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## Welcome to the May 2011 Edition of Sponsor E-News

Transamerica, in partnership with *The Wall Street Journal*, is pleased to introduce *Markets Hub*, an online video feed that features the latest breaking financial news.

Audit reports are now accessible online and may be viewed in three convenient formats—Asset Reporting, Participant Reporting, and Service Provider Reporting.

Monthly Market Insight emphasizes the importance of looking beyond short-term events and cautions us not to overreact to news headlines.

Finally, "Washington Outlook" by T. Rowe Price provides details of current and proposed retirement plan legislation and regulation for 2011.



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### INFORMATION

## New Online Market Coverage from the Wall Street Journal

As part of our ongoing effort to deliver timely news and information to you and your employees, Transamerica is pleased to announce the launch of our video partnership with *The Wall Street Journal*.

[Markets Hub](#), an online video feed that features the latest breaking financial news, can be accessed on [www.TA-Retirement.com](http://www.TA-Retirement.com). Updated throughout the day, the video feed streams information on business news such as economic indicators, job reports, currencies and commodities pricing, as well as many other financial indexes and reports.



Transamerica Retirement Services also provide you and your participants with a host of other multimedia educational tools in our Market Resource Center pages, which are available behind login to both sponsors and participants. To access, log in to [www.TA-Retirement.com](http://www.TA-Retirement.com) and click Market Resource Center on the left-hand menu.

We hope you and your plan's participants will designate this news service as one of your daily retirement and financial news resources. Transamerica is committed to providing you with the tools you need to stay current.

### INFORMATION

## Enhanced Audit Assistance Available to Large Plan Filers

Transamerica is enhancing our audit assistance for large plan filers who require an annual audit. Large plan filers may now access 2010 audit materials for calendar year plans online by clicking **Plan Information, Document Center, Audit** by logging in to [www.TA-Retirement.com](http://www.TA-Retirement.com). The materials are separated into three views—Asset Reporting, Participant Reporting, and Service Provider Reporting—and are posted as they become available. For your convenience, the condensed and consolidated Participant Reporting has been formatted to meet your auditor's needs. Audit materials are available through the end of the tenth month following the plan year-end.



Beginning in early June, we will be enhancing our website to include the ability for Fiduciaries, Trustees and Primary Contacts to provide auditors with temporary, read-only access to the site. By simply entering the name and email address of your auditor, you can assign temporary contact status to your auditor. Your auditor will be able to view, print and download audit materials, asset and participant balance information, Form 5500s, and testing results. Once the specified period has expired, the temporary contact assignment will automatically be disabled.

We hope this enhancement will make the auditing process more efficient and give you more time to manage your business.

## INFORMATION

### Monthly Market Insight

This month's Market Insight features two articles with complementary messages. First, the commentary from the experts at American Century reminds us to [Look Beyond the Short Term](#) events, which the media often hypes and the markets overreact to, and focus on our long-term goals. Change is a constant, risk is always present, and "when things appear their darkest is frequently the best time to invest." The most effective investment strategy involves broad diversification across asset classes, geographic regions, investment styles, and sectors.



Legg Mason reinforces this message in their clever piece, [Learning from the Lessons of Time](#). By highlighting some of the *Time Magazine* covers from January 1970 to December 2010, the experts at Legg Mason illustrate the cyclical nature of the markets and our reactions to them. "The dates may change, but the headlines stay the same."

We hope you will share these articles with your participants as part of their ongoing investor education.

American Century Investments and Legg Mason provide investment management services for some of the investment choices offered in Transamerica's retirement plans. American Century and Legg Mason are not affiliated with Transamerica.

## LEGISLATIVE/COMPLIANCE

### Guide to Regulatory and Legislative Initiatives for 2011

Transamerica is committed to keeping you informed about regulatory and legislative initiatives that may affect your company's retirement plan. [Washington Outlook](#) by T. Rowe Price offers a comprehensive view of the 2011 current and proposed retirement plan legislation and regulation. The guide categorizes key retirement issues such as fee disclosure, target date funds, lifetime income options, investment advice services, and fiduciary investment advice as "Expected in 2011," "Possible in 2011," and "Unlikely in 2011" to provide a guideline for your 2011 actions. Each issue is defined and explored in terms of its implications for plan sponsors, its status and industry perspective.



T. Rowe Price provides investment management services for some of the investment choices offered in Transamerica's retirement plans. T. Rowe Price is not affiliated with Transamerica.

## COMPLIANCE CALENDAR

**6/24** — For plans with an Eligible Automatic Contribution Agreement (EACA), June 25th is the deadline to instruct Transamerica to refund excess contributions to avoid the 10% penalty.

## FEEDBACK

We always welcome your feedback and suggestions. Please send your comments to [sponsorconnect@transamerica.com](mailto:sponsorconnect@transamerica.com).

#### Endnotes

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