



The ESOP Association

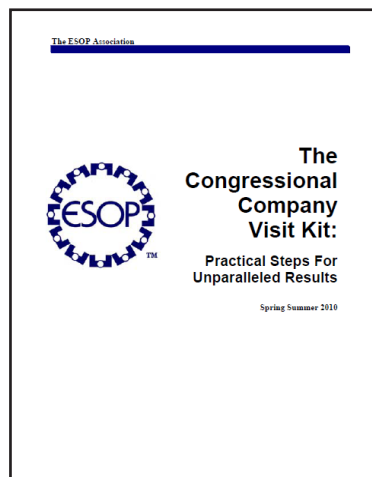
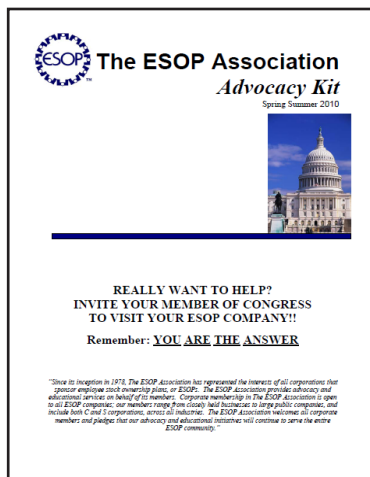
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Get Involved

It's very important for ESOP companies to reach out to their members of Congress. Visits play a vital role in helping to spread the employee ownership message and to remind Senators and Representatives of the concerns and hopes of the ESOP community. Building a foundation of support among members of Congress is critical and will help to counter any negative opinions of ESOPs, and if necessary, to defeat harmful proposals.

The ESOP Association offers members two publications to help in planning a company visit with your member of Congress --- *The Advocacy Kit* and the *Congressional Company Visit Kit*. Both can be downloaded from the Association homepage at --- <http://www.esopassociation.org>.

Stop by today and download your copies. August is the perfect time to invite a member of Congress to visit your company.



Did you know...

■ The growth of ESOP formation has been influenced by federal legislation. While the rapid increase in new ESOPs in the late 1980s subsided after Congress removed certain tax incentives in 1989, the overall number has remained steady with new plans replacing terminated ESOPs. Currently, it is estimated that there are approximately 11,500 ESOPs in place in the U.S. However, there is no precise way to measure this figure accurately since the overwhelming majority of ESOP companies are privately held and do not file public reports with the SEC.

Source: *The ESOP Association*,
<http://www.esopassociation.org>.

On the calendar...

November 4 & 5, 2010

Las Vegas ESOP Conference & Trade Show

Caesar's Palace

Las Vegas, NV

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For a complete list of conferences and events, please visit The ESOP Association's website at

<http://www.esopassociation.org>.

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