



# **Request for Proposals**

**403(b) and 457(b) Plan Advisor Services**

November 20, 2018

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## SECTION 1: INSTRUCTIONS

### 1.1 Purpose

Batavia Public School District 101 is accepting proposals for 403(b) and 457(b) plan advisor services.

### 1.2 Pre-proposal Meeting

A pre-proposal meeting will be held on December 10, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. to provide information and answer questions regarding proposal requirements.

### 1.3 Proposal Submission

All proposals shall be sealed, marked, and submitted to:

2018 403(b) and 457(b) Plan Advisor Proposals  
Attn: Lindsay Jannotta, Director of Finance

**All proposals shall be received no later than 9:00 a.m. on December 21, 2018** at Batavia Public School District 101, Rosalie Jones Administration Center, 335 W Wilson St, Batavia, IL 60510, at which time and place they shall be opened publicly.

### 1.4 Questions

**All questions shall be submitted in writing** to Lindsay Jannotta via email at [lindsay.jannotta@bps101.net](mailto:lindsay.jannotta@bps101.net) **no later than December 14, 2018**. Any addenda will be issued to all companies that attend the pre-proposal meeting. No questions will be answered within seven (7) working days of the time and date set for the proposal opening.

### 1.5 Terminology

Hereinafter:

- A. The "District" shall refer to Batavia Public School District 101.
- B. The "Company" shall refer to the company or organization responding to this request for proposals.
- C. The "Plan" shall refer to the District's non-ERISA-covered 403(b) and 457(b) plan.

## **SECTION 2: BACKGROUND**

### **2.1 Plan Sponsor Description**

The District is a public K-12 school district, consisting of eight (8) schools that serve approximately 5,900 students in grades pre-kindergarten through twelfth. The District employs approximately 675 individuals.

### **2.2 Plan Information**

- A. The Plan type is both salary reduction and employer funded plans.
- B. The Plan allows designated Roth accounts and after-tax contributions.
- C. The Plan document is included in the appendix.

### **2.3 Plan Investment Information**

A summary of plan investments is provided in Appendix A.

### **2.4 Plan Contribution Information**

- A. Prior year contributions:
  - a. Annual employer contributions: \$72,529
  - b. Annual employee contributions: \$1,213,012
  - c. Gross annual contributions: \$1,285,541
- B. Employee data:
  - a. Total employees: 684
  - b. Eligible employees: 684
  - c. Participating employees: 190
  - d. Full-time employees: 633
  - e. Part-time employees: 51

### **2.5 Plan Documents**

Plan documents are provided in Appendix B. Other plan information is available by visiting: <https://www.tsacg.com/individual/plan-sponsor/illinois/batavia-usd-101/>.

## **SECTION 3: SCOPE**

### **3.1 Plan Goals**

The Plan's goals are to:

- A. Comply with current regulations
- B. Offer competitive investments for employees
- C. Provide independent investment education to employees that mitigates conflicts of interest
- D. Maintain fiduciary obligations

### **3.2 Plan Administrator**

The District has designated TSA Consulting Group, Inc. as the Plan Administrator, whose contractual responsibility is to:

- A. Provide plan documents
- B. Develop standardized administrative forms
- C. Establish and maintain participant records
- D. Respond to participant inquiries
- E. Prepare Plan reports, including contribution auditing and excess contribution corrections.
- F. Provide technical assistance
- G. Ensure compliance with laws and regulations

### **3.3 Plan Advisor**

The District is seeking a Plan Advisor, whose responsibilities is to deliver comprehensive employee retirement services, which include, but are not limited to:

1. Monitor, analyze, and manage investment options to meet goals:
  - a. Provide suitable options and investment selection for the Plan
  - b. Mitigate conflicts of interest
  - c. Levelized compensation amongst investment products
  - d. No use of proprietary investment products
2. Provide personalized retirement advice to employees through:
  - a. Group and individual meetings
  - b. Enrollment and account reviews
  - c. Individual retirement consulting
  - d. Investment education and recommendations

## **SECTION 4: SCHEDULE**

### **4.1 Schedule**

The anticipated schedule for selecting a Plan Advisor is:

Issue RFP:	November 20, 2018
Pre-proposal meeting:	December 10, 2018
Proposal questions due:	December 14, 2018
Proposals due:	December 21, 2018
Project award:	March 19, 2019
Kick-off meeting:	April 1, 2019 (tentative)
Implementation:	July 1, 2019

## **SECTION 5: REQUIRED ELEMENTS**

### **5.1 Required Elements of the Proposal**

To be considered, each proposal must address and cite each of elements identified herein. It is recommended that the proposal follow the sequence presented here.

### **5.2 Organization and History**

- A. Provide the name(s), title(s), and contact information of the individual(s) responsible for responding to this request.
- B. Provide a brief overview of your company and history of your organization, including an organizational chart of your retirement plan operations. Describe any relevant parent/ subsidiary/ affiliate relationships.
- C. Provide plan demographic detail.
- D. Provide a breakdown of the number of institutional clients you service by plan type as a percentage of your total business.

### **5.2 Client Service/ Quality Assurance**

- A. Describe the organization's commitment to quality and philosophy/ approach to client services.
- B. Describe the team that would deal directly with the District during the transition and on an ongoing basis. Indicate staff size, experience, and credentials.
- C. Indicate the average number of clients managed by the relationship manager for plans similar in size to the District.
- D. Report any third-party awards received in the last three years.

### **5.3 Product Record Keeping**

- A. Does the Company provide one main contact for the daily record keeping and administrative needs of this plan?
- B. Does the Company provide daily valuation? Describe in detail how the system allocates earnings.
- C. Does the Company keep non-proprietary investment vehicles? Describe the processes and systems used.
- D. Describe in detail how the Company processes contributions.

### **5.4 Communication and Education**

- A. Briefly describe the Company's experience and expertise in providing initial and ongoing participant communication and education programs.

- B. Describe the key elements of the standard initial enrollment and ongoing communication and education materials (including printed material, visits, training, etc.). Provide samples of materials.
- C. Describe any other communication and education materials and programs offered. Specifically identify any costs associated with these services in the Fees and Expenses section of the proposal.
- D. Describe the Company's process, mode and scope of advice and education for individual participants.

## **5.5 Conversion/Implementation**

- A. Explain the Company's implementation/ conversion process including time frame.
- B. Describe the District's involvement in the implementation process.

## **5.6 Schedule of Fees and Expenses**

Include a schedule of all fees and expenses covering each of the services and activities identified in the Service/Activity listing set forth in below. Provide the same information for any other services described in the Proposal that is not specifically identified in the Service/Activity listing.

For each fee and expense, specify whether it is:

- Actual amount or an estimate.
- One time or on-going.
- Plan sponsor paid (billed and billing frequency).
- Participant paid (direct or account adjustment).
- Embedded in a funds expenses or expense ratio.
- Embedded in determining the daily investment share/unit value.
- Performance based or adjustable charge.
- Breakpoint impacted.
- Discount oriented.
- Guaranteed, and if so, specify the length of the guarantee.

Any assumptions must be fully explained and quote the related fees and expenses on a unit cost basis.

## **5.7 Additional Fees and Expenses Information**

- A. For each investment option, identify any payments the Company may receive from any unaffiliated third party in connection with the investment of any assets from this Plan.
- B. Specify any start-up/conversion and any termination costs.
- C. Describe any and all other fees and expenses not otherwise specified.



## **5.8 References**

Provide three (3) references of current customers who have similar plan demographics (i.e., size and plan design). For each reference, provide: organization name, contact person, summary of services provided, and length of relationship.

## **SECTION 6: EVALUATION CRITERIA**

### **6.1 Proposal Evaluation**

The following criteria will be used to evaluate compliant proposals:

- A. Organization and history
- B. Client service / quality assurance
- C. Product recordkeeping
- D. Plan-level compliance services
- E. Reporting
- F. Communications and education
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## APPENDIX A: CURRENT PLAN INVESTMENTS

Investment Provider	Participants	Annual Contribs	Total Assets
<b>403(b)</b>			\$14,592,884
Ameriprise Financial	6	\$48,200.04	
AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company	68	\$346,991.79	
Foresters Financial	15	\$91,608.00	
Global Atlantic (Commonwealth)	4	\$9,800.04	
Horace Mann Insurance Company	1	\$2,400.00	
Lincoln Investment Planning, LLC	1	\$250.00	
Metropolitan Life Insurance Company	1	\$9,600.00	
Midland National Life	1	\$1,800.00	
Oppenheimer Funds	26	\$185,096.22	
ReliaStar Life - Subsidiary of VOYA	9	\$65,800.04	
Security Benefit Group	41	\$291,056.00	
The Legend Group	0	\$0	
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans	2	\$18,414.65	
VALIC	5	\$43,700.00	
VOYA Financial	11	\$80,150.00	
<b>457(b)</b>			\$272,945.00
AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company	3	\$47,269.40	
Foresters Financial	1	\$18,000.00	
Global Atlantic (Commonwealth)	0		
Horace Mann Insurance Company	0		
Lincoln Investment Planning, LLC	0		
Metropolitan Life Insurance Company	0		

ReliaStar Life - Subsidiary of VOYA	0	\$19,500.00	
Security Benefit Group	0	\$53,749.52	
The Legend Group	0		
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans	0		
VALIC	0		
VOYA Financial	0		

## **APPENDIX B: PLAN DOCUMENTS**

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# 403(b) Plan Document

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**BATAVIA USD 101**  
**403(b) Plan Document**

## Preamble

This plan document includes the IRS model language set forth in Rev. Proc. 2007-71 and has been modified to delete certain optional features and include provisions that were not included in the IRS model language. It is expected that school districts will, with the assistance of counsel, modify this plan document by selecting certain options as provided in the Adoption Agreement, the terms of which are incorporated into this plan document.

## Section 1 - Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in the Plan, have the meaning set forth below.

- 1.1. Account means the account or accumulation maintained for the benefit of any Participant or Beneficiary under an Annuity Contract or a Custodial Account.
- 1.2. Account Balance means the value of the aggregate amount credited to each Participant's Account under all Accounts, including the Participant's Elective Deferrals, the earnings or loss of each Annuity Contract or a Custodial Account (net of expenses) allocable to the Participant, any transfers for the Participant's benefit, and any distribution made to the Participant or the Participant's Beneficiary. If a Participant has more than one Beneficiary at the time of the Participant's death, then a separate Account Balance shall be maintained for each Beneficiary. The Account Balance includes any account established under Section 6 for rollover contributions and plan-to-plan transfers made for a Participant, if such contributions are authorized under the Adoption Agreement, the account established for a Beneficiary after a Participant's death, and any account or accounts established for an alternate payee (as defined in section 414(p)(8) of the Code).
- 1.3. Administrator means TSA Consulting Group, Inc. Notwithstanding this appointment, the Employer may delegate, by separate agreement, any administrative responsibilities hereunder to one or more persons, committees, Vendor, or other organization.
- 1.4. Annuity Contract means a nontransferable contract as defined in section 403(b)(1) of the Code, established for each Participant by the Employer, or by each Participant individually, that is issued by an insurance company qualified to issue annuities in the state in which the Employer or Participant, as applicable, resides and that includes payment in the form of an annuity.
- 1.5. Beneficiary means the designated person who is entitled to receive benefits under the Plan after the death of a Participant, subject to such additional rules as may be set forth in the Individual Agreements.
- 1.6. Custodial Account means the group or individual custodial account or accounts, as defined in section 403(b)(7) of the Code, established for each Participant by the Employer, or by each Participant individually, to hold assets of the Plan.

