Recorded Seminar available for Online Personal History Record submission process

Who should read this notice
Finance directors, human resources professionals, and those responsible for completion of paperwork for newly hired employees

Situation overview
In addition to the live Web-based Personal History Record (PHR or Form A) Demonstrations scheduled throughout February and March 2010, Employer Outreach has posted a recorded version of this demonstration on the OPERS Web site. The recorded version is being made available for those employers who might not be able to participate in one of the live Web-based demonstrations, or would just like the option to review the online PHR submission process demonstration at their leisure.

As previously announced, ECS-reporting employers will be required to submit all PHRs through the Online Forms section of ECS beginning March 31, 2010.

Both the live and the recorded versions of the PHR Demonstration will cover the same topics, including:

- Submitting a PHR using the Data Entry method
- Submitting a PHR using the File Transfer method
- Reviewing previously submitted PHRs
- What happens after OPERS receives an online PHR

What employers need to do
The recorded version of the PHR Demonstration can be accessed at any time from the employer seminars page of the OPERS Web site. Clicking the link will launch the video, which can be viewed in its entirety, or can be paused and restarted as needed. The recorded version is approximately 15 minutes in length.

Don’t forget - live Web-based demonstrations are still available throughout February and March 2010, but registration is required. To register:

- Access the OPERS Web site at www.opers.org
- Select the Employer section, then
- Click on Seminars

Why this is important
Electronic processing of forms is a time-saving, cost efficient step for employers. In addition, electronic completion of forms:

- Provides enhanced security for confidential data,
- Is environmentally friendly,
- Gives employers immediate submission and verification capability, and
- Provides for instant and long-term archiving.
Changes to the Employer Manual
Page 2.2 has been updated to reflect the requirement for ECS reporting employers and can be found under the Employer Manual section of the OPERS Web site.

Who to contact for more information
After reviewing this Employer Notice, contact Employer Outreach with questions at 1-888-400-0965, or by email at employeroutreach@opers.org.

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