

Dear Plan Participant:

REMINDER - RETIREMENT INTRODUCTION - Wednesday, January 11, 2006, 11:00 a.m.

The Retirement Introduction will be held on **Wednesday, January 11, 2006**, in the Tacoma Municipal Building City Council Chambers at 11:00 a.m.

We would appreciate it if interested attendees would contact our office at 591-2035 by Tuesday, January 10, 2006.

General information will be presented on the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System, benefit improvements, as well as information on the Deferred Compensation Plan. **Specific questions on Retirement** need to be addressed directly to the Retirement Office at 591-2035 or by fax at 591-5076. **Specific questions on Deferred Compensation** need to be addressed directly to Risk Management at 591-5440.

The Retirement Office has a video tape and a DVD/CD combo of the Retirement Introduction for those unable to attend the Retirement Introduction session. The information covered during the session, including the PowerPoint presentation, is also available on the CD.

REMINDERS

PENSION CALCULATIONS

We continue to encourage you to use our pension calculator on the City web-site (go to City web, Departments, Retirement and then choose Benefits Calculator under Member Tools).

You may also access the pension calculator at www.TacomaEmployesRetirement.com and choose Benefits Calculator under Member Tools menu.

The pension calculator provides you the ability to calculate the following:

Retirement Estimates (Percentage formula and twice the value)

Purchase of Time

Repayment of Contributions (interest is up-dated annually)

We can also send you a copy of our Excel pension calculator by e-mail or on disk should you be interested.

EMPLOYEE RECORD SHEET/BENEFICIARY FORMS

We continue to encourage you to verify or update your beneficiary form (employee record sheet). Please contact our office with any additional questions. Should you need to update your beneficiary form, it may be found at www.TacomaEmployesRetirement.com and choose Forms under Member Tools. The Employee Record Sheet/Beneficiary Form is the second link under Active Member Forms.

CONTACTS

If you have questions concerning the PERS system, please contact the Department of Retirement Systems at 1-800-547-6657.

CONCLUSION

Please let us know what additional types of information you would like to see in our bi-monthly e-mail broadcast.

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