OPERS A tradition of strength

hat is the value of OPERS? OPERS' tradition of strength has and will continue to provide secure retirements for Ohio's public employees. Throughout your life, you seek expert guidance from doctors, pharmacists, mechanicsyour retirement funds should be handled the same way. The business of pensions can be complex. With your OPERS membership, your contributions are invested for you during your working years—by investment experts.

What OPERS-provided retirement security was for Traditional Pension Plan retirees in 2012:

Average annual pension = \$23.775

Average age =

59

Average years of service = **22** years

Good for employees

OPERS' Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan members have exceptional retirement opportunities:



Access to health care



Voluntary additional payments



Turnkey handling of pension benefits—no need to become an investment expert

Good for Ohio



OPERS invests almost \$300 million in businesses headquartered in Ohio. For every dollar paid by public employers, the Ohio economy had a \$3.49 return on that investment.

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OPERS payments =



\$4.2 billion pension payments

\$1.6 billion retiree health care payments

OPERS =



3 pension plans

78 years of tradition

1,006,500 member accounts

3,700 contributing employers

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