DATE: July 7, 2022

TO: Heads of State Agencies and Human Resources Directors

SUBJECT: SCS HR Foundations Training Program

Louisiana State Civil Service is excited to announce the release of its new Human Resources Foundations Training Program. This program was created with the needs of new state HR Professionals in mind. The program will provide them with the knowledge and skills they need to successfully perform their jobs while also adhering to SCS Rules. Participants will learn about the background and purpose of SCS as well as their role in ensuring that state government employs a competent workforce based on merit system principles.

The program is broken into two groups: SCS Basics and State HR Essentials. The courses in SCS Basics must be taken first and in succession, however, after that, the learner can take the courses in any order they choose. We’ve provided additional courses, that while not essential, are useful resources for HR Professionals.

With a few exceptions, all courses are web-based. This decision was made with two thoughts in mind. First, it allows the learner to take the courses at their convenience from their desk, which limits the amount of time the learner will be away from the job. Second, web-based courses can serve as a just-in-time learning solution that learners can access to help them through certain tasks.

Learners can access courses in two ways: by subscribing to the program or by accessing courses individually. Subscribing to a program has many benefits including the ability to set a deadline for program completion and track completion of the program. Subscribing also ensures that the employee can see all the training courses on their “My Training” page in LEO. Agency Training Coordinators are able to subscribe people in LEO by clicking the “subscribe to course program” option and then selecting the “CPTP SCS HR Foundations” program.

While the program is not required, SCS highly encourages new HR Professionals to complete the program as they will find the content useful. The program provides both the foundation and the framework within which the state’s HR Professionals operate.
The new program and its courses are listed below and can be found in LEO.

SCS BASICS
- SCS Foundations WBT
- Navigating the HR Handbook WBT
- LA Careers Introduction WBT
- SCS Entry Guidelines WBT

STATE HR ESSENTIALS
- The Position Description WBT
- Pay Mechanisms WBT
- Filling Vacancies WBT
- Appointments WBT
- The Classification Plan WBT
- Disciplinary Actions ILT
- LASERS Agency Training ILT
- LA Careers Virtual
- SCS Entry Guidelines/ Reporting ILT

RESOURCE COURSES
- Navigating the HR Info Portal WBT
- Interviewing WBT
- SCS Preparing for a Compliance Audit WBT

If you have questions regarding the new HR Program, please contact the Talent Development Division at SCS at (225) 342-8539.

Sincerely,

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