- 1.7. Code means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in effect or as hereafter amended. All citations to sections of the Code are to such sections as they may from time to time be amended or renumbered.
- 1.8. Compensation means all cash compensation for services to the Employer, including salary, wages, fees, commissions, bonuses, and overtime pay, that is includible in the Employee's gross income for the calendar year, plus amounts that would be cash compensation for services to the Employer includible in the Employee's gross income for the calendar year but for a compensation reduction election under section 125, 132(f), 401(k), 403(b), or 457(b) of the Code (including an election under Section 2 of the Plan made to reduce compensation in order to have Elective Deferrals under the Plan).
- 1.9. Disabled means the definition of disability provided in the applicable Individual Agreement.
- 1.10. Elective Deferral means the Employer contributions made to the Plan at the election of the Participant in lieu of receiving cash compensation. Elective Deferrals are limited to pre-tax salary reduction contributions, unless the Employer has authorized Roth 403(b) Contributions on the Adoption Agreement that conform to the requirements of Section 10.
- 1.11. Employee means each individual, whether appointed or elected, who is a common law employee of the Employer performing services for a public school as an employee of the Employer. This definition is not applicable unless the Employee's compensation for performing services for a public school is paid by the Employer. Further, a person occupying an elective or appointive public office is not an Employee performing services for a public school unless such office is one to which an individual is elected or appointed only if the individual has received training, or is experienced, in the field of education. A public office includes any elective or appointive office of a state or local government.
- 1.12. Employer means the public education organization identified in the Adoption Agreement as the Employer.
- 1.13. Employer Contributions means any non-elective contributions made to the Plan by the Employer as provided in the Adoption Agreement.
- 1.14. Funding Vehicles means the Annuity Contracts or Custodial Accounts issued for funding amounts held under the Plan and authorized by Employer for use under the Plan.
- 1.15. Includible Compensation means an Employee's actual wages in box 1 of Form W-2 for a year for services to the Employer, but subject to a maximum of \$245,000 (or such higher maximum as may apply under section 401(a)(17) of the Code) and increased (up to the dollar maximum) by any compensation reduction election under section 125, 132(f), 401(k), 403(b), or 457(b) of the Code (including any Elective Deferral under the Plan). The amount of Includible Compensation is determined without regard to any community property laws. Beginning in 2009 and thereafter, such term also includes any "differential pay" that may be received from the Employer while performing qualified military service under section 414(u) of the Code.
- 1.16. Individual Agreement means an agreement between a Vendor and the Employer or a Vendor and a Participant that constitutes or governs a Custodial Account or an Annuity Contract.

- 1.17. Participant means an individual for whom Elective Deferrals or other contributions permitted under the Plan are currently being made, or for whom such contributions have previously been made, under the Plan and who has not received a distribution of his or her entire benefit under the Plan.
- 1.18. Plan means the name given to this Plan by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement and may include separate documents that govern special provisions if so indicated in the Adoption Agreement.
- 1.19. Plan Year means the calendar year.
- 1.20. Related Employer means the Employer and any other entity which is under common control with the Employer under section 414(b) or (c) of the Code. For this purpose, the Employer shall determine which entities are Related Employers based on a reasonable, good faith standard and taking into account the special rules applicable under Notice 89-23, 1989-1 C.B. 654.
- 1.21. Roth 403(b) Contribution means, if authorized in the Adoption Agreement, any contribution made by a Participant which is designated as a Roth 403(b) Contribution in accordance with Section 10 of the Plan that qualifies as a Roth 403(b) Contribution under section 402A of the Code.
- 1.22. Severance from Employment means severance from employment with the Employer and any Related Entity. However, a Severance from Employment also occurs on any date on which an Employee ceases to be an employee of a public school, even though the Employee may continue to be employed by a Related Employer that is another unit of the State or local government that is not a public school or in a capacity that is not employment with a public school (e.g., ceasing to be an employee performing services for a public school but continuing to work for the same State or local government employer).
- 1.23. Vendor means the provider of an Annuity Contract or Custodial Account, or any organization acting on their behalf under this Plan.
- 1.24. Valuation Date means each business day of the Plan Year.

## Section 2 - Participation and Contributions

- 2.1. Eligibility. Unless otherwise provided in the Adoption Agreement, each Employee shall be eligible to participate in the Plan and elect to have Elective Deferrals made on his or her behalf hereunder immediately upon becoming employed by the Employer. However, an Employee who is a student-teacher (i.e., a person providing service as a teacher's aid on a temporary basis while attending a school, college or university) or a student-worker is not eligible to participate in the Plan.
- 2.2. Contributions. (a) Elective Deferral Contributions. An Employee elects to become a Participant by executing an election to reduce his or her Compensation (and have that amount contributed to the Plan as an Elective Deferral on his or her behalf) and filing it with the appropriate Administrator. This Compensation reduction election shall be made on the agreement provided by the Administrator under which the Employee agrees to be bound by all the terms and conditions of the Plan. The Administrator may establish an annual minimum deferral amount no higher than \$200, and may change such minimum to a lower amount from time to time. The participation election shall also include designation of the

Funding Vehicles and Accounts therein to which Elective Deferrals are to be made. Any such election shall remain in effect until a new election is filed. Only an individual who performs services for the Employer as an Employee may reduce his or her Compensation under the Plan. Each Employee will become a Participant in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Individual Agreements. Unless otherwise provided in the Plan or Adoption Agreement, all Elective Deferrals shall be made on a pre-tax basis. An Employee shall become a Participant as soon as administratively practicable following the date applicable under the employee's election.

(b) Roth 403(b) Contributions. If authorized in the Adoption Agreement and if permitted under an Employee's Individual Agreement(s), an Employee may elect to make Roth 403(b) Contributions to the Plan in accordance with Section 10 of the Plan. The Participant's election to make Roth 403(b) Contributions shall be made on the agreement provided by the Administrator and shall also include designation of the Funding Vehicles and Accounts therein to which Elective Deferrals are to be made. Any such election shall remain in effect until a new election is filed.

(c) Employer Contributions.

(1) If authorized in the Adoption Agreement, the Employer may make non-elective Employer contributions to Accounts of designated Employees. Employer contributions shall be determined in accordance with the Adoption Agreement. Contributions made under this Section 2.2(c) shall be deposited into each Participant's Account in accordance with Sections 2.4 and 2.5 of the Plan.

(2) Employer may make contributions into the 403(b) Accounts of former Employees, provided that any such contributions satisfy all of the following conditions:

A. Contributions may not be made later than the fifth calendar year following the year in which the former Employee ceased to be an Employee.

B. Contributions must be made in accordance with applicable IRS guidance.

C. Contributions shall be 100% vested at all times.

D. Contributions shall be based on "includible compensation" as defined in section 403(b)(3) of the Code as modified by IRS regulations and shall be subject to the limitations of section 415(c)(1) of the Code.

Subject to (2)B. above, amounts not contributed by Employer to any former Employee's 403(b) Account due to the contribution limitations of section 415(c) of the Code shall be contributed in the next Plan Year (and each succeeding Plan Year) until the Employer contributes all amounts due to Participant. No contributions may be made after the last day of the fifth year following the Plan Year in which the Participant's Severance from Employment occurred.

(d) External Plan Contributions. If authorized in the Adoption Agreement, Employer may make additional contributions to the Plan and permit Employees to make contributions in accordance with the terms of an Optional Retirement Plan and/or a Supplemental 403(b) Program. Contributions made under an external 403(b) plan shall be made in accordance with the requirements of the applicable plan as indicated on the Adoption Agreement.

2.3. Information Provided by the Employee. Each Employee enrolling in the Plan should provide to the Administrator at the time of initial enrollment, and later if there are any changes, any information necessary or advisable for the Administrator to administer the Plan, including any information required under the Individual Agreements.

- 2.4. Change in Elective Deferral Election. Subject to the provisions of the applicable Individual Agreements, an Employee may at any time revise his or her participation election, including a change of the amount of his or her Elective Deferrals, a change in the allocation of his or her Elective Deferrals to reflect pre-tax or Roth 403(b) Contributions (if permitted under the Plan), and/or a change to previous investment directions. A change in the investment direction shall take effect as of the date provided by the Administrator on a uniform basis for all Employees. A change in the Beneficiary designation shall take effect when the election is accepted by the Vendor.
- 2.5. Contributions made Promptly. Elective Deferrals under the Plan shall be transferred to the applicable Funding Vehicle within 15 business days following the end of the month in which the amount would otherwise have been paid to the Participant, unless an earlier date is required by applicable state law. Employer contributions shall be transferred to the applicable Funding Vehicle within a reasonable period of time but in no event later than thirty (30) days after the end of the Employer's standard work year for which such contributions were owed.
- 2.6. Leave of Absence. Unless an election is otherwise revised, if an Employee is absent from work by leave of absence, Elective Deferrals under the Plan shall continue to the extent that Compensation continues.

### Section 3 - Limitations on Amounts Deferred

- 3.1. Basic Annual Limitation. Except as provided in Sections 3.2 and 3.3, the maximum amount of the Elective Deferral under the Plan for any calendar year shall not exceed the lesser of (a) the "applicable dollar amount" or (b) the Participant's Includible Compensation. The "applicable dollar amount" is the amount established under section 402(g)(1)(B) of the Code, which is \$17,000 for 2012, and is adjusted for cost-of-living thereafter to the extent provided under section 415(d) of the Code.
- 3.2. Special Section 403(b) Catch-up Limitation for Employees with 15 Years of Service. If authorized in the Adoption Agreement, the applicable dollar amount under Section 3.1(a) for any "qualified employee" is increased (to the extent provided in the Individual Agreements) by the least of:
- (a) \$3,000;
  - (b) The excess of:
    - (1) \$15,000, over
    - (2) The total special 403(b) catch-up elective deferrals made for the qualified employee by the qualified organization for prior years; or

(c) The excess of:

- (1) \$5,000 multiplied by the number of years of service of the employee with the qualified organization, over
- (2) The total Elective Deferrals made for the employee by the qualified organization for prior years.

For purposes of this Section 3.2, a "qualified employee" means an employee who has completed at least 15 years of service taking into account only employment with the Employer.

- 3.3. Age 50 Catch-up Elective Deferral Contributions. An Employee who is a Participant who will attain age 50 or more by the end of the tax year is permitted to elect an additional amount of Elective Deferrals, up to the maximum age 50 catch-up Elective Deferrals for the year. The maximum dollar amount of the age 50 catch-up Elective Deferrals for a year is \$5,500 for 2012, and is adjusted for cost-of-living thereafter to the extent provided under the Code.
- 3.4. Coordination. If the Adoption Agreement authorizes contributions under Section 3.2 of the Plan, amounts in excess of the limitation set forth in Section 3.1 shall be allocated first to the special 403(b) catch-up under Section 3.2 and next as an age 50 catch-up contribution under Section 3.3. However, in no event can the amount of the Elective Deferrals for a year be more than the Participant's Includible Compensation for the year.
- 3.5. Special Rule for a Participant Covered by Another Section 403(b) Plan. For purposes of this Section 3, if the Participant is or has been a participant in one or more other plans under section 403(b) of the Code (and any other plan that permits elective deferrals under section 402(g) of the Code), then this Plan and all such other plans shall be considered as one plan for purposes of applying the Elective Deferral limitations of this Section 3. For this purpose, the Administrator shall take into account any other such plan maintained by any Related Employer and shall also take into account any other such plan for which the Administrator receives from the Participant sufficient information concerning his or her participation in such other plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, another plan maintained by a Related Entity shall be taken into account for purposes of Section 3.2 only if the other plan is a section 403(b) plan.
- 3.6. Correction of Excess Elective Deferrals. If the Elective Deferral on behalf of a Participant for any calendar year exceeds the limitations described above, or the Elective Deferral on behalf of a Participant for any calendar year exceeds the limitations described above when combined with other amounts deferred by the Participant under another plan of the Employer under section 403(b) of the Code (and any other plan that permits elective deferrals under section 402(g) of the Code for which the Participant provides information that is accepted by the Administrator), then the Elective Deferral, to the extent in excess of the applicable limitation (adjusted for any income or loss in value, if any, allocable thereto), shall be distributed to the Participant in accordance with applicable IRS guidance.



