



ST. LOUIS
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 24

2021



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TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ST. LOUIS HOUSING AUTHORITY
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

Take notice that the **regular meeting** of the commissioners of the St. Louis Housing Authority will be held via **Zoom*** on Thursday, July 24, 2025, commencing at 4:30 p.m., to consider and act upon items shown on the attached agenda. An Executive Session may be convened to discuss legal actions, causes of actions, communications with attorneys, personnel matters, leasing, purchase or sale of real estate and bid specifications.

DATED: July 18, 2025

ST. LOUIS HOUSING AUTHORITY

Attachment

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ST. LOUIS HOUSING AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING, JULY 24, 2025, 4:30 P.M.
ST. LOUIS HOUSING AUTHORITY, 3520 PAGE BOULEVARD
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63106
AGENDA

ROLL CALL

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting, June 26, 2025

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

2. Resolution No. 3046

Authorizing and Approving the St. Louis Housing Authority Cost-Saving Measures for the Housing Choice Voucher Program

3. Resolution No. 3047

Authorizing and Approving the Retention of Voya Financial and Retirement Plan Advisors as the New Full-Service Providers for the St. Louis Housing Authority's 401(a) Money Purchase Plan and 457 Deferred Compensation Plan

4. Resolution No. 3048

Authorizing and Approving the Execution of the Capital Fund Program (CFP) Amendment to the Consolidated Annual Contributions Contract and the Capital Fund Annual Statement for Fiscal Year 2025

CHAIR'S REPORT

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS

COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session may be convened pursuant to Section 610.021 of the Missouri Revised Statutes, to discuss legal actions, causes of actions or litigation, personnel matters relating to the hiring, firing, disciplining and promoting of employees, negotiations with our employees, leasing, purchase or sale of real estate and specifications for competitive bidding.

ADJOURNMENT

Please note that this is not a public hearing or forum. Anyone wishing to address the Board must follow the St. Louis Housing Authority's Speaker's Policy. (Contact the Executive Division at Central Office for a copy of the policy.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
JUNE 26, 2025

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ST. LOUIS HOUSING AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 26, 2025
4:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Commissioners of the St. Louis Housing Authority held a Regular Meeting via Zoom on Thursday, June 26, 2025. Chair Regina Fowler called the meeting to order at approximately 4:32 p.m.

Present: Rachel D'Souza
Margaret English
Dara Eskridge
Regina Fowler
Benita Jones
Constantino Ochoa, Jr.

Absent: Sal Martinez

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner D'Souza moved to approve the minutes of May 22, 2025. Commissioner Ochoa seconded the motion. The motion passed with Commissioners D'Souza, English, Fowler, Jones and Ochoa voting aye.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Resolution No. 3040

(Informational Purposes Only – Approved by Telephone Vote on June 6, 2025)
Authorizing and Approving Emergency Disaster Recovery Initiatives.

Latasha Barnes, Executive Director, stated that the Emergency Disaster Recovery Initiatives include opportunities to address the impacts of the May 16, 2025 tornado upon St. Louis Housing Authority (SLHA) staff and community members. She noted that the proposed initiatives were the establishment of an Employee Care Fund to provide disaster relief payments to impacted SLHA staff members, the implementation of a Leave Donation Policy to provide additional leave time to employees who were impacted by the disaster and need to be away from work more than customary and the Disaster Preference for Public Housing admission to allow SLHA to mirror the disaster preference model for the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) program to prioritize families impacted by the disaster in the agency's admissions decisions. She said Resolution No. 3040 was presented to the board for a Telephone Vote, which passed successfully, and all three initiatives have been implemented.

Resolution No. 3038

Authorizing and Approving an Amendment to the St. Louis Housing Authority Bylaws: Article II - Section 4 (Secretary).

Presenting Resolution No. 3038, Ms. Barnes stated that this proposed amendment would revise the current bylaws to remove members of the board from being signatories to the agency's financial accounts and to model it after the later section, which allows the secretary, who is the Executive Director, a Deputy Director and/or the Director of Finance to be the authorized signatories for SLHA's financial accounts. She said the justification for this amendment is to strengthen the agency's internal financial management framework and to align it with best practices by clarifying who is designated to sign and to ensure that there is appropriate segregation of duties between the board's governance and SLHA's management responsibilities.

Commissioner Fowler recalled that this resolution was presented at the last meeting for review and that she had requested the change because as Board Chair, she does not look at checks and it is not an internal control to have her signature on something that she was not looking at. She said this amendment to the bylaws helps with internal controls.

