Employers, if the new GASB accounting standards have you questioning the value of OPERS for you and your employees, think again...

OPERS is good for public employers because our tradition of providing a secure retirement helps you attract and retain great employees. Take a look...

**2012 OPERS payments**
- $4.2 billion pension payments
- $1.6 billion retiree health care payments

OPERS reduces investment risk by investing in different areas:
- Cash and Short-Term Investments
- Derivatives and Hedge Funds
- Fixed Income
- Domestic Equities
- International Equities
- Private Equities
- Real Estate

Almost 2/3 of pension payments come from OPERS investment returns:

OPERS asset base:

Established in 1935, OPERS has managed contributions and earned investment income, through recession and opportunity, providing secure retirements.

OPERS has more than 1 million members; Ohio has 11.5 million residents=1 in 12 Ohio residents are OPERS members. For every dollar paid by public employers, the Ohio economy had a $3.49 return on that investment.

OPERS members are (or provide):
- judges
- 911 operators
- public transportation
- bridge repairs
- non-teaching university/college employees (coaches, administrators)
- public health providers
- legislators
- street maintenance
- airport operations
- librarians

Looking ahead: Retirees will need

Experts suggest retirees will need at least 70% of pre-retirement income to maintain their lifestyle—but that figure can change due to retirement plans (travel, education) and expenses.

other retirement offerings (IRAs, Social Security, if applicable)