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**Subject:** PERS: Employer update, October 2008

Dear PERS employer,

In this update:

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#### **Employer website updates.**

The PERS Employer website, [www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml), has recently been updated to show EDX operational status. EDX operational status will be depicted by three color graphics and a short statement. The graphics are: green(up), yellow(slow) and red(down). EDX operational status reflected by the graphic will be monitored 8:00am - 5:00pm, Monday-Friday. If your experience in EDX is different from the indicated status, please feel free to use the "Click here to report an EDX problem" link to communicate the issue.

#### **EDX Release 4.2.4 and BIS rule removal.**

EDX Release 4.2.4 is tentatively scheduled for installation in about a month. Release 4.2.4 will remove Break in Service (BIS) rules from EDX, which will allow PERS staff to begin movement of members between OPSRP and Ch.238 Tier1/Tier2. More about this project, including procedures and timetables, will be forthcoming.

#### **Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR).**

OAR 459-010-0010 is one of the OARs currently undergoing modification. This OAR addresses service credit and Leave without Pay (LWOP) periods. You may review the status of this and other OARs in the rule-making progress by clicking on the "About Us" link on the PERS employer website. On the "About Us" page, click on the "Proposed rules" link under the "Administrative Rules" heading.

#### **Online EDX Education.**

Self-paced EDX education is available to employers through the PERS employer website. Online EDX education subjects can be found by clicking on the "EDX Self-paced Education" link, under the "Employer Training & Education" heading, on the PERS employer website. Available courses include step-by-step guidance on report creation, reviews of DTL1 (demographic) and DTL2 (wage and contribution) records, as well as reporting retirees, reporting LWOP segments and terminations, and a list of most common EDX errors with suggested fixes. Each tutorial will allow time for reading of a page before explanatory statements appear. Most tutorials will can be completed in 15 minutes or less.

Best regards,

PERS Employer OCE Team