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The Bounceback focus groups are designed to solicit your input, opinions and suggestions.

Voluntary focus groups scheduled

Who should read this notice

Any individual who will be attending an Employer Outreach sponsored training in 2007

Situation Overview

Employer Reporting is constantly seeking new and innovative ways to ensure the communications flow between employers and OPERS is two-way communication. To this end, starting with the first quarter of 2007, voluntary focus groups—called *Bounceback*—have been added at the end of selected Employer Outreach sponsored training seminars.

Bounceback sessions are scheduled to last about 15-30 minutes. Attendance is completely voluntary. Topics will be published in advance, so you'll know if the topics selected for each *Bounceback* session are of interest to you. Employers who register for seminars via the OPERS Web site will be provided with an option to let us know in advance if you're interested in attending one of the sessions.

As in the past, when you sign up for an Employer Outreach training session, you'll receive a confirmation letter. If the seminar for which you've signed up has a *Bounceback* session slated, you'll receive an insert with your letter that lists the *Bounceback* topics for that session.

The insert will look like this:

Opportunity for Feedback

After this training, Employer Outreach is hosting a voluntary ***Bounceback*** focus group

We're asking for an additional 20 minutes of your time to give us your opinions, thoughts and suggestions on the topics selected for First Quarter 2007:

Topic: **Online Forms**



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As with any focus group, we want to hear your opinions, thoughts and suggestions. Let's face it, employers usually have great ideas and frequently can steer us on the right path for process improvements. We hope you'll choose to attend a *Bounceback* session after an OPERS employer training as soon as possible.

What you need to do

Simply review the topic notification insert when you receive one. Plan to attend if your time and interest permits.

Why this is important

Your input is extremely important to us. In the past, employer suggestions have helped make a variety of projects more viable. We hope to capture your opinions and suggestions in a consistent format with this program so that, together, public employers and OPERS can continue to work as partners.

Who to contact for more information

After you review this *Employer Notice*, contact your Employer Outreach representative with questions at 1-888-400-0965 or via the Internet at employeroutreach@opers.org.

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