your retirement system.

# Web Member Services Show and Tell – Version 2 (Session 15)

Over the past couple of years, our Version 2 team has developed several new security enhancements and functionality in Web Member Services (WMS). Examples include requiring a PIN (personal identification number) and reCAPTCHA validation during account creation, forcing occasional user password updates, storing Trusted Devices, and sending a Welcome to WMS letter to new users. In addition, administrative reports are now available that provide various statistics on WMS actions such as accounts created, logins, failed logins, password changes, password requests, and benefit estimates generated. Join us as we show and tell you how these changes can enhance your WMS application and security.

# PensionGold Version 1 Product Lab (continued)

Please refer to session description listed for 2:15 PM.

#### 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

# Teaming Conference Dinner – Augie's Front Burner, Springfield

Join your fellow attendees and the LRS Retirement Solutions team for cocktails and a sit-down dinner at Augie's Front Burner, an upscale restaurant serving American fare in a colorful setting. The evening will begin with cocktails and appetizers and follow with dinner at this establishment located in historic downtown Springfield.

Casual attire is appropriate. Spouses or significant others are welcome to attend.

#### **WEDNESDAY • SEPTEMBER 18**

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Breakfast at LRS

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

# Customer Product Suggestions – Version 3 (Session 22)

This session has been reserved to give conference attendees an opportunity to provide feedback regarding the PensionGold Version 3 product and services. This session will provide a forum for customers to present ideas, suggestions, or requests for product features and enhancements that may not already be planned for inclusion in a future release. Customers are encouraged to create their list of ideas and suggestions in advance and bring it with them to the session for discussion.

# Customer Product Suggestions – Version 2 (Session 16)

This session has been reserved to provide conference attendees an opportunity to provide feedback regarding the PensionGold Version 2 product and services. This session will also provide a forum for customers to present ideas, suggestions, or requests for product features and enhancements that may or may not already be planned for inclusion in a future PensionGold Version 2 base release.

### Customer Product Suggestions – Version 1 (Session 12)

In this session, the Version 1 Product Support team will solicit suggestions from the customers on what features they would like to see added to the Version 1 product. Many enhancements have been made to the other product versions that might be of interest to existing Version 1 customers. Customers are encouraged to create their list of ideas and suggestions and bring it with them to the conference for discussion with the Version 1 Product Support team.

#### 9:50 AM - 11:45 AM

### Guest Speaker – Patti Wood (Session 4)

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#### 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM

#### Lunch

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# **12:15 PM – 12:35 PM**Campus Tour (Session 9b)

Sign up for a 20-minute walking tour of the LRS campus. This guided tour will allow attendees to see our latest building additions and will provide a brief overview of the other divisions within the company.

#### 12:45 PM - 3:00 PM

#### **Roundtable Discussions (Session 5)**

Attendees will have an opportunity to join several tables during this 2+ hour session. At each table, they will have the opportunity to participate in interactive discussions on a variety of topics with their peers and members of the Retirement Solutions team. A sample list of topics includes BCP/Disaster Recovery, Server (database) Upgrade Strategies, Vulnerability Scanning, Imaging/Barcoding/Scanning, Safeguarding PII, Member Servicing, and Data Visualization.

#### 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

### PensionGold Product Lab (Session 23)

Are you curious about enhancements to the PensionGold products? Are you a Version 1 or Version 2 customer and want to learn more about Version 3? This is your chance to get hands-on experience. Workstations have been set up so you can get a first-hand view of the new functionality. Take some time to explore PensionGold Version 2 or PensionGold Version 3. We will have members of our Product Research and Development team and our Product Support team on hand and available to assist you and answer your questions. If you have questions or need help learning about any PensionGold features, use the lab time to explore the product with your favorite Retirement Solutions staff member.

#### 3:15 PM - 3:35 PM

#### **Campus Tour (Session 9c)**

Sign up for a 20-minute walking tour of the LRS campus. This guided tour will allow attendees to see our latest building additions and will provide a brief overview of the other divisions within the company.

#### 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

#### 1-on-1 Meetings (Session 25)

Attend pre-scheduled meetings with Management, your Product Support team, the Product Research and Development team, and/or our Infrastructure team. Many attendees find these individual meetings beneficial as they get to know the Retirement Solutions Team, plan for future projects, troubleshoot existing issues, or get hands-on with new product features and releases.

### 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (Shuttle departs hotel: 5:45 and 6:00)

# Teaming Conference Reception – Ace Sign Company Museum

Join your fellow attendees and the LRS Retirement Solutions team for a fun and relaxing time as you build relationships with your industry peers and Retirement Solutions team members at the Ace Sign Company Museum, a historic attraction displaying over 85 vintage signs from Springfield and Route 66. You'll be able to "Get your kicks on Route 66" — while enjoying great food and cold beverages — and can even take part in an optional tour of the sign production facility.

