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The Thrift Savings Plan is a tax-deferred, defined contribution plan that was established as one of the three parts of the Federal Employees' Retirement System. For employees covered under

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The Board operates the Thrift Savings Plan and manages the investments of the

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