- 3.7. Protection of Persons Who Serve in a Uniformed Service. An Employee whose employment is interrupted by qualified military service under section 414(u) of the Code or who is on a leave of absence for qualified military service under section 414(u) of the Code may elect to make additional Elective Deferrals upon resumption of employment with the Employer equal to the maximum Elective Deferrals that the Employee could have elected during that period if the Employee's employment with the Employer had continued (at the same level of Compensation) without the interruption or leave, reduced by the Elective Deferrals, if any, actually made for the Employee during the period of the interruption or leave. Except to the extent provided under section 414(u) of the Code, this right applies for five (5) years following the resumption of employment (or, if sooner, for a period equal to three (3) times the period of the interruption or leave).
- 3.8. Annual Contribution Limits. The aggregate annual amount contributed into a Participant's Account shall not exceed the amount permitted under section 415(c) of the Code. If any Employer Contributions cause a Participant's 403(b) Contract to exceed the annual contribution limitation of section 415(c)(1) of the Code, the excess contributions shall be segregated and treated in a manner consistent with applicable IRS guidance on excess "annual additions."

## Section 4 - Loans

- 4.1. Loans. If authorized in the Adoption Agreement, loans shall be permitted under the Plan to the extent permitted by and in accordance with the Individual Agreements controlling the Account assets from which the loan is made and by which the loan will be secured. An Employee who has previously defaulted on a loan from any retirement plan or deferred compensation arrangement sponsored by the Employer and who has not repaid the loan, in full, shall not be permitted to take a loan from his or her Account under the Plan.
- 4.2. Information Coordination Concerning Loans. Each Vendor is responsible for all information reporting and tax withholding required by applicable federal and state law in connection with distributions and loans. To minimize the instances in which Participants have taxable income as a result of loans from the Plan, the Administrator shall take such steps as may be appropriate to coordinate the limitations on loans set forth in Sections 4.1 and 4.3, including the collection of information from Vendors, and transmission of information requested by any Vendor, concerning the outstanding balance of any loans made to a Participant under the Plan or any other plan of the Employer. The Administrator shall also take such steps as may be appropriate to collect information from Vendors and to transmit information to any Vendor, concerning any failure by a Participant to repay timely any loans made to a Participant under the Plan or any other plan of the Employer.
- 4.3. Maximum Loan Amount. No loan to a Participant under the Plan may exceed the lesser of (a) or (b) below:  
(a) \$50,000, reduced by the greater of:

- (1) the outstanding balance on any loan from the Plan to the Participant on the date the loan is made or
  - (2) the highest outstanding balance on loans from the Plan to the Participant during the one-year period ending on the day before the date the loan is approved by the Administrator (not taking into account any payments made during such one-year period).
- (b) the greater of one half of the value of the Participant's Account Balance (as of the valuation date immediately preceding the date on which such loan is approved by the Administrator) or \$10,000.

For purposes of this Section 4.3, any loan from any other plan maintained by the Employer and any Related Employer shall be treated as if it were a loan made from the Plan, and the Participant's vested interest under any such other plan shall be considered a vested interest under this Plan; provided, however, that the provisions of this paragraph shall not be applied so as to allow the amount of a loan to exceed the amount that would otherwise be permitted in the absence of this paragraph.

- 4.4. Loan Repayments for Employees in Military Service. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan or any Annuity Contract or Custodial Account, loan repayments by eligible uniformed services personnel may be suspended as permitted under section 414(u)(4) of the Code and the terms of any loan shall be modified to conform therewith.

## Section 5 - Benefit Distributions

- 5.1. Benefit Distributions at Severance from Employment or Other Distribution Event. Except as may otherwise be permitted under applicable IRS guidance or under Section 3.6 (relating to excess Elective Deferrals), Section 5.3 (relating to withdrawals of amounts rolled over into the Plan), or Section 5.4 (relating to Hardship Distributions), distributions from a Participant's Account may not be made earlier than the earliest of the date on which the Participant has a Severance from Employment, Dies, becomes Disabled, or Attains age 59-1/2. Distributions shall otherwise be made in accordance with the terms of the Individual Agreements.
- 5.2. Minimum Distributions. Each Individual Agreement shall comply with the minimum distribution requirements of section 401(a)(9) of the Code and the regulations thereunder. For purposes of applying the distribution rules of section 401(a)(9) of the Code, each Individual Agreement is treated as an individual retirement account (IRA) and distributions shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Treas. Reg. §1.408-8, except as provided in Treas. Reg. § 1.403(b)-6(e). For the calendar year 2009 only, a Participant who would have been required to receive a distribution under this Section 5.2 but for the enactment of WRERA ("2009 mandatory distribution"), and who would have satisfied that requirement by receiving a distribution from the Plan will not receive a 2009 mandatory distribution. However, the Participant may affirmatively elect to receive such amount in 2009 which shall not be a mandatory distribution under this Section of the Plan.
- 5.3. In-Service Distributions from Rollover Account. If the Funding Vehicles in which a Participant's Account is invested has established and maintains a separate account attributable to rollover contributions to the Plan and if permitted by the applicable Individual Agreement, the Participant may at any time elect to receive a distribution of all or any portion of the amount held in such rollover account.

- 5.4. Hardship Distributions. If authorized under the Adoption Agreement, (a) hardship distributions shall be authorized under the Plan to the extent permitted by the Individual Agreements controlling the Account assets to be withdrawn to satisfy the hardship. No Elective Deferrals to any retirement or deferred compensation plan sponsored by the Employer shall be allowed during the six (6) month period beginning on the date the Participant receives a distribution on account of hardship.
- (b) No hardship distribution is permitted unless the Vendors agree to the exchange of information between the Administrator and the Vendors to the extent necessary to implement the Individual Agreements. Notwithstanding any Individual Agreement, the Plan only permits hardship distributions that satisfy the "safe harbor" standards with respect to establishing an immediate and heavy financial need (under Treas. Reg. §1.401(k)-(d)(3)(iii)(B)). For purposes of satisfying the lack of other resources requirement (under Treas. Reg. §1.401(k)-1(d)(3)(iv)(E)), the Plan shall follow the provisions of the applicable Individual Agreements, except that all Participants shall suspend Elective Deferrals for a period of six (6) months following the date of the hardship distribution. Vendor shall notify Employer of any hardship distributions in order for the Employer to implement the resulting 6-month suspension of the Participant's right to make Elective Deferrals under the Plan.
- 5.5. Rollover Distributions. (a) A Participant or the Beneficiary of a deceased Participant (or a Participant's spouse or former spouse who is an alternate payee under a domestic relations order, as defined in section 414(p) of the Code) who is entitled to an eligible rollover distribution may elect to have any portion of an eligible rollover distribution (as defined in section 402(c)(4) of the Code) from the Plan paid directly to an eligible retirement plan (as defined in section 402(c)(8)(B) of the Code) specified by the Participant in a direct rollover. In the case of a distribution to a Beneficiary who at the time of the Participant's death was neither the spouse or former spouse of the Participant or alternate payee under a domestic relations order, a direct rollover is payable only to an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity (IRA) that has been established on behalf of the Beneficiary as an inherited IRA (within the meaning of section 408(d)(3)(C) of the Code).
- (b) Each Vendor shall be separately responsible for providing, within a reasonable time period before making an initial eligible rollover distribution, an explanation to the Participant of his or her right to elect a direct rollover and the income tax withholding consequences of not electing a direct rollover.
- 5.6. Distributions From External Plans. Employees participating in ORP and/or Supplemental 403(b) Plans may have different rules applicable to Distributions, Exchanges, Transfers and Loans from those plans. Distributions from an external 403(b) plan shall be made in accordance with the requirements of the applicable plan as indicated on the Adoption Agreement.

- 5.7. Vesting. All Accounts under the Plan are nonforfeitable at all times, except that the portion of a Participant's Account that reflects any contributions made under an ORP or Supplemental 403(b) Retirement Program will be subject to the vesting requirements of that plan.

## Section 6 - Rollovers, Exchanges and Transfers

- 6.1. Eligible Rollover Contributions to the Plan. To the extent provided in the Individual Agreements, any Employee or Participant who is entitled to receive an eligible rollover distribution from another eligible retirement plan may request to have all or a portion of the eligible rollover distribution paid to the Plan. Such rollover contributions shall be made in the form of cash only. The Vendor may require such documentation from the distributing plan as it deems necessary to effectuate the rollover in accordance with section 402 of the Code and to confirm that such plan is an eligible retirement plan within the meaning of section 402(c)(8)(B) of the Code. However, unless Roth 403(b) Contributions are authorized under the Adoption Agreement, in no event does the Plan accept a rollover contribution from a Roth elective deferral account under an applicable retirement plan described in section 402A(e)(1) of the Code or a Roth IRA described in section 408A of the Code.
- 6.2. Eligible Rollover Distributions. For purposes of Section 6.1, an eligible rollover distribution means any distribution of all or any portion of a Participant's benefit under another eligible retirement plan, except that an eligible rollover distribution does not include any installment payment payable over a period of ten (10) years or more, any distribution made as a result of a financial hardship or other distribution which is made upon hardship of the employee, or for any other distribution, the portion, if any, of the distribution that is a required minimum distribution under section 401(a)(9) of the Code. In addition, for purposes of Section 6.1, an eligible retirement plan means an individual retirement account described in section 408(a) of the Code, an individual retirement annuity described in section 408(b) of the Code, a qualified trust described in section 401(a) of the Code, an annuity plan described in section 403(a) or 403(b) of the Code, or an eligible governmental plan described in section 457(b) of the Code, that accept eligible rollover distributions.
- 6.3. Separate Accounts. Unless otherwise provided by the terms of applicable Individual Agreements, Vendors shall provide separate accounting for any eligible rollover distributions paid to the Plan.
- 6.4. Plan-to-Plan Transfers to the Plan. (a) If authorized under the Adoption Agreement, the Administrator may permit a transfer of assets to the Plan as provided in this Section 6.4. Such a transfer is permitted only if the other 403(b) plan provides for the direct plan-to-plan transfer of each Employee's interest therein to the Plan and the Participant is an Employee or former Employee of the Employer. The Administrator or any Vendor accepting a transfer may require such documentation from the other 403(b) plan as it deems necessary to effectuate the transfer in accordance with Treas. Reg. §1.403(b)-10(b)(3) and other applicable IRS guidance and to confirm that the other plan is a plan that satisfies section 403(b) of the Code.

(b) The amount so transferred shall be credited to the Participant's Account Balance, so that the Participant or Beneficiary whose assets are being transferred has an accumulated benefit immediately after the transfer at least equal to the accumulated benefit with respect to that Participant or Beneficiary immediately before the transfer.