Commissioner Jones asked what would the board's connection be with this change.

Commissioner Fowler stated that no board member would be signing checks, but they all would still get the financial statements to review. She noted that previously the Board's Chair signature was on all checks, which is fine if the Board's Chair is actually looking at the checks and understands what the signature is being used for. She said signing off on checks when she did not actually review them does not provide any internal control, however, to have people sign checks that know the details of what is being spent is a stronger internal control and it maintains a certain segregation of duties by not just letting the Director of Finance do the signing.

Commissioner Fowler asked if there were any further questions, comments or concerns regarding Resolution No. 3038.

There were none.

Commissioner Ochoa moved to approve Resolution No. 3038. Commissioner English seconded the motion. The motion passed with all commissioners voting aye.

Resolution No. 3041

Approving and Authorizing the Submission of the Agency Plan Annual Submission for Fiscal Year 2025.

Commissioner Fowler asked Ms. Barnes to highlight any major changes to the draft Agency Plan that the board should know about, as most of the plan stays the same.

Ms. Barnes stated that Resolution No. 3041, Resolution No. 3042, Resolution No. 3043, Resolution No. 3044 and Resolution No. 3045 all pertain to SLHA's proposed Agency Plan for the upcoming fiscal year. She noted that the draft plan went through the required 45-day comment period, was published for the general public to review and offer comments on, copies were made available at all of the public housing sites and were distributed to the tenant affairs boards and SLHA's board of commissioners for review and comment. She said a series of events were also held to solicit additional conversation about the draft plan and proposed policies, which included a presentation to the City-Wide Tenant Affairs Board on May 21, 2025, a virtual town hall meeting on May 28, 2025 and an in-person public hearing on June 16, 2025. Ms. Barnes stated that all input received from interested stakeholders was considered and had been incorporated into the plan, which outlines how the agency intends to administer its federal programming over the next year.

There were no questions regarding Resolution No. 3041.

Commissioner Fowler moved to approve Resolution No. 3041. Commissioner Ochoa seconded the motion. The motion passed with all commissioners voting aye.

Resolution No. 3042

Authorizing and Approving Revisions to the St. Louis Housing Authority's Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP).

Ms. Barnes states that the ACOP policy specifically pertains to SLHA's public housing operations and she deferred to Paul Werner, Director of Policy and Procurement, who led a lot of the work to provide an overview of the changes to the ACOP.

Mr. Werner stated that these are standard resolutions that SLHA updates every year as a part of its Agency Plan process. He noted that HUD issues income limits on an annual basis and SLHA has to adopt and incorporate them to its documents. He said using the income limits, SLHA goes through a process where it

gets comps to determine the flat rent for all of its public housing units, which is like market or comparable rent that a resident pays when they no longer qualify for income-based rent. Mr. Werner stated that the changes to the ACOP are usually organizational changes as the document is edited and some are changes of policies or procedures. He said this year, some of the disaster preference language was added and some minor updates were made to change some wording from one HUD standard to another. He noted that a matrix was attached to the resolution that details the changes.

Commissioner Fowler asked Mr. Werner if the units that SLHA is allowed to take offline because of repairs and things as such removed from the occupancy rate.

Mr. Werner responded, "Yes."

Commissioner Jones asked Ms. Barnes if the occupancy rate will affect the tenant participation funds.

Ms. Barnes responded, "Yes." She said the tenant participation funds are issued based on occupied units; therefore, if the occupancy rates are down, HUD provides less funds to support tenant activities.

Commissioner Jones noted that the tenant participation funds are distributed monthly or every four months. She asked Ms. Barnes if that would change and/or how would SLHA keep up with that.

Ms. Barnes stated that her understanding is that the tenant participation funds are issued in one allotment and SLHA distributes the funds to the tab boards based on their agreement with the agency. She noted that some tab boards get money every month and some get money quarterly. She said she thinks that the allotment is also based on the prior year's occupancy standards. She said she would check to confirm and would share the details with Commissioner Jones and she could share the details with the full City-Wide TAB in case they have questions.

Commissioner Jones thanked Ms. Barnes.

Commissioner Fowler asked if there were any further questions or concerns regarding Resolution No. 3042.

There were none.

Commissioner Ochoa moved to approve Resolution No. 3042. Commissioner D'Souza seconded the motion. The motion passed with all commissioners voting aye.

Resolution No. 3043

Authorizing and Approving the Allowances for Tenant-Furnished Utilities and Other Services for the Public Housing Program.

