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Social Security's Online *Retirement Estimator* Available in Spanish at www.segurosocial.gov

Legendary TV Host Don Francisco Says Using the *Estimator* is "So Easy!"

Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, announced that the agency's most popular online service – the *Retirement Estimator* – is now available in Spanish at www.segurosocial.gov/calculador. The *Retirement Estimator* uses a person's own Social Security earnings record to provide immediate and personalized benefit estimates. To publicize the website and the new Spanish-language service, Social Security has enlisted the help of the widely popular and well-respected host of *Sabado Gigante*, Don Francisco.

"The Spanish-language *Retirement Estimator* and the other information available on www.segurosocial.gov will help us provide a broader audience with important information they need to plan for a secure retirement," Commissioner Astrue said. "I thank Don Francisco for volunteering his services to help us get the word out to the Spanish-speaking community." You can see Don Francisco's Public Service Announcement by visiting www.segurosocial.gov/calculador.

"I ask my many friends to go to www.segurosocial.gov, not only for themselves but also to help their loved ones," said Don Francisco. "There is a lot of great information there. Estimating your benefits and learning about Social Security online in Spanish is so easy."

The *Retirement Estimator* is interactive and allows the user to compare different retirement options by changing retirement dates or expected future earnings. It protects the user's personal information by providing only retirement benefit estimates -- it does not show the earnings information used to calculate the benefit estimate, nor does it reveal other identifying information. Almost four million people have used Social Security's English-language *Retirement Estimator* this year.

"The *Retirement Estimator* is the first of our online services available in Spanish," said Commissioner Astrue. "But we are not stopping there. We are working to make our online retirement application and Medicare *Extra Help* application available in Spanish next year. Until then, visit www.segurosocial.gov to estimate your benefits and learn more about Social Security."

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