Non-teaching college/university representative to OPERS and Deferred Compensation Boards of Trustees is vacant – applicants encouraged

Who should read this notice
All OPERS-reported employees of college and university employers

Situation overview
The non-teaching college/university representative position to the OPERS and Deferred Compensation Boards of Trustees is now open due to the resignation of Kimberly Russell, an individual who served the position well and honorably for many years. Her resignation of the position has left a vacancy that, by Ohio law, will be filled by an individual selected by the remaining members of the Boards of Trustees.

The individual selected must:
- Be an OPERS member, currently employed by a state college or university in Ohio (beneficiary recipients, those currently contributing to an ARP, and disability recipients are not eligible),
- Anticipate spending approximately 40-50 working days each year on OPERS and Deferred Compensation-related business, excluding preparation time (complete job description is available),
- Be able to attend monthly board meetings (part of the 40-50 hours), and
- Agree to serve for the completion of this term that extends until December 31, 2014.

Actions requested from college/university employers
OPERS-reporting college/university employers are requested:
- To post this information in prominent places,
- To reinforce the information in all communication vehicles available, and
- To encourage interested, qualified employees to run for the position.

Actions necessary for potential candidates
- You are strongly encouraged to review the OPERS and Deferred Compensation Boards of Trustees job description especially prepared for Board of Trustees candidates. The document is available via the OPERS Web site, www.opers.org.
- After careful review, interested non-teaching college/university employees who are not receiving a benefit from OPERS and are not currently contributing to an ARP should submit their names for consideration to OPERS, Attention Julie Becker, OPERS General Counsel, at the address above, on or before 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 1, 2013. This date means in-hand, not postmarked date, meaning that the application/materials must be in the hands of OPERS by the above deadline.
Potential candidates should include:

- A letter of intent, acknowledging understanding of the duties and time involved; and
- A current resume.

Why this is important

The OPERS Board of Trustees is entrusted with the oversight of all OPERS activities, which will help determine the financial futures of some 350,000 members. As indicated by the recent passage of Senate Bill 343 all pension systems are facing significant challenges. The decisions the Board of Trustees make will have a profound impact on public employees in the future.

The Deferred Compensation Board is the governing body for the Supplemental Retirement Savings Program and is responsible for the oversight of the administration and management of the Deferred Compensation’s approximately 200,000 accounts.

Whom to contact for more information

After you review this Employer Notice, contact OPERS, Attention Julie Becker, OPERS General Counsel with questions at the above address or (614)-222-0050, or www.opers.org to obtain the documents specifically addressed.

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

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