

EMPLOYER Notice

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System • 277 East Town Street • Columbus, Ohio 43215

Sample Letter to GASB

Who should read this notice

Finance Directors and individuals responsible for preparing the organization's annual financial statements

Situation overview

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has recently issued two exposure drafts concerning Pension Accounting and Financial Reporting, which will have a **significant impact** on OPERS' participating employers.

- Financial Reporting for Pension Plans (amending GASB Statement 25) details proposed standards for the financial statements of pension plans such as OPERS, and
- Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions (amending GASB Statement 27) details proposed standards that will apply to OPERS-covered employers that provide pension benefits through plans such as OPERS.

What employers need to do

- Considering sending feedback to GASB. Attached is a sample letter, however GASB is interested in hearing about your specific concerns and how these changes will affect your financial reporting.
- Provide comments directly to the GASB by email or regular mail prior to the October 14, 2011 deadline, to: director@gasb.org, or

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Project No. E-34
Governmental Accounting Standards Board
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Why this is important

This will likely be the last opportunity to review the proposed changes and provide feedback directly to the GASB, so all OPERS employers should consider providing comments prior to the October 14, 2011 deadline.

Whom to contact for more information

After reviewing this *Employer Notice*, contact Employer Outreach with questions at 888-400-0965, or by e-mail at employeroutreach@opers.org.

For a current listing of OPERS Board members, please visit www.opers.org.

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Note:

Please visit <http://www.gasb.org> to read the exposure drafts in detail.

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