



# PERS PLAN 3 REPORT

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## Enhanced quarterly statement

Your quarterly statement is an important connection to your Plan 3 defined contribution account. It contains complete information about your asset allocation, fund performance and transaction detail. To help you manage all of this information, we've redesigned your quarterly statement with a simple, straightforward format.

The enhanced format makes it easy to find exactly what you need. If you're only interested in seeing your fund's overall performance, look no further than the first page. But if you wish to review the details of each transaction, check the various sections in later pages.

Here are the key features:

**Account Summary** – A snapshot of the most recent quarter – your account balance, contributions made, and investment gain or loss.

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Self-Directed investment options changed on September 24, if you invested in one of the discontinued funds, the last day to a change is October 28 at 1:00 p.m. PT. Visit the fund info web page at [www.drs.wa.gov/member/fund\\_transition.htm](http://www.drs.wa.gov/member/fund_transition.htm).

July 1, 2011 - September 30, 2011

Investor Services	888-711-8773	Investment Services	24 hours/7 days	Member Services	5:30 AM - 6:00 PM PT M-F	Specialist	800-689-8216	Plan Info	www.icmarc.org/plan3
<b>Account Summary</b>		<b>This Period</b>		<b>Year-To-Date</b>					
Beginning Balance		\$277,245.06		\$270,311.95					
Ending Balance		\$278,465.25		\$278,465.25					

Asset Category	Percent of Assets	Balance
Bond Funds	71%	\$196,830.40
Asset Allocation Funds	29%	\$81,634.85
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$278,465.25</b>

### PERS PLAN 3 WSIB TOTAL ALLOCATION PORTFOLIO (TAP) AS OF 6/30/2011

	2nd Qtr 2011	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year
<b>TOTAL ALLOCATION PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>2.57%</b>	<b>21.14%</b>	<b>1.91%</b>	<b>4.87%</b>

All returns are net of fees. The TAP fund is valued monthly; your account balance and rate of return will vary accordingly. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. For more information about the TAP fund, please see the Plan 3 Investment Guide or the website at [www.icmarc.org/pers/investing](http://www.icmarc.org/pers/investing).

### PERS PLAN 3 SELF-DIRECTED FUNDS\* AS OF 9/30/2011

	3rd Qtr 2011	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year
<b>MONEY MARKET FUND</b>	0.06%	0.13%	0.22%	1.82%
<b>WASHINGTON STATE BOND FUND</b>	1.42%	2.63%	9.89%	7.36%
<b>SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE BALANCED FUND</b>	-8.14%	2.65%	4.63%	3.86%
<b>U.S. LARGE STOCK INDEX FUND</b>	-13.90%	1.10%	1.33%	-1.12%
<b>U.S. STOCK MARKET INDEX FUND</b>	-15.29%	0.50%	1.47%	-0.93%
<b>U.S. SMALL STOCK INDEX FUND</b>	-21.87%	-3.53%	-0.24%	-0.98%
<b>INTERNATIONAL STOCK INDEX FUND</b>	-19.83%	-10.14%	-1.84%	-3.54%
<b>2055 RETIREMENT STRATEGY</b>	-17.75%	-7.78%	N/A	N/A
<b>2050 RETIREMENT STRATEGY</b>	-17.75%	-7.79%	N/A	N/A
<b>2045 RETIREMENT STRATEGY</b>	-17.84%	-7.80%	N/A	N/A
<b>2040 RETIREMENT STRATEGY</b>	-17.80%	-7.81%	N/A	N/A
<b>2035 RETIREMENT STRATEGY</b>	-17.72%	-7.65%	N/A	N/A
<b>2030 RETIREMENT STRATEGY</b>	-17.07%	-7.17%	N/A	N/A
<b>2025 RETIREMENT STRATEGY</b>	-16.19%	-6.55%	N/A	N/A
<b>2020 RETIREMENT STRATEGY</b>	-14.71%	-5.41%	N/A	N/A
<b>2015 RETIREMENT STRATEGY</b>	-13.17%	-4.29%	N/A	N/A
<b>2010 RETIREMENT STRATEGY</b>	-11.43%	-3.05%	N/A	N/A
<b>2005 RETIREMENT STRATEGY</b>	-9.36%	-1.98%	N/A	N/A
<b>2000 RETIREMENT STRATEGY</b>	-7.14%	-0.83%	N/A	N/A

\* Please refer to the Investment Funds Option Update article for information about the new fund lineup. Performance as of 9/30/2011 is not available for the new funds. All returns are net of fees. Self-Directed funds are valued daily; your account balance and rate of return will vary accordingly. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. For more information about the funds, please see the Plan 3 Investment Guide or the website at [www.icmarc.org/pers/investing](http://www.icmarc.org/pers/investing).

