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In the August 2009 Employer Update:

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1) Employer Announcement #53: Police and Fire Units Program.

Employer Announcement #53 briefly describes the Police and Fire Units program and who is eligible to participate in the Police and Fire Units Program. Beginning program participation, establishing a Police and Fire Unit account, termination of participation in the program and other important points are outlined. This employer announcement is available on the PERS Employer website, www.oregon.pers/emp/index.shtml, under the Employer Announcements heading.

2) 2009 Annual Employer Satisfaction Survey.

The 2009 Annual Employer Satisfaction Survey is now available. Your employer input is essential in keeping delivery of PERS services timely and accurate as possible, so please take a few minutes to complete the survey. The survey is available through this link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=czUgOaP92E2owPUyg8F0QQ_3d_3d_ and through the PERS employer website as the Employer Satisfaction Survey (7/31/09) link under the Employer News heading and will be available through the month of August 2009.

3) EDX Release 5.0 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

EDX Release 5.0 was operational effective Monday, 15 June 09. Frequently asked (and answered) questions about the new release are available through the FAQs about EDX Release 5.0 (7/21/09) link, under the FAQs heading on the PERS employer website.

4) Actuarial Equivalence Factors (AEFs) and the Assumed Earnings Rate.

Decisions on these topics, made at the 16 July 09 PERS Board meeting, are available though the Mortality Assumption Changes (7/17/09) link and the Assumed Rate Update (7/16/09) link on the PERS member website, www.oregon.gov/pers/index.shtml

5) Active member Perspectives now available online.

The active member Perspectives is now available though this link:

http://www.oregon.gov/PERS/MEM/docs/perspectives/2009/08012009 active.pdf

or through the Forms/Publications link the category Publications link, on the PERS member website.

6) Recently adopted Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs).

The following Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) were adopted at the 16 July 09 PERS Board meeting and became effective on 21 July 09:

459-005-0055: Actuarial Equivalency Factors.

459-005-0060: Standards for Adoption of New Actuarial Equivalency Factors.

459-005-0250: Recovery of Administrative Costs.

459-075-0060: Vesting in the OPSRP Pension Program.

459-080-0060: Vesting in an IAP Employer Account.

459-075-0300: Re-employment of a Retired Member of the OPSRP Pension Program. 459-080-0300: Receipt of Payments by a Re-employed Member of the IAP.

Further information on these rules are available through the PERS Employer web page www.oregon.gov/pers/emp.index.shtml through the About Us link, then the Recently-Adopted Rules link under the Administrative Rules heading.

7) Fall 09 Employer Outreach: What would you like to see?

Were in the conceptualization stage for the Fall 09 Employer Outreach presentations, and would like your input, as employers, for presentation content. We realize that your time is valuable, and we want time devoted to outreach presentations used as efficiently as possible. Please e-mail Outreach Presentation content suggestions to:

pers-employer.info.services@state.or.us by Monday, 17 August 09.

Best regards,

PERS Employer OCE Team

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