



***Retirement and Insurance Service
Benefits Administration Letter***

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**Subject: Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP):
Who's the Competition??**

You haven't heard from us since BAL 01-903 on May 15, 2001. That's because we've been busy writing our request for proposals (RFP) to the insurance industry, issuing the RFP, reviewing responses, talking to insurance companies and evaluating best and final proposals. We hope to sign a contract next month. But of course none of this is news to you because you're all faithfully following our website at www.opm.gov/insure/ltc, right?

We know that several agencies sponsor long term care insurance programs through their employee organizations, unions, recreation associations, etc. We're trying to get a handle on such programs so we're prepared to present the FLTCIP appropriately compared to these other plans. We need your help. **If there is a long term care insurance plan that is presented to your fellow employees in some agency-related context, please email us at ltc@opm.gov with the plan's name, point of contact, and the insurance company underwriting the plan.**

Finally, we'd like to catch up on a few items with the agency Implementation Coordinators:

1. In the next few weeks, we'll be adding your name to our LTCInfo automated listserv if you aren't already on it. This will be our primary means of communicating with you. So if you haven't received a Welcome message from the listserv yet, you will soon.
2. Thanks to those of you who answered Ms. Laura Lawrence's September 18th email about your agency email and website capabilities. If you didn't answer yet, please do so. Call Laura at 202-606-1433 or email her at ljlawren@opm.gov if you need more information. Your answers will help us plan an effective and efficient roll-out strategy for the FLTCIP.

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