(c) To the extent provided in the Individual Agreements holding such transferred amounts, the amount transferred shall be held, accounted for, administered and otherwise treated in the same manner as an Elective Deferral by the Participant under the Plan, except that the Individual Agreement which holds any amount transferred to the Plan must provide that, to the extent any amount transferred is subject to any distribution restrictions required under section 403(b) of the Code, the Individual Agreement must impose restrictions on distributions that are not less stringent than those imposed on the transferor plan and the transferred amount shall not be considered an Elective Deferral under the Plan in determining the maximum deferral under Section 3.

6.5. Plan-to-Plan Transfers from the Plan. (a) If authorized under the Adoption Agreement, Participants and Beneficiaries may elect to have all or any portion of their Account Balance transferred to another plan that satisfies section 403(b) of the Code in accordance with Treas. Reg. § 1.403(b)-10(b)(3). A transfer is permitted under this Section 6.5(a) only if the Participants or Beneficiaries are Employees or former Employees of the Employer under the receiving plan and the other 403(b) plan provides for the acceptance of plan-to-plan transfers with respect to the Participants and Beneficiaries and for the Account of each Participant and Beneficiary after the transfer to at least equal the Account value immediately prior to the transfer.

(b) The other 403(b) plan must provide that, to the extent any amount transferred is subject to any distribution restrictions required under section 403(b) of the Code, it shall impose restrictions on distributions to the Participant or Beneficiary whose assets are transferred that are not less stringent than those imposed under the Plan. In addition, if the transfer does not constitute a complete transfer of the Participant's or Beneficiary's interest in the Plan, the other plan shall treat the amount transferred as a continuation of a pro rata portion of the Participant's or Beneficiary's interest in the transferor plan (e.g., a pro rata portion of the Participant's or Beneficiary's interest in any after-tax employee contributions).

(c) Upon the transfer of assets under this Section 6.5, the Plan's liability to pay benefits to the Participant or Beneficiary under this Plan shall be discharged to the extent of the amount so transferred for the Participant or Beneficiary. The Administrator may require such documentation from the receiving plan as it deems appropriate or necessary to comply with this Section 6.5 (for example, to confirm that the receiving plan satisfies section 403(b) of the Code and to assure that the transfer is permitted under the receiving plan) or to effectuate the transfer pursuant to Treas. Reg. §1.403(b)-10(b)(3).

6.6. Contract and Custodial Account Exchanges. (a) If authorized in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant or Beneficiary is permitted to change the investment of his or her Account Balance among the Vendors under the Plan, subject to the terms of the Individual Agreements. The Adoption Agreement may also permit exchanges into the Plan from Funding Vehicles that previously accepted contributions from the Employer but are not currently authorized Vendors under the Plan. Exchanges from the Plan to a Funding Vehicle not currently authorized to accept contributions from the Employer are not permitted. If the Adoption Agreement authorizes exchanges to a Vendor that is not eligible to receive contributions under Section 2, the conditions in paragraphs (b) through (d) of this Section 6.6 must be satisfied.

(b) The Participant or Beneficiary must have an Account balance immediately after the exchange that is at least equal to the Account Balance of that Participant or Beneficiary immediately before the exchange (taking into account the Account Balance of that Participant or Beneficiary under both section 403(b) Annuity Contracts or Custodial Accounts immediately before the exchange).

(c) The Individual Agreement with the receiving Vendor has distribution restrictions with respect to the Participant that are not less stringent than those imposed on the investment being exchanged.

(d) The Employer enters into an agreement with the receiving Vendor for the other contract or custodial account under which the Employer and the Vendor will from time to time in the future provide each other with the following information:

(1) Information necessary for any current or former Vendor to which Plan contributions have been made in order to satisfy section 403(b) of the Code, including the following:

A. Employer shall provide information as to whether the Participant's employment with the Employer is continuing, and notifying the Vendor when the Participant has had a Severance from Employment (for purposes of the distribution restrictions in Section 5);

B. If hardship distributions are authorized in the Adoption Agreement, Vendor shall notify Employer of any hardship distribution under Section 5.4 of the Plan; and

C. Vendor shall provide information to the Employer or other Vendors concerning the Participant's or Beneficiary's Annuity Contracts or Custodial Accounts or qualified employer plan benefits (to enable a Vendor to determine the amount of any plan loans and any rollover accounts that are available to the Participant under the Plan in order to satisfy the financial need under the hardship distribution rules of Section 5.4); and

(2) Information necessary for the resulting Annuity Contract or Custodial Account and any other 403(b) contract or custodial account to which contributions have been made for the Participant by the Employer to satisfy other tax requirements, including the following:

A. The amount of any plan loan that is outstanding to the Participant in order for a Vendor to determine whether an additional Plan loan satisfies the loan limitations of Section 4.3, so that any such additional loan is not a deemed distribution under section 72(p)(1) of the Code; and

B. Information concerning the Participant's or Beneficiary's Roth 403(b) Contributions and after-tax employee contributions in order for a Vendor to determine the extent to which a distribution is includible in gross income.

(e) If any Vendor ceases to be eligible to receive Elective Deferrals under the Plan, the Vendor shall enter into an information sharing agreement as described in Section 6.6(d) to the extent the Employer's relationship with the Vendor does not provide for the exchange of information described in Section 6.6(d)(1) and (2).

- 6.7. Permissive Service Credit Transfers. (a) If a Participant is also a participant in a tax-qualified defined benefit governmental plan (as defined in section 414(d) of the Code) that provides for the acceptance of Plan-to-Plan Transfers with respect to the Participant, then the Participant may elect to have any portion of the Participant's Account balance transferred to such defined benefit governmental plan. A transfer under this Section 6.7(a) may be made before the Participant has had a Severance from Employment.
- (b) A transfer may be made under this Section 6.7 only if the transfer is either for the purchase of permissive service credit (as defined in section 415(n)(3)(A) of the Code) under the receiving defined benefit governmental plan or a repayment to which section 415 of the Code does not apply by reason of section 415(k)(3) of the Code.
- (c) If a Plan-to-Plan Transfer under this Section 6.7 does not constitute a complete transfer of the Participant's or Beneficiary's interest in the transferor plan, the Plan shall treat the amount transferred as a continuation of a pro rata portion of the Participant's or Beneficiary's interest in the transferor plan (e.g., a pro rata portion of the Participant's or Beneficiary's interest in any after-tax employee contributions).

## Section 7 - Investment of Contributions

- 7.1. Manner of Investment. All Elective Deferrals, Roth 403(b) Contributions, Employer Contributions or other amounts contributed to the Plan, all property and rights purchased with such amounts under the Funding Vehicles, and all income attributable to such amounts, property, or rights shall be held and invested in one or more Annuity Contracts or Custodial Accounts. Each Custodial Account shall provide for it to be impossible, prior to the satisfaction of all liabilities with respect to Participants and their Beneficiaries, for any part of the assets and income of the Custodial Account to be used for, or diverted to, purposes other than for the exclusive benefit of Participants and their Beneficiaries.
- 7.2. Investment of Contributions. Each Participant or Beneficiary shall direct the investment of his or her Account among the investment options available under the Annuity Contract or Custodial Account in accordance with the terms of the Individual Agreements. Transfers and exchanges among Annuity Contracts and Custodial Accounts may be made under this Section 7.2 as authorized under the Adoption Agreement and to the extent provided in the Individual Agreements as permitted under applicable Income Tax Regulations.

- 7.3. Current and Former Vendors. The Administrator shall maintain a list of all Vendors under the Plan. Such list is hereby incorporated as part of the Plan. Each Vendor and the Administrator shall exchange such information as may be necessary to satisfy section 403(b) of the Code or other requirements of applicable law. If a Vendor is not eligible to receive Elective Deferrals, Roth 403(b) Contributions or Employer Contributions under the Plan (including a Vendor which has ceased to be a Vendor eligible to receive Elective Deferrals under the Plan and a Vendor holding assets under the Plan in accordance with Section 6.4 or 6.6), Employer shall keep Vendor informed of the name and contact information of the Administrator in order to coordinate information necessary to satisfy section 403(b) of the Code or other requirements of applicable law.
- 7.4. Vendors for External 403(b) Plans. Employees participating in ORP and/or Supplemental 403(b) Plans may have different Vendors authorized to accept contributions and hold Accounts under the external plan. The ORP or the Supplemental 403(b) Plan will identify authorized Vendors for purposes of those plans, which may be different than the Vendors authorized under the Plan.

## Section 8 - Amendments to the Plan

- 8.1. Termination of Contributions. The Employer has adopted the Plan with the intention and expectation that contributions will be continued indefinitely. However, the Employer has no obligation or liability whatsoever to maintain the Plan for any length of time and may discontinue contributions under the Plan at any time without any liability hereunder for any such discontinuance.
- 8.2. Amendment. The Employer reserves the authority to amend this Plan at any time, provided that any amendment which reduces the contractual rights or benefits under an Individual Agreement shall apply prospectively only except as required under the Code and applicable regulations.

## Section 9 - Miscellaneous

- 9.1. Non-Assignability. Except as provided in Section 9.2 and 9.3, the interests of each Participant or Beneficiary under the Plan are not subject to the claims of the Participant's or Beneficiary's creditors; and neither the Participant nor any Beneficiary shall have any right to sell, assign, transfer, or otherwise convey the right to receive any payments hereunder or any interest under the Plan, which payments and interest are expressly declared to be non-assignable and non-transferable.
- 9.2. Domestic Relation Orders. Notwithstanding Section 9.1, if a judgment, decree or order (including approval of a property settlement agreement) that relates to the provision of child support, alimony payments, or the marital property rights of a spouse or former spouse, child, or other dependent of a Participant is made pursuant to the domestic relations law of any state ("Domestic Relations Order"), then the amount of the Participant's Account Balance shall be paid in the manner and to the person or persons so directed in the Domestic Relations Order. Such payment shall be made without regard to whether the Participant is eligible for a distribution of benefits under the Plan. The Administrator shall establish reasonable procedures for determining the status of any such decree or order and for effectuating distribution pursuant to the Domestic Relations Order.



- 9.3. IRS Levy. Notwithstanding Section 9.1, the Administrator may direct payment from a Participant's or Beneficiary's Account in the amount that the Administrator finds is lawfully demanded under a levy issued by the Internal Revenue Service with respect to that Participant or Beneficiary or is sought to be collected by the United States Government under a judgment resulting from an unpaid tax assessment against the Participant or Beneficiary.
- 9.4. Tax Withholding. Contributions to the Plan are subject to applicable employment taxes (including, if applicable, Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) taxes with respect to Elective Deferrals and Roth 403(b) Contributions, which constitute wages under section 3121 of the Code). Any benefit payment made under the Plan is subject to applicable income tax withholding requirements (including section 3401 of the Code and the Employment Tax Regulations thereunder). A payee shall provide such information as the Administrator or Vendor may need to satisfy income tax withholding obligations, and any other information that may be required by guidance issued under the Code.
- 9.5. Payments to Minors and Incompetents. If a Participant or Beneficiary entitled to receive any benefits hereunder is a minor or is adjudged to be legally incapable of giving valid receipt and discharge for such benefits, or is deemed so by the Administrator, benefits will be paid in conformity with applicable Annuity Contracts or Custodial Accounts. If the applicable Annuity Contracts or Custodial Accounts do not address the issue of payments to minors and incompetents, then the Administrator shall direct payment of the benefit to such person as the Administrator may designate for the benefit of such Participant or Beneficiary. Such payments shall be considered a payment to such Participant or Beneficiary and shall, to the extent made, be deemed a complete discharge of any liability for such payments under the Plan.
- 9.6. Mistaken Contributions. If any contribution (or any portion of a contribution) is made to the Plan by a good faith mistake of fact, then within one (1) year after the payment of the contribution, and upon receipt in good order of a proper request approved by the Administrator, the amount of the mistaken contribution (adjusted for any income or loss in value, if any, allocable thereto) shall be returned to the party that made the contribution.
- 9.7. Procedure when Distributee cannot be Located. The Administrator shall make all reasonable attempts to determine the identity and address of a Participant or a Participant's Beneficiary entitled to benefits under the Plan. If, after sending the communication by certified mail to the last known address shown on the records of the Employer or the Administrator and not receiving a response within six (6) months, then the terms of the Funding Vehicle holding the Accounts of the Participant that govern payment of benefits to Participants and Beneficiaries who cannot be located shall be followed.

