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BCOS IS COMING TO TOWN!

What is "BCOS"? BCOS is the Benefits Conference of the South, the once-a-year opportunity for folks in the Southeast to be able to hear and talk to representatives from the Washington DC National Offices of the IRS and the DOL about benefits issues. We're writing to encourage you to attend.

BCOS will be held in Atlanta on May 13th and 14th. Here's why you should attend:

In addition to hearing professional speakers from the local practitioner community (such as Ilene of our office, Howard Kaplan, Joni Jennings, Ginny Boggs, and John Hartness), and nationally known speakers (such as Sheldon Smith (President of ASPPA), Rich Hochman, Steve Forbes, Brian Graff, and Lorraine Dorsa), you will also be able to hear the following government officials:

- Andy Zuckerman – Director of the IRS's Employee Plans Rulings and Agreements
- Fred Wong - Office of Regulations and Interpretations, EBSA, Washington, DC
- Carol Zimmerman, E.A. - IRS, Rulings and Agreements, Pittsburgh, PA
- Daniel S. Garner - IRS, Independence, OH
- Loretta Dollar - IRS Group Manager, Dallas, TX
- Elizabeth Thornton - US Department of Labor, Washington, DC
- George Patterson - IRS, EP Voluntary Compliance Coordinator, Dallas, TX
- Donald Kieffer - IRS, Tax Law Specialist, Mountainside, NJ

In addition, several Southeast area government representatives will also be in attendance, including Craig Belanger (Gulf Coast Area Manager for the IRS).

The opportunity to meet and hear these folks speak is invaluable. Whether you are a plan sponsor or a practitioner, knowing what is happening nationally and locally is often the key to helping companies keep their plans in compliance.

The seminar is jointly sponsored by the American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries (ASPPA) and the IRS, with the cooperation of as several Southeast organizations, such as:

- The ASPPA Benefits Councils of Atlanta, Dallas/Fort Worth, North, South, and Central Florida, South Texas, and the Texas Gulf Coast,
- Profit Sharing Council of Alabama,

- The Georgia Society of CPAs,
- The Georgia Bar Benefits and Tax Group, and
- Worldwide Employee Benefits (WEB Atlanta Chapter).

We strongly recommend that you attend this interesting and one-of-a-kind-in-the-South conference. If there is not enough interest displayed this year and attendance is low, the South may lose this wonderful opportunity in future years to meet and chat with National government representatives in our own backyard.

When and where: May 13 (Thursday) and 14 (Friday), in Atlanta at the Doubletree Atlanta-Buckhead. The early registration rates have been extended to April 2, so you should act quickly.

For more information (cost, registration, etc.), go to <http://www.asppa.org/document-vault/pdfs/conferences/benefits-conference-of-the-south/2010/conference-brochure.aspx>. To register on line, go to http://www.asppa.org/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fmain-menu%2fknowledge%2fconferences%2fig-events%2fbcos_10.aspx.

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