Casual attire is appropriate. Spouses or significant others are welcome to attend at no additional cost.

# **Schedule**

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

ROOM	ROOM SIZE	8:30-10:10	10:30-11:30	11:30-12:45	12:45-2:00	2:15-3:15	3:30-4:30	6:00-9:00
Building 9 Classroom 307 (Access via Building 5)	84	#1 Welcome Session						
Building 6 Classroom 1 (LAB)	14					#3 Retirement Solutions 101	#24 ActiveReports Server (ARS)- Ad Hoc Reporting	
Building 6 Classroom 5 (LAB)	9		#10 Product Update			#11 Product Lab		
Building 6 Classroom 7	35					#19 PensionGold Does That?		ence Dinner t Burner
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Building 5 Atrium				Lunch				
Building 5 Auditorium	46+		#18 Product Update		#2 "A Day in the Life - It's not just PensionGold" (Panel Discussion)		#21 PensionGold Show & Tell	

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- VERSION 2 & ADV
- VERSION 3
- V1, V2, ADV, V3
- **GENERAL SESSIONS**
- **MEALS**

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Building 9 Classroom 307 (Access via Building 5)	84		#4 Patti Wood (Guest Speaker)				
Building 6 Classroom 1 (LAB)	14					#23 Product Lab	
Building 6 Classroom 5 (LAB)	9	#12 Product Suggestions Roundtable					n
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Building 5 Registration Desk				12:15 • #9B Campus Tour		3:15 • #9C Campus Tour	Tean
Building 5 Atrium				- Lunch			
Building 5 Auditorium	46+	#22 Product Suggestions Roundtable		Luiicii	#5 Roundtable Discussions	#25 1-on-1 Meetings	

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### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

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Building 9 Classroom 307 (Access via Building 5)	84					
Building 6 Classroom 1 (LAB)	14		#20 Template Editor			
Building 6 Classroom 5 (LAB)	9					
Building 6 Classroom 7	35		#7 Microsoft Excel Tips & Tricks			
Building 6 Classroom 8	35		#8 Foundations for Security			
Building 5 Registration Desk						
Building 5 Atrium					Box Lunches Available	
Building 5 Auditorium	46+	#6 Customer Led Session		#26 Closing Session	(ordered in advance)	

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#### **THURSDAY • SEPTEMBER 19**

#### 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Breakfast at LRS

#### 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

### PensionGold Customer Led Session (Session 6)

This session has been reserved for our attendees to use for open general discussion. Topics can range from industry information and legal trends to general technology items, etc. Generally, one or two customer attendees are selected prior to the conference to host and lead this popular session.

#### 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

#### Foundations for Security (Session 8)

Within Information Technology, security threats are ever present. This session will present a framework to build a core foundation for a secure environment, including a "Top 10" list of key areas. It will conclude with a discussion and checklist that outlines steps to ensure proper security measures are in place.

### Microsoft Excel Tips and Tricks (Session 7)

Increasingly, large amounts of data from PensionGold are being imported into Excel on a regular basis. This session will demonstrate several powerful timesaving shortcuts to work with this data efficiently and accurately.

### Template Editor — Version 3 (Session 20)

Are you new to working with correspondence templates in PensionGold Version 3? Or, do you simply need a refresher? This session will get you up to speed on using the Template Editor and its newest features.

#### 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

#### Closing Session(Session 26)

We will wrap up our 23rd PensionGold Teaming Conference with a final session, before Noon on Thursday. During this session, we will summarize our thoughts and views on this year's conference and collect feedback from the attendees on how to improve the PensionGold Teaming Conference in future years. In addition, we will collect the overall conference evaluation surveys. We will also announce the winners of the Team Challenge and award prizes to those in attendance.

#### 11:45 AM – 12:30 PM Box Lunches Available

Pre-ordered box lunches will be available. Seating will be available in the Auditorium and the Atrium area.

**Steven Barnes** is a Senior Product Support
Developer on the Product Support team. He
provides technical support and solutions for several
PensionGold Version 2 customers, including but not
limited to New Hampshire Retirement System, Alameda
County Employees' Retirement Association, and Shelby
County Retirement System. Steven began work with
LRS as a consultant in March 1997 and transferred to
LRS Retirement Solutions in April 2006.

Robert Blythe is a Senior Product Support
Developer in Product Support responsible for the dayto-day support and customization requests for three
PensionGold Version 1 customers. He is also involved
in Version 2 support both as a developer and analyst.
He has been with LRS since 1998 and also supports
the funds that continue to use the "great-grandfather"
of PensionGold, a pension administration product
called PensionPlus® which is designed for downstate
Illinois police and fire pension funds. Prior to joining
Retirement Solutions, Bob worked for Dobson Pipe
Organ Builders of Iowa, Memorial Health System of
Illinois, and Bank One.

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