Mr. Werner stated that the utility allowances is the average cost of utilities that is anticipated that a resident would pay on a monthly basis. He said the Public Housing Program uses a similar schedule to what the Section 8 Department uses to calculate the allowances for all of the public housing developments. He noted that a schedule was attached to the resolution that includes what the utility allowances are, which varies by development, building type and bedroom size and there might be an electric or gas stove or furnace or water heater, which all affect the calculation.

Commissioner Fowler asked Mr. Werner, based on having to report the utility rates, if it was because utilities went up at least 10 percent.

Mr. Werner stated that SLHA generally presents the utility allowances every year, but the agency does not have to do it. He noted that when SLHA issues the new utility allowances for Section 8, Public Housing piggybacks and uses the same schedule.

For clarification, Commissioner Fowler asked Mr. Werner if this is something that is done every year and not because of a 10 percent increase in utility rates.

Mr. Werner responded, "Correct."

Commissioner Fowler asked if there were further questions or concerns regarding Resolution No. 3043.

There were none.

Commissioner Ochoa moved to approve Resolution No. 3043. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all commissioners voting aye.

Resolution No. 3044

Authorizing and Approving the Flat Rent Schedule for the Public Housing Program.

Mr. Werner stated that the Flat Rent Schedule is a color-coded table that details all of the unit types and reflects if SLHA increased or decreased the rent based upon the parameters that HUD gives the agency. He said the red cells in the schedule is the floor rent and a requirement that SLHA cannot charge below a certain rent, except in a few circumstances. He noted that very few public housing residents pay flat rent and pay income-based rent, however, the flat rent schedule is a standard that SLHA uses to determine what a resident would pay.

For clarification, Commissioner Fowler asked Mr. Werner, although reflected in the schedule, the proposed flat rent does not represent what the tenant pays because their rent is based on their income.

Mr. Werner responded, "Correct." He said SLHA includes the full cost of housing, which is the rent and utilities. He noted that 30 percent of the resident's income goes towards rent and utilities and if a resident pays more utilities, they generally will pay less rent.

Commissioner Fowler inquired about the three comp rent columns.

Mr. Werner stated that as a part of the process, staff get details on the actual units at the sites and then use an online tool to search for similar apartment listings based on the comps. He said the columns represent comparable rents and amenities in the same area. He noted that the comp rents are averaged and if they are lower than the rent that SLHA charges, the agency lowers its flat rent to that comp, but if the average of the comps are higher, the agency raises the flat rent, but only by \$50 at a time and not any more than that.

For clarification, Commissioner Fowler asked Mr. Werner if the comps reflect different rents in areas and SLHA comes up with an average.

Mr. Werner stated that SLHA standards used to be based on the whole metropolitan-assisted area, but HUD passed a rule and the standards are now based upon the different zip codes that SLHA's sites are in.

Commissioner Jones asked Mr. Werner why were some zip codes higher than other zip codes.

Mr. Werner stated that the cost of living in those zip codes is either higher or lower. He said it is known that rent is more expensive in some neighborhoods and traditionally HUD had always given SLHA one number for the whole city and all of the counties, but they came out with the small area fair market rents that are based by zip codes and factored into the maximum amount the SLHA can pay. He noted that if it is a higher cost area, SLHA can pay more to subsidize a unit, but if it is a lower cost area, the maximum amount SLHA can pay is lower.

Commissioner Fowler asked Mr. Werner if the waiting list preference changes in the ACOP just for city residents, including the disaster recovery initiatives.

Mr. Werner stated that any applicant can self-select preferences when they apply, including the disaster recovery preference, which are verified by management at move-in.

Commissioner Jones asked Mr. Werner if her rent would be higher if she lived in a nicer neighborhood.

Mr. Werner stated that the flat rent generally does not affect the actual rent that a resident pays because they pay based upon their income, but it does affect what a person would pay if their rent was not subsidized. He noted that he did not have the actual number, but less than 50 SLHA residents pay the flat rent amount and very few pay the full amount of rent. He said he would be happy to show Commissioner Jones the spreadsheet and how it all factors in and comes up.

Commissioner Fowler restated, for clarification, that although SLHA has to show the comp rents, it does not determine what the resident will pay because they would pay based on their income despite living in a Central West End location or a similar neighborhood.

Mr. Werner responded, "Yes."

Commissioner Fowler asked if there were any further questions, comments or concerns regarding Resolution No. 3044.