## Investment Fund Options - Update

The Washington State Investment Board (WSIB), working closely with the Department of Retirement Systems (DRS), has developed an updated menu of options that includes proven familiar performers as well as new options that reflect changing markets. The new choices are now available for investing.

The updated fund lineup at a glance:

- Retirement Strategy Funds, managed by Alliance Bernstein
- Emerging Market Equity Index Fund, managed by BlackRock, Inc.
- US Small Cap Value Index Fund, managed by BlackRock, Inc.
- Global Equity Index Fund, managed by BlackRock, Inc.
- US Large Cap Equity Index Fund, managed by BlackRock, Inc.
- WSIB Total Allocation Portfolio (TAP), managed by WSIB

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**Asset Allocation** – How your investments are divided among Stable Value/Money Market funds, Bond funds, Balanced/Asset Allocation funds, U.S. Stock funds, and International/Global Stock funds.

This section of the statement helps to identify the approximate percentage you should own of these different categories, based on your ideal risk level. If you own Balanced/Asset Allocation funds, you'll need to factor in the percentages of different types of stocks and bonds they invest in.

**Personalized Performance** – The percentage gain or loss for your account, with respect to the performance of your investments and the timing of your transactions. As you review your account performance, refrain from making decisions based on recent gains or losses. You should manage your investments according to your personal strategy, taking into account your own financial situation, comfort level with risk and long-term goals. Aim to stick with that investment plan unless your circumstances change.

**Account Balance History** – Compares your previous year-end and current quarter-end account balances. This provides a quick snapshot of the growth of your Plan 3 account.


**Allocation Summary by Fund** – Breakdown of your account balance and future contributions by fund. When viewing this section of the statement, confirm your future contributions are in line with your asset allocation and diversification goals. You can make changes online at [www.icmarc.org/plan3](http://www.icmarc.org/plan3).

**Activity Summary by Fund** – Recap of the total activity in your account during the recent quarter by fund. Take the time to review your transactions on a fund-by-fund basis.

**Account Balance by Source** – Breakdown of your account balance according to pre-tax and if applicable, after-tax contributions.

**Contribution Summary** – Each contribution and/or bill payment made to your account during the quarter is listed by date. You can also view your total contributions this year as well as the total since joining Plan 3.

**Transaction Detail** – Each transaction that occurred during the quarter is listed and includes the date, share price and units purchased.

If you have questions about your new statement, call 888-711-8773 between 5:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. PT to speak to a Plan 3 Investor Services associate. 

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- Socially Responsible Balanced Fund, managed by Walden Asset Management
- Washington State Bond Fund, managed by WSIB
- Money Market, managed by BlackRock, Inc.

In August we mailed a letter and a guide that explains the details of the investment fund transition, how it may affect you and what you may need to do. The guides are also available online – click on the Fund Transition article in the News and Announcements section of the DRS homepage ([www.drs.wa.gov](http://www.drs.wa.gov)) to see the guide and other resources.

Below are key dates and a checklist for how to proceed.

Between now and October 28, 2011:

- Review your Plan 3 investment strategy.

Are you on track with your goals?

Would you like to make any changes?


Are you interested in finding out more about the new fund options?

- Determine whether you are currently invested in any funds that are being discontinued.

If you are invested in a discontinued fund...before 1p.m. PT October 28, 2011:

- Transfer your balance(s) from a discontinued fund into a fund(s) that will remain in the lineup.
- Direct your future payroll deferrals into a fund(s) that will remain in the lineup.

If you remain invested in a discontinued fund after 1p.m. PT on October 28, your balance will be moved into a Retirement Strategy Fund based on your age and an assumed retirement at 65.

You can see your current investments, review fact sheets on the new options, and make changes online at [www.icmarc.org/plan3](http://www.icmarc.org/plan3) or by calling 888-711-8773. Any changes made to your investments will be reflected in your fourth quarter statement. 

## Keep your Portfolio on Track through Automatic Rebalancing

On October 28, there will be a new feature available within the Self-Directed Investment Program. Automatic rebalancing, another service we're offering to help you easily manage your Plan 3 account.

### *What is automatic rebalancing?*

There are periods in the market when one type of investment performs better than others. Over time, this can cause your portfolio to shift out of alignment. With the automatic rebalancing feature, your portfolio will return to the allocation percentages you originally chose for your account. You just select the time frame; every 3, 6 or 12 months, and the work is done for you.

### *Interested?*

To set up automatic rebalancing, log into Account Access at [www.icmarc.org/plan3](http://www.icmarc.org/plan3) and select the Fund Transfer menu item under the Manage My Account option. If you need additional help with this new feature, please call the Plan 3 Investor Services at 888-711-8773 between 5:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. PT. 