- 9.8. Incorporation of Individual Agreements. The Plan, together with the Adoption Agreement and any Individual Agreements, is intended to satisfy the requirements of section 403(b) of the Code and the Income Tax Regulations thereunder. Terms and conditions of the Adoption Agreement and applicable Individual Agreements are hereby incorporated by reference into the Plan, excluding those terms that are inconsistent with the Plan or section 403(b) of the Code. In such event, the Individual Agreements shall be interpreted, to the extent possible, in a manner to conform to the Plan and applicable requirements.
- 9.9. Governing Law. The Plan will be construed, administered and enforced according to the Code and the laws of the state in which the Employer has its principal place of business.
- 9.10. Construction. Headings of the Plan have been inserted for convenience of reference only and are to be ignored in any construction of the provisions hereof. Pronouns used in the Plan in the masculine or feminine gender include both genders unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.
- 9.11. Indemnification. If Employer appoints an Employee or a committee of Employees to act as the Administrator of the Plan, Employer shall indemnify any such Employee acting on its behalf in this capacity. Such individuals shall be indemnified from any and all liability that may arise by reason of his action or failure to act concerning this Plan, excepting any willful misconduct or criminal acts.
- 9.12. No Employer Liability. Employer shall have no liability for the payment of benefits under the Plan. Each Participant shall look solely to the providers of applicable Annuity Contracts and Custodial Accounts for receipt of payments or benefits under the Plan.
- 9.13. Qualified Military Service Benefits. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, any Participant whose employment is interrupted by qualified uniformed service in the military under section 414(u) of the Code shall be entitled to all rights, benefits and protections afforded to such individuals thereunder, and such provisions are incorporated into this Plan. Uniformed services by any individual shall be determined as described in section 3401(h)(2)(A) of the Code.

## Section 10 - Roth 403(b) Contribution Provisions

- 10.1. General Application. This Section 10 shall apply only if the Employer has elected to permit Roth 403(b) Contributions under the Plan as indicated on the Adoption Agreement.
- 10.2. Roth 403(b) Contributions. Participants may make Roth 403(b) Contributions to their Accounts under the Plan if authorized by the Employer on the Adoption Agreement. Unless otherwise provided, such contributions shall be treated as Elective Deferrals and are therefore subject to the requirements and limitations imposed by section 402(g) of the Code. A Participant's Roth 403(b) Contributions shall be allocated to a separate account maintained for such deferrals as described in Section 10.3.

- 10.3. Separate Accounting Requirements. Contributions and withdrawals of Roth 403(b) Contributions, and earnings or losses thereon, shall be credited and debited to each Participant's Account and shall be separately accounted for under each Employee's Account. Gains, losses, and other credits or charges shall be separately allocated on a reasonable and consistent basis for each Participant's Roth 403(b) Contributions. Except as provided in Section 10.6, no contributions other than Roth 403(b) Contributions and properly attributable earnings may be credited to each Participant's Roth subaccount.
- 10.4. Deposit Requirements. Roth 403(b) Contributions shall be deposited with the applicable Funding Vehicles as soon as practicable in accordance with Section 2.5 of the Plan, unless an earlier date is required under state law.
- 10.5. Direct Roth Rollovers from the Plan. Notwithstanding Section 5.5 of the Plan, Participants may only make a direct rollover of a distribution of Roth 403(b) Contributions (and earnings thereon) to another 403(b) plan with Roth 403(b) Contribution features, to a Roth 401(k) plan with Roth contribution features or to a Roth IRA described in Section 408A of the Code, and only to the extent the Rollover is permitted under the rules of section 402(c) of the Code.
- 10.6. Roth Rollovers into the Plan. Notwithstanding Section 6.1 of the Plan, and unless otherwise indicated on the Adoption Agreement, direct rollovers of Roth 403(b) Contributions and Roth 401(k) Contributions and earnings thereon from another 403(b) plan with Roth 403(b) Contribution features or from a Roth 401(k) plan with Roth Contribution features are permitted, provided that the Funding Vehicles selected by a Participant will accept Roth 403(b) and/or 401(k) rollovers. Direct rollovers shall only be permitted if the transmitting plan satisfies the conditions set forth in section 402A(e)(1) of the Code and only to the extent the rollover is permitted under the rules of section 402(c) of the Code.
- 10.7. Correction of Excess Deferrals. Excess Deferrals shall be corrected by first distributing the amount of Roth 403(b) contributions (plus earnings thereon) made during the Plan Year needed to correct the excess and then by distributing a Participant's pre-tax Elective Deferrals (plus earnings thereon). However, if a highly compensated employee (as defined in Section 414(q) of the Code) experiences an Excess Deferral in any Plan Year, he may designate the extent to which the excess amount is composed of Elective Deferrals and excess Roth 403(b) Contributions, provided that both types of contributions were made by the Employee during the applicable Plan Year. If the highly compensated employee does not designate which type of contributions are to be distributed, then pre-tax Elective Deferrals shall be distributed first, followed by Roth 403(b) Contributions.
- 10.8. Definition of Roth 403(b) Contributions. A Roth 403(b) Contribution is an Employee contribution that is designated irrevocably by the Employee on his enrollment form to be a Roth 403(b) Contribution and is treated by the Employer as includible in the Employee's income.

- 10.9. Roth Caveat. Employer, Administrator and providers of Annuity Contracts and Custodial Accounts shall utilize good faith compliance efforts to conform to the requirements applicable to Roth 403(b) Contributions based on applicable IRS guidance related to Roth 403(b) Contributions. The Plan shall be administered and interpreted in the manner necessary to ensure compliance with such guidance.

## Section 11 - Optional Retirement Plan Provisions

- 11.1. General Application. This Section 11 shall apply only if the Employer has indicated that it offers an Optional Retirement Program (ORP) on the Adoption Agreement.
- 11.2. Incorporation of ORP. The ORP is established and governed by separate plan documentation which may include a plan document, statutory language and/or regulatory guidance. The terms and conditions of the ORP are incorporated herein by reference. If there is a conflict between the Plan and the requirements of the ORP, the ORP shall govern with respect to those provisions that are exclusive to the ORP. The Plan shall govern in all other circumstances.
- 11.3. ORP Contributions. Employer shall make contributions under the ORP to the Accounts of Participants that are also participating in the ORP in accordance with the terms of the ORP and/or as authorized by the Employer on the Adoption Agreement. Unless otherwise provided by the ORP, such contributions shall be treated as Employer Contributions and are therefore subject to the requirements and limitations imposed by section 415(c) of the Code.
- 11.4. Separate Accounting Requirements. ORP contributions and withdrawals, including any earnings or losses thereon, shall be credited and debited to each participating Participant's Account and shall be separately accounted for under each Employee's Account.
- 11.5. Deposit Requirements. ORP contributions shall be deposited with the applicable Funding Vehicles as soon as practicable in conformity with any requirements established in the ORP.

## Section 12 - Supplemental 403(b) Programs

- 12.1. General Application. This Section 12 shall apply only if the Employer has indicated that it offers a Supplemental 403(b) Program on the Adoption Agreement.

- 12.2. Incorporation of Supplemental 403(b) Program. The Supplemental 403(b) Program is established and governed by a separate plan document. The Plan includes the Adoption Agreement and the document establishing the Supplemental 403(b) Program, as identified on the Adoption Agreement. If there is a conflict between the Plan and the Supplemental 403(b) Program document, the Supplemental 403(b) Program shall govern with respect to those provisions that are exclusive to the Supplemental 403(b) Program. The Plan shall govern in all other circumstances.
- 12.3. Supplemental 403(b) Contributions. Employer shall make contributions as required under the Supplemental 403(b) Plan to the Accounts of Participants that are participating in the Supplemental 403(b) Program in accordance with the terms of the Supplemental 403(b) Program. Such contributions shall be subject to the appropriate annual contribution limitations based on the type of contribution required under the Supplemental 403(b) Program.
- 12.4. Separate Accounting Requirements. Supplemental 403(b) Program contributions and withdrawals, including any earnings or losses thereon, shall be credited and debited to each participating Participant's Account and shall be separately accounted for under each Employee's Account.
- 12.5. Deposit Requirements. Supplemental 403(b) Program Contributions shall be deposited with the applicable Funding Vehicles as soon as practicable in conformity with the Supplemental 403(b) Program document.

The Employer has evidenced its intent to adopt this Plan by executing the Adoption Agreement which is a part of this 403(b) Plan document. This Plan document, the Adoption Agreement, documents governing ORPs and Supplemental 403(b) Programs, as applicable, and any underlying Annuity Contracts and Custodial Accounts provided by the Vendors authorized by the Employer, as well as necessary forms and administrative policies and procedures incorporated by the Employer, an Administrator or any Funding Vehicle shall constitute the entire Plan.

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# 457(b) Plan Document

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457(b) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN  
FOR  
GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYERS

The Employer whose name and signature appear on the Adoption Agreement for the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan for Governmental Employers (the "Adoption Agreement") hereby establishes a deferred compensation plan (the "Plan") which is established pursuant to applicable state law and is intended to comply with Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any regulations issued thereunder. The Plan shall include the provisions set forth in this Plan document, the Adoption Agreement and any contracts, custodial agreements, and trusts as may be established or maintained by a provider of Investment Products available hereunder.

ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Plan, the specific words and phrases shall have the following meanings, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context and the following rules of interpretation shall apply in reading this instrument. The masculine pronoun shall include the feminine and the singular shall include the plural. All references herein to specific Sections shall mean Sections of this document unless otherwise qualified.

- 1.1 Account means the separate account or accounts established and maintained by the Trustee for each Participant under the terms of the Plan. 457 Rollover Account means that portion of a Participant's Account attributable to Rollover Contributions received from another eligible 457(b) deferred compensation plan sponsored by a Governmental Employer.
- 1.2 Administrator means Employer or the alternate Administrator appointed under Section 6.2 of the Plan to act as such under this Plan.
- 1.3 Adoption Agreement means the separate agreement as executed by Employer and which sets forth the elective provisions of the Plan. The Adoption Agreement shall be included as part of the Plan.
- 1.4 Beneficiary means the person(s), trust(s), or other entities designated by the Participant to receive the balance of the Participant's Accounts, if any, upon the Participant's death. Elections made by a Participant hereunder shall be binding on any such Beneficiary(s).
- 1.5 Code means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and any regulations issued thereunder.
- 1.6 Contribution means all contributions made hereunder by or for the benefit of each Participant and deposited into each Participant's Account. A Rollover Contribution means a contribution of an eligible rollover distribution made by a Participant from another eligible deferred compensation 457(b) plan sponsored by a Governmental Employer.
- 1.7 Eligible Individual means any individual who qualifies for eligibility in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Adoption Agreement and under Section 2.1 of the Plan. Individuals who do not perform services for Employer may not defer compensation under the Plan.
- 1.8 Employee means any individual in the employ of the Employer who is designated on the payroll records of the Employer as a common law employee. Even if a subsequent determination by a court of competent jurisdiction or governmental agency reclassifies any individual as a common law employee, such individual shall be excluded from "Employee" status hereunder. "Leased employees" described in Code Section 414(n) of the Code shall not be included as Employees hereunder.
- 1.9 Employer means the governmental organization identified as Employer in the Adoption Agreement, any successor thereto that elects to maintain this Plan, and any predecessor which has maintained this Plan.
- 1.10 Governmental Employer means any entity described in Section 457(e) (1) (A) of the Code.
- 1.11 Includible Compensation means the remuneration paid by Employer to an Eligible Individual that qualifies as "includible compensation" under Section 457(e) (5) of the Code. Beginning in 2009 and

thereafter, such term also includes any “differential pay” that may be received from the Employer while performing qualified military service under Code Section 414(u).

