

The State Social Security Administrator & Alaska

Division of Retirement and Benefits

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Why is the State Involved in Social Security?

- 1951: Old reporting and polysub contracts.
- April 1, 1986: Medicare started.
- January 1, 1987: Direct reporting stopped and closed out state files (boxes & boxes).
- 1991: Letter to State, re: Federal Mandate for position.
- July 2, 1991: Mandatory coverage (SSA default).



Problems

- How would we fund the Federal activity
 - AS 39.30?
- Who would do the job?
- What was the job?



Discovery

Information available-Pieces of the puzzle:

- Past state SSA Staff
- Close-out Papers
- Contracts (state / employer)
- Administrator's Handbook
- NCSSSA Communication
- Federal Contacts – (SSA-Seattle)



The Job – What Next?

The State, what do we do?

- Serve as a bridge;
 - Administer and maintain;
 - Negotiate new agreements/resolutions;
 - Report dissolutions, name changes, new entities;
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- Resolve taxation issues;
- Advise, discover answers, provide general information;
- Clarify legislation, state and federal laws;
- Perform and certify voting.



- NCSSSA – National Organization (1952)
 - Conference
 - State Administrators
 - Social Security Regional Staff
 - GAO - US Government Accountability Office
 - SSA Office of General Council



• IRS-(FLSG) Federal State & Local Government

- Social Security accounts for employment time and employer wage reporting.
- IRS has the laws covering
 - Employee / employer relationships,
 - What is wages
 - Accountable plans
 - Retirement plans



Employers In Alaska

SSA and Alaska political subdivision employer's – have everything.

- 218 employers;
- Mandatory coverage employers-alternate plans;
- Divided employers;
- TRS employers.



Services Provided Evolved

- Potential problems & errors:
 - W2's-1099's issues;
 - Statewide errors / local-reporting;
- Education:
 - (Newsletters);
 - Online, classes;
 - Field communication;



Things are always changing

How can you –the employer help?

- Keep us informed of changes;
- Look at issues found;
- Ask questions;
- Check things out;
- Question some more.



Resources

- IRS / SSA /STATE
 - IRS Web Site
 - Publication 963
 - Fringe Benefit Guide
 - Online Information Classes
 - Fact Sheets



Additional Resources

- SSA Web Site

- Forms reporting assistance
- Social Security Administrators Handbook
- FORM 1945 for employees not covered by Social Security



We Are Not:

- The IRS
- The SSA
- So talk to us
 - Ask for information
 - Ask for assistance
- So work with us
 - Attorney intervention
 - Clarification



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