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“Getting It Right” - New Compliance Assistance Seminar for Plan Fiduciaries

COLUMBUS--The U. S. Department of Labor’s Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) compliance assistance seminar, “Getting It Right – Know Your Fiduciary Responsibilities,” will take place in Columbus, Ohio on July 29, 2004 at the Ohio State University Fawcett Conference Center, 2400 Olentangy River Road.

The free seminar is part of the national fiduciary education campaign to increase awareness and understanding about basic fiduciary responsibilities associated with operating private-sector retirement plans. The Ohio seminar is sponsored by the Labor Department in partnership with the Society for Human Resource Management, National Federation of Independent Business, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the U. S. Small Business Administration.

While the Columbus seminar is full, additional seminars are scheduled for Burlington, Massachusetts; Phoenix, Arizona; and Kansas City, Missouri. Those interested in information on the upcoming seminars can visit EBSA’s Web site at www.dol.gov/ebsa or contact Norma Mannix at mannix.norma@dol.gov or (202) 693-8684.

The department’s program – ‘Getting It Right – Know Your Fiduciary Responsibilities’ – provides employers and plan officials with an understanding of the law and their responsibilities and focuses on steps for avoiding the most common problems we encounter in our enforcement activities. The campaign also includes educational materials on topics such as understanding fees and selecting an auditor. These materials and more will be featured on a dedicated Web page for fiduciary education at www.dol.gov/ebsa.

Upcoming seminars will be held in:
Burlington, MA. (Sept. 8, 2004)
Phoenix, AZ. (Sept. 23, 2004)
Kansas City, MO (Oct. 5, 2004)

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