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Circular Letter

To: All CalPERS Employers

Subject: 2008 CalPERS Retirement Fairs

We are very pleased to announce that once again CalPERS will be hosting retirement planning fairs around the state for your employees and retirees. This year, we are hosting 23 retirement fairs at 20 cities over the next six months so that your employees have more opportunities to participate. We have also added more Saturday events this year.

The 2008 CalPERS Retirement Planning Fairs began April 29 in Oakland and end with our November 1 event in Norwalk. For the fair nearest you, please see the remaining fair schedule at the end of this Circular Letter.

CalPERS members (your employees) who attend the fairs will receive information on CalPERS benefits, programs, and services to help them plan for a financially secure retirement. Retirees receive information about how to better manage their retirement assets. Each fair will feature more than a dozen information booths with representatives from:

- CalPERS Regional Offices
- CalPERS Retirement Benefit Estimates
- CalPERS Service Credit
- CalPERS Health Benefits Program
- CalPERS Long-Term Care Program
- CalPERS Member Home Loan Program
- CalPERS 457 Deferred Compensation Plan and Supplemental Income Plans
- ScholarShare
- Social Security Administration
- State Savings Plus Program
- State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS)
- Various public employee and public retiree organizations

In addition, each fair will feature regularly scheduled workshops on topics such as:

- CalPERS benefit basics
- Retirement service credit
- Social Security
- CalPERS supplemental income plans
- CalPERS online services
- CalPERS member home loans
- CalPERS health benefits
- State Savings Plus Program

Workshop seating is limited, but fair attendees can pre-register on a first-come-first-served basis.

We believe early planning can make a big difference in a worker's future retirement security. Therefore, we encourage you to help us publicize the retirement fairs and provide scheduling flexibility so that your employees can attend.

You should have already received a package of posters and flyers to promote the fairs. Please hang the posters and flyers in areas of the workplace where your employees will see them. We also encourage you to make copies of the flyer for distribution to your employees.

The schedule for the 18 remaining 2008 CalPERS Retirement Planning Fairs is as follows:

May 22, Thursday Bakersfield University Square, 2000 K Street 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

June 5, Thursday El Centro Imperial County Office of Education, 1398 Sperber Road 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

June 7, Saturday Ontario Ontario Convention Center, 2000 E. Convention Center Way 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

July 16, Wednesday Orange Hilton Suites Anaheim, 400 North State College Blvd. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. July 18, Friday Monterey Monterey Conference Center, One Portola Plaza 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

August 8, Friday Stockton San Joaquin Delta College, 5151 Pacific Avenue 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

August 15, Friday Chico Chico Area Recreation and Park District,

545 Vallombrosa Avenue 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

August 22, Friday Sacramento Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J Street 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

California Public Employees' Retirement System www.calpers.ca.gov August 23, Saturday Sacramento Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J Street 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

September 4, Thursday San Marcos North County Regional Education Center, 255 Pico Avenue 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

September 5, Friday Riverside Riverside County Office of Education, 3958 12th Street 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

September 18, Thursday Fresno Radisson Hotel (downtown) 2233 Ventura Street 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

September 25, Thursday Los Angeles

CalTrans Building-Los Angeles, 100 South Main Street 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. October 18, Saturday Palm Desert Ronald Reagan Elementary School, 39800 Liberty Drive 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

October 21, Tuesday

Eureka Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center, 921 Waterfront Drive 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

October 22, Wednesday Arcata

Humboldt State University, 1 Harpst Street 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

October 25, Saturday

Palmdale Antelope Valley Regional Occupational Program Office, 1156 E Avenue S. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

November 1, Saturday Norwalk

John Glenn High School, 13520 Shoemaker Avenue 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

You and your employees can find more detailed information about the 2008 CalPERS Retirement Planning Fairs – including maps, driving directions, and workshop schedules for all events – on the CalPERS Web site at <u>www.calpers.ca.gov</u>. Encourage your employees to pre-register for a Retirement Planning Fair event at the CalPERS Education Center in the my|CalPERS section of the site.

We look forward to seeing you and your employees at a CalPERS Retirement Planning Fair!

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