



The ESOP Association

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Employee Ownership Blog

The Employee Ownership Blog is the blog of the Employee Ownership Foundation, the 501(c)(3) affiliated foundation of The ESOP Association. It was launched in October 2007 and is dedicated to fostering an open discussion about employee ownership in the U.S. while keeping readers informed of new developments on the legislative front and linking to relevant articles on ESOPs and employee ownership.

How does it work? The Employee Ownership Blog is open to all members of the ESOP community who would like to share information, articles, and thoughts about ESOPs, employee ownership, retirement and wealth issues, and the ownership society. When possible, thoughts and questions from ESOP Association members are shared on the blog.

If you have something to share or a topic you would like to see covered, please send an email to media@esopassociation.org.

The Employee Ownership Blog can be found here - <http://www.esopassociation.org/blog/default.asp>.

If you would like additional information about the Employee Ownership Foundation, please visit the website at - <http://www.employeeownershipfoundation.org/default.asp> or send an email to info@employeeownershipfoundation.org.

For more information, please call The ESOP Association at 202/293-2971 or email media@esopassociation.org.

Did you know...

- An estimated 7,000 of the 11,500 companies have ESOPs with a large enough shareholder base to be a major factor in the corporation's strategy and culture.
- A majority of ESOP companies have other retirement plans, such as defined benefit pension plans or 401(k) plans, to supplement their ESOP.
- Total assets owned by U.S. ESOPs is estimated to be \$800 billion at the end of 2006.

Source: The ESOP Association, www.esopassociation.org

On the calendar...

July 24, 2008

ESOP Sustainability Seminar
Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown
Lakefront Hotel
Chicago, IL
Contact: (866) 366-3832 or email meetings@esopassociation.org

August 7 - 9, 2008

Employee Owner Retreat
Chicago, IL
Contact: (866) 366-3832 or email meetings@esopassociation.org

September 9 & 10, 2008

2nd Annual Board of ESOP
Companies Retreat
Phoenix, AZ
Contact: (866) 366-3832 or email meetings@esopassociation.org