



Employers' Edge

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"Benefit Fair" coming to Anchorage, November 5-6

The next *Benefit Fair* will be held in Anchorage, November 5-6, 2010. PERS and TRS members of all ages are invited to attend. Educational workshops intended to help employees plan now for their future retirement security will be offered. These *Benefit Fairs* also provide an opportunity for state employees covered under the *AlaskaCare Employee Health Plan* to learn more about available benefits.

The Anchorage Fair will also have sessions for active employees of the state and other employers who participate in the *Optional Benefits* (formerly Supplemental Benefits) and *Supplemental Annuity* plans.

Tentative fairs are planned for Bethel and Ketchikan in the spring of 2011.

The fair in Anchorage will be held at the University of Alaska, Anchorage at Rasmuson Hall. [Click here for descriptions of the workshops to be offered at the fair](#) and [click here to view the fair schedule](#).

For more information on the Anchorage fair, contact Judy Hall, Regional Counselor, by e-mail



at judy.hall@alaska.gov or by phone, toll-free, at 800-821-2251.



Anchorage employers: Please print and [post this flyer](#) in a visible place.

Counselors a valuable resource

2010-2011 travel schedule now available



Field Counselors (from left): Pam Couzin, Brian Schmidt, Judy Hall

The division's counselors are a valuable resource to both employees and employers. Our field counselors have prepared their [travel schedules for the 2010-2011 season](#). (Check back often for updates.) The "official" travel season begins in late August and continues through the end of May. Field counselors try to visit as many employers as economically and physically possible. Their goal is to educate TRS and PERS members about the benefits provided to them by you, the employer.

If it is not possible for a counselor to physically visit a community, a counselor can provide seminars, group meetings, and individual counseling via teleconference, videoconference and, coming soon, via the Internet.

If you have any questions regarding counselors and the services they can provide, please contact Bernadette Blankenship, Benefit Education Supervisor at 465-3225 or at Bernadette.Blankenship@alaska.gov.

To see which counselor is assigned to your area, please visit the [Regional Counselor's web page](#), listed under "Quick Links" on the division's home page.

IRS, Social Security and State of Alaska offer employer workshops December 9 & 10

December 9 in Anchorage and December 10 in Fairbanks

Gary Petersen from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Tim Beard with the Social Security Administration (SSA), and Kay Gouyton and Robert Gregg from the Division of Retirement and Benefits Audit Section will present an educational workshop for employers in Anchorage at the Captain Cook Hotel on December 9 and in Fairbanks at the City Hall on December 10.

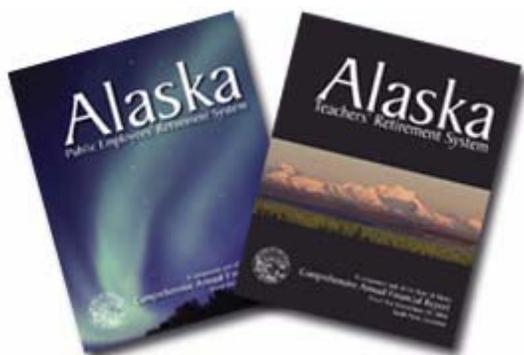
Workshop classes will cover such topics as federal reporting changes, hiring issues, excise tax (gaming),

fringe benefits and retirement system audit findings.

Classes are free, but attendees are responsible for their own travel and lodging. For more details and to register for the workshop, [send an email to Kay Gouyton](#). If you are registering, please provide the following information:

- Date/location you will attend
- How many people will attend
- Name(s) of attendee(s)

Additional information will be available on the Division of Retirement & Benefits website as topics are gathered. CPE will be available for those taking the workshop.



PERS and TRS publications available online

The following PERS and TRS publications are available at the "[Publications](#)" link on the [Division of Retirement and Benefits website](#):

PERS Publications:

[PERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report](#)

[Actuarial Valuation Reports and Supplemental to the Valuation Reports](#)

[Financial Statements](#)

TRS Publications:

[TRS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report](#)

[Actuarial Valuation Reports](#)

[Financial Statements](#)

To navigate to any division reports, follow these steps:

1. Go to the division's website at www.doa.alaska.gov/dr/
2. In the "Quick Links" column on the right, click on "[Publications](#)"
3. Click on the appropriate system, plan or fund.
4. Select the report you want to view.

If you prefer a hard copy of these reports, please contact the Division of Retirement and Benefits at (907) 465-5711.

Updated Forms and Brochures

The following forms and brochures have been updated since the last newsletter. Please be sure to use only the updated forms. Printing from the [Forms & Brochures page](#) on the division website will assure you always have the most current version.

Form No.	Description
	No forms/brochures have been updated since the September issue of the Employers' Edge



We hope you find this employer newsletter helpful. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact us. Any feedback from you will be greatly appreciated. Click here for [past issues](#) back to 2008. Email any comments to the editor, [Barbara Kelly](#).

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Disability Unit (907) 465-5700	Supplemental Annuity Plan (907) 465-5700
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