Subject: PERS: August 2011 Employer monthly update.

Dear PERS employer:

In this update:

- 1) August MACR processing 'tip'.
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- A) Employer Announcement # 68: Retirement Data Verification
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Make sure that you've submitted regular reports for all reporting periods thus far in 2011. If you've combined two Regular reports into one for any reporting period in 2011, or discover a report missing, please contact your ESC account representative.

2) Recently posted Employer Announcements.

Here are the most recently posted Employer Announcements (found on the PERS employer website, www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml under the "Employer Announcements" heading):

- A) <u>Employer Announcement #68</u>: Retirement Data Verification (7/19/11). July 1, 2011 marked the date age-eligible members could begin submitting retirement data verification requests. This announcement describes the steps in the verification process, operational rules for the process, processing time frames for completion of requests and EDX resources available to employers for use in the verification of retirement data.
- B) Employer Announcement #69: Reporting Domestic Partner Medical Premiums (7/22/11). This announcement provides background information about this subject salary type, as well as tools and information to complete retroactive reporting by the October 1, 2011 reporting deadline. An FAQ on this subject titled Domestic Partner Medical Premiums (2/11/10) is available on the PERS employer website under the FAQ heading. A statement on determination of those considered domestic partners and for whom this salary type is considered subject is part of the FAQ information.

3) 2011 Employer Customer Satisfaction Survey.

The 2011 Employer Customer Satisfaction Survey is now available through the "Survey: Employer Customer Service (8/1/11)" link in the "Employer News" area of the PERS employer website, or through this link: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/76DG5KM
The survey will remain available through Wednesday, August 31, 2011, so please take a

few minutes to complete the survey. Your comments are important as we take steps to improve employer communication and expanding employer EDX training activities.

4) Active edition of the August 2011 Perspectives newsletter.

The active edition of the August 1, 2011 Perspectives newsletter is posted at: http://www.oregon.gov/PERS/MEM/docs/perspectives/2011/8-1-11_active.pdf

Best regards...

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