- 1.12 Independent Contractor means any person receiving cash remuneration from the Employer for services rendered to Employer pursuant to one or more contracts, if such person is not an Employee.
- 1.13 Investment Product means any investment product specifically approved and authorized by Employer to be offered to Participants under the Plan, provided that such products are held in an annuity contract, custodial account or trust that qualifies as a trust to hold 457(b) plan assets under Section 401(f) of the Code.
- 1.14 Participant means any Eligible Individual who has executed a Participation Agreement and has not become ineligible to participate in the Plan and any Employee for whom the Employer has made a direct contribution to the Plan. An “Active Participant” is any Participant who is currently deferring compensation under a Participation Agreement or who is receiving direct Employer contributions to his Account. An “Inactive Participant” is any former Participant who is not currently deferring compensation hereunder or who is not receiving direct Employer contributions to his Account.
- 1.15 Participation Agreement means an agreement by which an Eligible Individual agrees to defer current remuneration otherwise payable from the Employer into the Plan and the Employer agrees to deposit such deferred amount into the Plan in accordance with the terms of the agreement.
- 1.16 Plan means this 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan for Governmental Employers and the related Adoption Agreement as executed by the Employer, along with any custodial account, Trust or annuity contract as may be established or maintained by a provider of Investment Products available hereunder.
- 1.17 Trust means any trust established under applicable state law by the Employer to hold Participant Accounts hereunder as provided in Article IV, and any other account, contract or instrument that qualifies as a trust under the terms of Section 401(f) of the Code.
- 1.18 Trustee means the person, entity or organization, if any, designated to act as Trustee of the Plan in the Adoption Agreement. If the assets of the Plan are held in annuity contracts and/or custodial accounts, then the issuer of such annuity contracts and/or custodial accounts must qualify under Sections 457(g) and 401(f) of the Code. The term “Trustee” shall include an insurer issuing such annuity contracts and/or the issuer of such custodial accounts.

## ARTICLE II. ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS

- 2.1 **ELIGIBILITY.** The Administrator shall determine the eligibility of each Eligible Individual based upon the eligibility requirements selected in the Adoption Agreement. Such determination shall be conclusive and binding upon all persons.
- 2.2 **PARTICIPATION.** An Eligible Individual may participate and become an Active Participant by executing a valid Participation Agreement and delivering such agreement to Employer. The Participation Agreement shall specify:
  - (a) the amount of the Active Participant's Includible Compensation which the Employer and the Active Participant agree to defer, and
  - (b) the date as of which reduction and deferral of compensation pursuant to the Participation Agreement shall begin, which date shall be as early as administratively practicable but not earlier than the first day of the first calendar month following the execution of the Participation Agreement.

If, in the Adoption Agreement, Employer has elected to make an Employer contribution to the Plan, any individual who is eligible to receive the contribution shall be deemed to be an Active Participant for all purposes of the Plan as of the first day of the first calendar month following satisfaction of the eligibility requirements for receiving the Employer contribution, provided that all required administrative forms necessary to open an Account and have such amounts contributed into an



Investment Product have been executed by such date. The participation date shall default to the first day of each succeeding calendar month until all required forms are received by Employer or designated Administrator.

- 2.3 **TERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY.** In the event a Participant ceases to be an Eligible Individual, the Participant shall become an Inactive Participant and all Contributions shall immediately cease.
- 2.4 **AMENDMENTS OF PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS.** Participation Agreements are irrevocable as to all amounts previously deferred under the Participation Agreement. A Participant may modify a Participation Agreement, on forms approved by the Administrator, to do any of the following:
- (a) change the investment of any Contributions to the Account;
  - (b) terminate the election to be an Active Participant; and
  - (c) change prospectively the amount of compensation to be deferred.

An amendment or termination shall be effective as soon as administratively practicable, but not earlier than the first day of the following calendar month.

### ARTICLE III. CONTRIBUTIONS AND ALLOCATIONS

- 3.1 **CONTRIBUTIONS.** Except as provided in Sections 3.2 and 3.3, the maximum amount that may be contributed into the Plan by or on behalf of a Participant during any taxable year shall not exceed the limits of Section 457(b)(2) of the Code. Subject to such limitation, nothing herein shall prohibit an Employer from making Contributions into the Plan for a Participant in accordance with the terms of the Adoption Agreement. If, in any taxable year, the total amount contributed by or on behalf of a Participant exceeds the limits of Section 457(b)(2) of the Code, (as modified by Section 3.2 and 3.3 of the Plan) then any such excess, plus earnings thereon, shall be distributed from the applicable Investment Products as soon as practicable upon discovery of the excess contribution.
- 3.2 **FINAL THREE (3) YEARS OF SERVICE CATCH-UP DEFERRAL LIMIT.** If elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement, an Active Participant may in any of his final three (3) years of employment, ending before the year in which the Participant attains Normal Retirement Age as defined in the Adoption Agreement, elect to defer from compensation an amount not exceeding the limits of Section 457(b)(3) of the Code, and applicable regulations issued thereunder. For purposes of this Section 3.2, a prior year shall be taken into account only if such year began after December 31, 1978, and the Participant was eligible to participate in the Plan during all or a portion of the prior year.
- 3.3 **OLDER WORKER CATCH-UP CONTRIBUTION LIMIT.** A Participant who has attained age 50 on or before the last day of the calendar year may elect to increase his deferrals in accordance with the limits of Section 414(v) of the Code. Such contributions are in addition to the limitations of Section 457(b)(2) of the Code, but may not be used in any taxable year in which the special limits described in Section 3.2 of the Plan provide for a larger contribution limit.
- 3.4 **TRANSFERS FROM OTHER 457 PLANS.** This Plan shall accept transfers from Participant accounts held in a previous Governmental Employer's eligible 457(b) deferred compensation plan.
- 3.5 **ROLLOVERS INTO THE PLAN.** Distributions to Participants from a previous Governmental Employer's eligible 457(b) deferred compensation plan may be rolled into this Plan provided such distributions qualify as "eligible rollover distributions," as defined in Section 402(c)(4) of the Code. Such amounts shall be allocated to the Participant's 457 Rollover Account.

#### ARTICLE IV. INVESTMENTS

- 4.1 **PARTICIPANT DIRECTION.** Participants shall provide investment instructions, on such forms as may be required by the Administrator, for Contributions to be deposited into Investment Products as directed by each Participant. If a Participant fails to instruct the Administrator where to invest Contributions made to his Account, or if instructions are not clear, complete or understandable, as determined solely by the Administrator, then any Contributions shall follow the default provisions as selected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement.
- 4.2 **AUTHORIZED INVESTMENT PRODUCTS.** Employer shall authorize Investment Products in which Participants may invest their Accounts, provided that any authorized Investment Product must be held for the exclusive benefit of Participants and their Beneficiaries in a Trust or alternate funding vehicle that qualifies as a Trust pursuant to Section 1.17 of the Plan. Accounts may only be invested in Investment Products approved and authorized by the Employer.
- 4.3 **ESTABLISHMENT OF ACCOUNTS.** Appropriate Accounts shall be established for each Participant. These Accounts shall reflect the Contributions, if any, made for each Participant, and investment earnings or losses of the Investment Products utilized by the Participant to reflect any appreciation or depreciation in the fair market value of the Participants' Accounts. The fair market value of each Participant's Account shall represent the fair market value of all assets held, plus deposits and accrued earnings, less accrued expenses and proper charges against each Participant's Account as of each valuation. Each Account shall be valued at least once per calendar year.
- 4.4 **TRUST REQUIREMENT.** Accounts shall be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of Participants in a Trust or alternative instrument that qualifies as a trust under Section 401(f) of the Code. Any investment made hereunder shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Trust to the extent such terms are not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan or applicable law (including regulations and other guidance provided thereunder). In such instance, the terms of the Plan shall control.
- 4.5 **ADMINISTRATION OF INVESTMENTS.** Contributions made by or on behalf of Participants (including Inactive Participants) shall continue to be invested in the manner selected by the Participant until the Administrator has received new investment instructions. Unless otherwise restricted by the Trust or alternate instrument, a designation filed by a Participant changing his investment option may apply to investment of future Contributions and/or to amounts already accumulated in his Account as the Participant elects. A Participant may change his investment options only as permitted under the terms of the applicable Trust or alternate instrument.
- 4.6 **CONDITIONS OF INVESTMENTS.** Amounts allocated to each Participant's Account shall be invested in the Investment Product selected by the Participant, or, if selected by Employer in the Adoption Agreement, in accordance with the default investment(s) so indicated. Participants invest their Accounts subject to the terms and conditions of any agreements governing the Investment Product in which their Accounts are invested. The terms and conditions of such Investment Products are considered part of, and shall be construed as having been incorporated into this Plan except to the extent any provision of an Investment Product agreement is inconsistent with the terms of the Plan or applicable law (including regulations and other guidance provided thereunder). In such instance, the terms of the Plan shall control.

## ARTICLE V. DISTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS OF BENEFITS

- 5.1 **DISTRIBUTIONS UNDER THE PLAN.** Except as provided in Section 5.2, a Participant's Account may not be distributed to a Participant (or, if applicable, the Beneficiary) until one of the following events has occurred:

- (a) the Participant has severed employment with the Employer,
- (b) the Participant has attained age 70 ½,
- (c) the Participant has died, or
- (d) the Plan has been terminated by Employer.

Notwithstanding the above, a Participant who is on active duty for a period of at least 30 days while performing qualified military service and who is receiving differential pay from the Employer while on active duty may elect to receive a distribution of the Participant's deferrals into the Plan as permitted under Code Section 414(u). If a distribution of the Participant's deferrals is taken, then no deferrals into the Plan may be made by the Participant for a period of at least six (6) months from the date of the distribution.

