



OPERS' venture capital fund draws a crowd

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One way to attract attention is to hold out a big pile of money.

The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System said it's gotten 60 inquiries and 26 responses its [Ohio-Midwest Fund LP](#), barely two months after it announced plans to open the fund. The respondents are venture capital funds seeking an investment from the Ohio-Midwest Fund.

OPERS said in September it would create the \$50 million fund to invest in venture capital firms in Ohio and the Midwest. It hired [Credit Suisse First Boston LLC](#) of New York to manage the venture.

With \$54 billion in assets, the Public Employees Retirement System is Ohio's largest public pension fund.