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Military and Government Employees Invited to Free Financial Education Events

September 2, 2015 ANCHORAGE – The Alaska Division of Banking and Securities (DBS) and the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) are jointly hosting three educational events in Anchorage to increase financial awareness and provide Alaskans with resources to protect themselves from fraudulent practices in the financial industry. The presentations will take place:

- September 15, 2015 from 12-1pm at the Atwood Building Conference Center ([event flyer](#))
- September 15, 2015 from 3-7pm at the Education Building on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson ([event flyer](#))
- September 16, 2015 from 12-1pm at the James M. Fitzgerald U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building ([event flyer](#))

“While the presentations are targeted toward military service members and state and federal government employees, we welcome anyone interested in learning how to safeguard his/her finances,” said Kevin Anselm, director of the Division of Banking and Securities. “The division prides itself on providing educational opportunities that help Alaskans protect themselves from financial abuse and fraud.”

In particular, Director Anselm reminds Alaskans to be cautious of individuals touting themselves as experts in federal and state retirement programs. For example, DBS and the Division of Insurance recently took enforcement [action](#) against an individual who claimed to be a Thrift Savings Plan expert and defrauded dozens of U.S. Postal Service employees. Consumers should contact appropriate agencies to verify the credentials of any person seeking to gain access to their investments and to ensure that any investments opportunities being offered are legitimate. Consumers can also review the background of an investment professional at www.brokercheck.finra.org or call DBS at (907) 269-8140 or send an email to dbsc@alaska.gov for more information.

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