- 5.2 **UNFORESEEABLE EMERGENCY WITHDRAWALS.** This Section shall apply only if selected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement and if permitted by the Investment Products in which a Participant's Account is invested. Notwithstanding Section 5.1, a Participant may request an Unforeseeable Emergency withdrawal by submitting that request, in writing on the Plan's approved form, to the Administrator. After considering all information provided by the Participant, the Administrator shall approve or deny the request. If a request for an Unforeseeable Emergency withdrawal is approved, the Administrator shall direct the provider of the applicable Investment Products to distribute the approved amount from the Participant's Account. For purposes of this Section, "Unforeseeable Emergency" is defined in Section 457(d) (1) (A) (iii) and the regulations issued thereunder.
- 5.3 **TIMING OF DISTRIBUTIONS.** Upon the occurrence of an event described in Section 5.1, but no later than the mandatory distribution date determined under Section 5.4, a Participant may elect any benefit distribution option as permitted by the Investment Products in which the Participant's Account is invested. Such an election will be effective only if made on forms provided by the Administrator and received in the office of the Administrator in accordance with such procedures as the Administrator may establish. If a Participant fails to make an election as to the form or timing of his distribution, the Participant's benefit will be paid in installments calculated by the providers of the Investment Products to satisfy the requirements of Section 5.4.
- 5.4 **MANDATORY DISTRIBUTION.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, a Participant's Account shall begin distribution by April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which occurs the later of the Participant's attainment of age 70-1/2 or severance from employment, unless a later date is authorized under the Code or applicable regulations. The Participant's Account shall then be distributed (both in determining the timing of subsequent distributions and the amount of all required distributions) in a manner consistent with Sections 457(d) and 401(a) (9) of the Code and in conformity with the requirements of Treas. Regs. 1.401(a) (9)-1 through 1.401(a) (9)-9. For the calendar year 2009 only, a Participant who would have been required to receive a distribution under this Section 5.4 but for the enactment of WRERA ("2009" mandatory distribution"), and who would have satisfied that requirement by receiving a distribution from the Plan will not receive a 2009 mandatory distribution. However, the Participant may affirmatively elect to receive such amount in 2009 which shall not be a mandatory distribution under this Section of the Plan.

- 5.5 **DEATH DISTRIBUTIONS.** A Participant's Beneficiary shall be entitled to receive the Participant's Account balance in the event of the Participant's death. A Beneficiary entitled to payment hereunder may elect in what form distributions shall be made, provided that any such distribution form is offered at that time and satisfies the requirements of Sections 457(d) and 401(a)(9) of the Code and regulations applicable thereunder. If a Participant fails to validly designate a Beneficiary prior to his death, or the Beneficiary is not alive at the time of the Participant's death, the provisions of Section 5.14 shall determine who the Participant's Beneficiary shall be for purposes of this Section 5.5. Distributions due to death are payable when the Administrator has received satisfactory proof of the Participant's death, all required tax information and any other required forms.
- 5.6 **DEATH BEFORE DISTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEGUN.** If the Participant dies before Mandatory Distributions (under Section 5.4) have begun, the Participant's Account shall either be totally distributed no later than the fifth year following the year of the Participant's death, or over a period not exceeding the joint and last survivor life expectancies of the Participant and Designated Beneficiary, provided that the distributions begin no later than the last day of the calendar year following the year in which the Participant died. If the sole Designated Beneficiary is the Participant's surviving Spouse, then lifetime distributions must begin by the later of the last day of the calendar year following the year in which the Participant died, or the last day of the calendar year in which the Participant would have attained age 70  $\frac{1}{2}$ . If there is no Designated Beneficiary named by September 30 of the calendar year following the year in which the Participant died, the Participant's entire Account shall be distributed no later than the fifth year following the year of the Participant's death.
- 5.7 **DEATH FOLLOWING THE COMMENCEMENT OF BENEFITS.** If the Participant dies on or after Mandatory Distributions (under Section 5.4) must have begun, the remaining Account balance must be distributed at least as rapidly as was payable under the Mandatory Distributions requirements.
- 5.8 **DISTRIBUTION FOR MINOR BENEFICIARY.** If a distribution is payable to a legal minor, the Administrator may direct that such distribution be paid to the legal guardian, or if none has been duly appointed, then to any of the following:
- (a) any parent of the minor Beneficiary, or
  - (b) the custodian for the minor Beneficiary under a Uniform Gift/Transfer to Minors Act, if such is permitted by the laws of the state in which Beneficiary resides.
- Such a payment to the legal guardian, custodian or parent of a minor Beneficiary shall fully discharge the provider of the Investment Products, the Administrator, Employer, and Plan from further liability on account thereof.
- 5.9 **LOCATION OF PARTICIPANT OR BENEFICIARY UNKNOWN.** If all, or any portion, of the distribution payable to a Participant or his Beneficiary from the Plan remains unpaid solely by reason of the inability of the Administrator to locate such Participant or his Beneficiary, the amount so distributable shall be treated as a forfeiture pursuant to the Plan and maintained in a forfeiture account under the Plan. In the event a Participant or Beneficiary is located subsequent to his benefit being held in such account, such benefit shall be restored, including any applicable interest, and paid, to the Participant or Beneficiary, in accordance with the terms of the Plan.
- 5.10 **ROLLOVERS FROM THE PLAN.** Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary that would otherwise limit a Distributee's election under this Section 5.10, a Distributee may elect to have any portion of an Eligible Rollover Distribution paid directly to an Eligible Retirement Plan specified by the Distributee as a Direct Rollover. The Distributee shall, in the time and manner prescribed by the Administrator, specify the amount to be rolled over and the Eligible Retirement Plan to receive

the rollover. Any portion of a distribution that is not rolled over shall be distributed to the Participant. For purposes of this Section 5.10, the following terms have the following meanings:

- (a) "Direct Rollover" means a payment by the Plan to the Eligible Retirement Plan specified by the Distributee.
- (b) "Distributee" means an Employee or former Employee entitled to receive a distribution hereunder. In addition, an Employee's surviving spousal Beneficiary and an Employee's spouse or former spouse who is the alternate payee under a qualified domestic relations order, as defined in Section 414(p) of the Code, are Distributees with regard to the interest of the spouse or former spouse.
- (c) "Eligible Retirement Plan" means an eligible retirement plan described in Section 402(c) (8) (B) of the Code.
- (d) "Eligible Rollover Distribution" means any distribution to a Distributee that qualifies as such under Section 402(c) (4) of the Code. Amounts required to be distributed under Section 401(a) (9) of the Code are not Eligible Rollover Distributions and amounts paid under Section 5.4 of this Plan are not Eligible Rollover Distributions hereunder.

- 5.11 PURCHASING SERVICE CREDITS UNDER A STATE OR LOCAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM. If permitted under the Investment Products in which a Participant's Account is invested, a Participant may direct the Administrator to transfer amounts in his Account in accordance with Section 457(e) (17) of the Code to a state or local retirement system for the purpose of purchasing past years of service credits under the system or to repay amounts previously cashed out under the system.
- 5.12 TRANSFERS TO OTHER 457 PLANS. Prior to a Participant's severance from service, transfers may be made from the Plan to another 457(b) plan sponsored by a Governmental Employer only if all of the assets of the Plan are being transferred to another 457(b) plan sponsored by the Employer, or if the Plan's assets are being transferred to another governmental plan within the same state. On or after a severance from service, a Participant may transfer his Account to the 457(b) plan of another Governmental Employer for whom the individual is currently performing services. Notwithstanding the preceding, transfers may only occur to the extent permitted by the Investment Products in which a Participant's Accounts are invested and subject to any terms thereof and provided such other plan provides or is able to provide for the acceptance of such transferred amounts. The Participant's election to transfer must be made prior to the date benefits would otherwise become payable pursuant to the terms of this Plan.
- 5.13 DISTRIBUTION TO ALTERNATE PAYEE. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the Administrator may, with the Participant's consent, authorize an immediate distribution to any alternate payee named under a domestic relations order which has been issued by a court of competent jurisdiction and determined by the Administrator to be a qualified domestic relations order under Section 414(p) of the Code.
- 5.14 NO NAMED BENEFICIARY. If no valid Beneficiary designation is on file on the date of the Participant's death, or if such designation is not valid or effective for any reason, then a deceased Participant shall be deemed to have designated his legal spouse. If the Participant has no spouse, then his Beneficiary shall first be deemed to be the Participant's children who survive the Participant, in equal shares, then if the Participant has no surviving children, the Participant's estate.
- 5.15 NONSPOUSAL BENEFICIARY. Effective July 1, 2007, a nonspouse beneficiary receiving a distribution from the Plan which would be an Eligible Rollover Distribution (as defined in Section 5.10) if the recipient were a Distributee, may rollover an Eligible Rollover Distribution to an individual retirement account, provided such account is treated as an inherited IRA with respect to such nonspouse beneficiary.

- 5.16 **BENEFICIARY WRERA RIGHTS.** For the calendar year 2009 only, a Beneficiary who would have been required to receive a mandatory distribution under section 401(a)(9) of the Code but for the enactment of WRERA will not receive a 2009 mandatory distribution unless the Beneficiary elects to receive such amount.

## ARTICLE VI. ADMINISTRATION

- 6.1 **AUTHORITY OF EMPLOYER.** Employer has full authority to interpret and construe the Plan in a manner consistent with its terms and with Section 457 of the Code and to establish practices and procedures conforming to those provisions. In all such cases, the Employer's determination shall be final and conclusive upon all persons. It is recognized that unusual circumstances may occur and questions may arise that are not specifically covered by any provision of the Plan, and Employer shall have the right to resolve all such questions.
- 6.2 **APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR.** Employer shall act as Administrator of the Plan, however, Employer is authorized to appoint an alternate Administrator and to change an alternate Administrator as he deems necessary for the proper administration of the Plan and to assure that the Plan is being operated for the exclusive benefit of the Participants and their Beneficiaries in accordance with the terms of the Plan and the Code. Employer may appoint a committee ("Committee") of one or more Employees or local public officials to serve as the Administrator and to discharge the Administrator's responsibilities under the Plan. The Employer may remove a Committee member for any reason by giving such member ten (10) days written notice and may thereafter fill any vacancy thus created.
- 6.3 **DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES.** The Administrator may delegate responsibilities to other qualified parties, provided that the Administrator shall remain responsible for the quality of the performance of each such delegated duty.
- 6.4 **ADVISORS.** The Administrator may appoint and employ such agents, attorneys, actuaries, accountants, auditors, investment counsel, and clerical assistants, and other persons as the Administrator deems necessary or desirable in connection with the administration of this Plan.
- 6.5 **POWERS AND DUTIES OF ADMINISTRATOR.** The primary responsibility of the Administrator is to administer the Plan for the benefit of the Participants and their Beneficiaries, in accordance with applicable laws and subject to the specific terms of the Plan. The Administrator shall have the power and absolute discretion to construe the terms of the Plan and determine all questions arising in connection with the administration, interpretation, and application of the Plan. Any such determination by the Administrator shall be conclusive and binding upon all persons. The Administrator may establish procedures, correct any defect, supply any information, or reconcile any inconsistency in such manner and to such extent as shall be deemed necessary or advisable to carry out the purpose of the Plan; provided, however, that any procedure, discretionary act, interpretation or construction shall be done in a nondiscriminatory manner based upon uniform principles consistently applied and shall be consistent with the intent that the Plan shall continue to be deemed a qualified plan under the terms of Section 457(b) of the Code. The Administrator shall have all powers necessary or appropriate to accomplish his duties under this Plan. The Administrator shall be charged with the duties of the general administration of the Plan, including, but not limited to, the following:
- (a) the discretion to determine all questions relating to the eligibility of Employees and Independent Contractors to participate or remain a Participant hereunder and to receive benefits under the Plan;
  - (b) to determine the amounts to be contributed to each Participant's Account;

- (c) to authorize and direct the providers of Investment Products with respect to all disbursements to which a Participant is entitled under the Plan;
- (d) to maintain all necessary records for the administration of the Plan;
- (e) to maintain practices and procedures necessary to administer the Plan as are consistent with the terms hereof; and
- (f) to assist any Participant regarding his rights, benefits, or elections available under the Plan.

