



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 on 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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PERS Plan 3 Quarterly Statement
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Self-Directed investment options changed on September 24, 11 and 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.

July 1, 2011 - September 30, 2011

You Need Assistance		Account Summary		This Period	Year-To-Date
Investor Services	888-711-8773	Beginning Balance		\$277,245.06	\$270,311.19
Unlimited Access	24 hours/7 days	Contributions		\$1,220.19	\$0.00
Former Service	5:30 AM - 6:00 PM PT M-F	Ending Balance		\$278,465.25	\$278,465.25
Specialist	800-689-8216				
811 web chat					
Mail	Plan3@icmarc.org				
800 toll-free	www.icmarc.org/plan3				

Member & Plan Data		Asset Allocation	
Service Code	111111111-0000	Asset Category	Percent of Assets
Name	WASH STATE PERS PLAN (BEFL)	Bond Funds	71%
Number	000000	Asset Allocation Funds	29%
		Total Assets	100%

If any of your data is incorrect, please contact Investor Services at 888-711-8773. You can update your records.

Self-Directed Investment Program Funds Update

The Washington State Investment Board (WSIB), working closely with the Department of Retirement Systems (DRS), developed an updated menu of options for the Self-Directed Investment Program. The new lineup includes proven familiar performers as well as new options that reflect changing markets.

The following list includes all of the funds now offered in the Self-Directed Investment Program:

- Retirement Strategy Funds, managed by AllianceBernstein
- 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.
- Socially Responsible Balanced Fund, managed by Walden Asset Management

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PERS PLAN 3 WSIB TOTAL ALLOCATION PORTFOLIO (TAP) AS OF 9/30/2011

	3rd Qtr 2011	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year
TOTAL ALLOCATION PORTFOLIO	-6.69%	4.95%	2.40%	2.59%

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.

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

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

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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.

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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- Washington State Bond Fund, managed by WSIB
- Money Market, managed by BlackRock, Inc.

Since you are already invested in the WSIB Total Allocation Portfolio (TAP), this is an excellent time to review your investment strategy and possibly add funds to your portfolio. You always have the option to transfer all or a portion of your account balance to any of the funds available in the Self-Directed Investment Program. Just remember, there are specific timelines for transferring money out of your monthly-valued TAP account.

If you have questions or would like to make changes, call 888-711-8773 to speak with Plan 3 Investor Services. You can also see your current investments and review fund fact sheets on the new options online at www.icmarc.org/plan3. 

Keep your Portfolio on Track through Automatic Rebalancing

There is 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?

If you transfer any assets from your TAP account to the Self-Directed Investment Program and you are interested in the automatic rebalancing feature, you can log into Account Access at www.icmarc.org/plan3 and select the Fund Transfer menu item under the Manage My Account option. If you need additional help, please call Plan 3 Investor Services at 888-711-8773 between 5:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. PT. 