- 6.6 INFORMATION FROM EMPLOYER. To enable the Administrator to perform his functions, Employer shall supply the necessary information to the Administrator on a timely basis regarding the Participants in the Plan, including but not limited to compensation, date of hire, date of death, disability, or termination of employment, and such other pertinent facts as the Administrator may require. The Administrator may rely upon such information as is supplied by Employer and shall have no duty or responsibility to verify such information.
- 6.7 PAYMENT OF EXPENSES. Expenses of the Plan may be paid by Employer, Participants, and/or providers of Investment Products, as determined from time to time by Employer. Such expenses shall include any expenses incident to the functioning of the Administrator, including, but not limited to, fees of accountants, counsel, and other specialists and their agents, and other costs of administering the Plan. Notwithstanding the preceding, any expenses or fees related to and charged under Investment Products shall be paid by each Participant in accordance with the terms of the Investment Products in which each Participant's Account is invested.

## ARTICLE VII. MISCELLANEOUS

- 7.1 EXCLUSIVE BENEFIT RULE. All amounts held under the Plan, all property and rights which may be purchased with such amounts and all income attributable to such amounts, property or rights shall be held in trust (or custodial account or annuity contract described in Section 401(f) of the Code) for the exclusive benefit of Participants and their Beneficiaries. All such amounts shall not be subject to the claims of the Employer's creditors.
- 7.2 PARTICIPANT RIGHTS. This Plan shall not be deemed to constitute a contract between the Employer and any Participant or to be a consideration or an inducement for the employment of any Participant, Employee, or Independent Contractor. Nothing contained in this Plan shall be deemed to give any Participant, Employee, or Independent Contractor the right to be retained in the service of the Employer or to interfere with the right of the Employer to discharge any Participant, Employee or Independent Contractor at any time regardless of the effect which such discharge shall have upon him as a Participant of this Plan.
- 7.3 ALIENATION. Subject to applicable state law and Section 401(g) of the Code, no benefit which shall be payable to any Participant or Beneficiary shall be subject in any manner to anticipation, alienation, sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, or charge, and any attempt to anticipate, alienate, sell, transfer, assign, pledge, encumber, or charge the same shall be void; and no such benefit shall in any manner be liable for, or subject to, the debts, contracts, liabilities, engagements, or torts of any such person, nor shall be subject to attachment or legal process for or against such person, and the same shall not be recognized except to such extent as may be required by law.
- 7.4 STATE LAW. This Plan shall be construed and enforced according to the state and local laws of the state in which the Employer's principal office is located.
- 7.5 RECEIPT AND RELEASE FOR PAYMENTS. Any payment to any Participant, his legal representative, Beneficiary, or to any guardian or committee appointed for such Participant or Beneficiary in accordance with the provisions of this Plan, shall, to the extent thereof, be in full

satisfaction of all claims hereunder against the provider of an Investment Product, Administrator and Employer.

- 7.6 **QUALIFIED MILITARY SERVICE BENEFITS.** Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan, any Participant whose employment is interrupted by qualified uniformed service in the US military under section 414(u) of the Code shall be entitled to all rights, benefits and protections afforded to such individuals thereunder, and such provisions are incorporated into this Plan. Uniformed services by any individual shall be determined as described as described in section 3401(h)(2)(A) of the Code.
- 7.7 **PRE-1979 ACCOUNTS.** Any amounts held by the Employer that can be identified as resulting from deferrals made by a Participant before January 1, 1979 shall be held under this Plan until the latest of (a) the Effective Date; (b) the date on which the Participant elects to have this Plan apply to such amount; or (c) the date on which such Participant exercises any right or power available under this Plan but not under the Plan agreement pursuant to which such deferral was made. All such persons who were Participants in any prior plan, who exercise any such right or privilege and who have not yet received a distribution of the amounts to which they are entitled under such prior plan shall be deemed to be Participants under this Plan for all purposes.
- 7.8 **LOANS.** If authorized in the Adoption Agreement, loans shall be permitted under the Plan to the extent permitted by and in accordance with the Investment Product agreements controlling the Account assets from which the loan is made and by which the loan will be secured. An Employee who has previously defaulted on a loan from any retirement plan or deferred compensation arrangement sponsored by the Employer and who has not repaid the loan, in full, shall not be permitted to take a loan from his Account under the Plan. The following limit shall apply to any loan made under the Plan unless the terms of the applicable Investment Product(s) are more restrictive:
- (a) Maximum loan amount. No loan to a Participant under the Plan may exceed the lesser of (1) or (2) below:
- (1) \$50,000, reduced by the greater of:
- (A) the outstanding balance on any loan from the Plan to the Participant on the date the loan is made or
- (B) the highest outstanding balance on loans from the Plan to the Participant during the one-year period ending on the day before the date the loan is approved by the Administrator (not taking into account any payments made during such one-year period).
- (2) the greater of one half of the value of the Participant's vested Account (as of the date immediately preceding the date on which such loan is approved by the Administrator) or \$10,000. For purposes of this Section 7.8, any loan from any other plan maintained by the Employer and any related organization shall be treated as if it were a loan made from the Plan, and the Participant's vested interest under any such other plan shall be considered a vested interest under this Plan; provided, however, that the provisions of this Section shall not be applied so as to allow the amount of a loan to exceed the amount that would otherwise be permitted in the absence of this section.
- (b) **Loan Repayments for Employees in Military Service.** Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan or any Investment Product agreement, loan repayments by eligible uniformed services personnel may be suspended as permitted under section 404(u)(4) of the Code and the terms of any loan shall be modified to conform to the requirements of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.



- 7.9 INCORPORATION OF INVESTMENT PRODUCT AGREEMENTS. The Plan, together with the Adoption Agreement and any Investment Product agreements governing Participant Accounts, are intended to satisfy the requirements of section 457(b) of the Code and the Income Tax Regulations thereunder. Terms and conditions of the Adoption Agreement and applicable agreements are hereby incorporated by reference into the Plan, excluding those terms that are inconsistent with the Plan or section 457(b) of the Code. In such event, the agreements shall be interpreted, to the extent possible, in a manner to conform to the Plan and applicable requirements.
- 7.10 CONSTRUCTION. It is intended that this Plan qualify under section 457(b) of the Code. In accordance with such intent, this Plan shall be construed and administered in a manner consistent with the purpose and all applicable laws and regulations.
- 7.11 STATE LAW. The Plan shall be construed, administered and governed in all respects in accordance with the laws of the State of the Employer's principal address as indicated on the Adoption Agreement to the extent such laws are not superseded by federal law. If any provision herein is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provision hereof shall continue to be fully effective.

#### ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

- 8.1 AMENDMENT. The Employer has the right at any time to amend this Plan, provided that no amendment to the Plan shall be effective if it authorizes or permits any part of the Investment Product (other than such part as is required to pay taxes, investment charges and administration expenses) to be used for or diverted to any purpose other than for the exclusive benefit of the Participants or their Beneficiaries or estates; or causes any reduction in the amount credited to the account of any Participant; or causes or permits any portion of the Investment Product to revert to or become property of the Employer. Any such amendment shall become effective as provided therein upon its execution, except that any amendment which conforms the Plan to the requirements of any applicable law or regulation shall be effective as of the date required for continued qualification under Section 457(b) of the Code.
- 8.2 TERMINATION. The Employer has the right at any time to terminate the Plan by notifying all Active Participants and providers of Investment Products hereunder with written notice of such termination. Upon the complete and total termination of the Plan, the Employer shall direct the distribution of the assets to Participants in a manner which is consistent with and satisfies the provisions of Article V.

#### ARTICLE IX. ROTH CONTRIBUTIONS

- 9.1 GENERAL APPLICATION. This Article IX shall apply only if Employer has elected to permit Roth 457(b) Contributions under the Plan as indicated on the Adoption Agreement.
- 9.2 ROTH 457(b) CONTRIBUTIONS. Participants may make Roth 457(b) Contributions to their Accounts under the Plan if authorized by the Employer on the Adoption Agreement. Unless otherwise provided, such contributions shall be treated as deferrals of Includible Compensation and are therefore subject to the requirements and limitations imposed by Section 457(b)(2) of the Code. A Participant's Roth 457(b) Contributions shall be allocated to a separate account maintained for such deferrals as described in Section 9.3.

- 9.3 **SEPARATE ACCOUNTING REQUIREMENTS.** Contributions and withdrawals of Roth 457(b) Contributions, and earnings or losses thereon, shall be credited and debited to each Participant's Account and shall be separately accounted for under each Employee's Account. Gains, losses, and other credits or charges shall be separately allocated on a reasonable and consistent basis for each Participant's Roth 457(b) Contributions. Except as provided in Section 9.6, no contributions other than Roth 457(b) Contributions and properly attributable earnings may be credited to each Participant's Roth subaccount.
- 9.4 **DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS.** Roth 457(b) Contributions shall be deposited with the Investment Products selected by Participant as soon as practicable in accordance with Article IV of the Plan, unless an earlier date is required under state law.
- 9.5 **DIRECT ROTH ROLLOVERS FROM THE PLAN.** Notwithstanding Section 5.10 of the Plan, Participants may only make a direct rollover of a distribution of Roth 457(b) Contributions (and earnings thereon) to another governmental 457(b) plan with Roth 457(b) Contribution features, to a Roth 401(k) plan with Roth contribution features, to a Roth 403(b) plan with Roth contribution features or to a Roth IRA described in Section 408A of the Code, and only to the extent the Rollover is permitted under the rules of section 402(c) of the Code.
- 9.6 **ROTH ROLLOVERS INTO THE PLAN.** In conformity with Section 3.5 of the Plan, and unless otherwise indicated on the Adoption Agreement, the Plan shall only accept direct rollovers of Roth 457(b) Contributions from another governmental 457(b) plan with Roth contribution features, provided that the Investment Products utilized by the Participant will accept Roth 457(b) rollovers. Direct rollovers shall only be permitted if the transmitting plan satisfies the conditions set forth in Section 402A(e)(1) of the Code and only to the extent the rollover is permitted under the rules of Section 402(c) of the Code.
- 9.7 **CORRECTION OF EXCESS CONTRIBUTIONS.** Contributions made in excess of the applicable annual limitations shall be corrected by first distributing the amount of Roth 457(b) contributions (plus earnings thereon) made during the Plan Year needed to correct the excess and then by distributing a Participant's pre-tax contributions (plus earnings thereon). However, if a highly compensated employee (as defined in Section 414(q) of the Code) experiences an Excess Deferral in any Plan Year, he may designate the extent to which the excess amount is composed of pre-tax contributions and excess Roth 457(b) Contributions, provided that both types of contributions were made by the Employee during the applicable Plan Year. If the highly compensated employee does not designate which type of contributions are to be distributed, then excess pre-tax contributions shall be distributed first, followed by excess Roth 457(b) Contributions.
- 9.8 **DEFINITION OF ROTH 457(b) CONTRIBUTIONS.** A Roth 457(b) Contribution is an Employee contribution that is designated irrevocably by the Employee on his enrollment form to be a Roth 457(b) Contribution and is treated by the Employer as includible in the Employee's income.
- 9.9 **ROTH CAVEAT.** Employer, Administrator and providers of Annuity Contracts and Custodial Accounts shall utilize good faith compliance efforts to conform to the requirements applicable to Roth 457(b) Contributions based on applicable IRS guidance related to Roth 457(b) Contributions. The Plan shall be administered and interpreted in the manner necessary to ensure compliance with such guidance.