There were none.

Commissioner D'Souza moved to approve Resolution No. 3044. Commissioner Eskridge seconded the motion. The motion passed with all commissioners voting aye.

Resolution No. 3045

Approving and Authorizing the St. Louis Housing Authority Capital Fund Five-Year Plan and the FFY 2025 Capital Fund Annual Statement.

Jason Hensley, Director of Real Estate Development, stated that SLHA was notified by HUD in May that its 2025 Capital Fund allotment was \$9,209,751. He noted that the amount is very close to what SLHA normally gets and that there would likely be changes in 2026. He stated that this resolution requests board approval to accept the ACC allocation.

Commissioner Fowler asked Mr. Hensley what kind of funding changes are anticipated in 2026.

Mr. Hensley stated that he honestly did not know. He said it is anticipated that there will be cuts, however, SLHA would not know what that number will look like until next year.

Commissioner Fowler asked there were any further questions regarding Resolution No. 3045.

There were none.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve Resolution No. 3045. Commissioner Ochoa seconded the motion. The motion passed with all commissioners voting aye.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Fowler reminded the commissioners that there would be a follow-up joint fund development meeting and that it is proposed to be held either August 4 or August 11. She said hopefully the date could be narrowed down so that they could talk more about raising funds for the needs of the agency, especially in this time of many federal cuts.

Additionally, Commissioner Fowler stated that Ms. Barnes had sent the board members some information about the Public Housing Assessment System score and SLHA's response to HUD and some information about some things that she is doing. She encouraged the commissioners to contact Ms. Barnes directly if they wanted to know more or if they had questions.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In the interest of time, the Director's Report was suspended; however, Sergeant Teeter with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department presented to provide an update on activities of the Housing Authority Unit.

Sgt. Teeter stated that 14 police incident reports were generated during the last month: three in LaSalle Park, two in Clinton-Peabody, two in Blumeyer and seven in Cochran. He said there were three incidents of discharging of a firearm within city limits and he noted that spent shell casing were recovered in all three incidents, however, there was no suspect information presently. He noted that there were four property damage incidents, three stealing incidents, one burglary incident and one recovered firearm incident. He stated that an unlawful use of a weapon and an assault first were the two most serious incidents. He noted that the unlawful use of a weapon incident was domestic-related and that the suspect was identified and entered into the system as wanted. He said with the assault first incident, an individual was shot in both legs and the investigation is ongoing. Sgt. Teeter stated that three arrests were made and all were relative to wanteds that the Housing Authority Unit officers themselves had placed. Concluding, he said no stolen vehicles were recovered from any of the complexes.

Commissioner Fowler asked Sgt. Teeter what kind of activity was expected with summer being in full effect.

Sgt. Teeter stated that it was hard to say. He said it had gotten warmer, but the numbers appear to be around the same as they had been all year. He noted that if the Housing Authority Unit officers could continue to show visibility and limit the young individuals from roaming the complexes with firearms, he thinks it could continue on this path. He stated that property damage and thefts are common, but they really want to try to limit the aggravated assaults and the more serious crimes.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner D'Souza moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Eskridge seconded the motion. The vote was in favor of passing the motion with all commissioners voting aye. The meeting thereupon adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Regina Fowler, Chair
Board of Commissioners
St. Louis Housing Authority

Latasha Barnes, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
St. Louis Housing Authority

(SEAL)

RESOLUTION No. 3046

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners

Through: Latasha K. Barnes, Executive Director

From: Carla Matthews, Director of Operations for Housing Choice Voucher

Date: July 15, 2025

Subject: Resolution No. 3046
Authorizing and Approving the St. Louis Housing Authority Cost-Saving Measures
for the Housing Choice Voucher Program

Board approval is requested for implementation of the cost-saving measures for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program as outlined in Exhibit A. Federal budget cuts for fiscal year 2025 resulted in a shortfall of funds for Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) and the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Fee. The Housing Assistance Payment reserve is exhausted. To continue to operate the HCV programs, expenses must be reduced and the approval of implementation of the outlined cost-saving measures pre-approved in the Housing Choice Voucher Program's Administrative Plan will assist the St. Louis Housing Authority in accomplishing this goal.

During periods of insufficient funding to operate the HCV program, actions must be taken to reduce the cost of the program. The Administrative Plan, Chapter 35, Cost-Saving Measures When Funding Is Insufficient (attached), describes actions that SLHA may take in such circumstances. SLHA may take all or some of the actions described in this chapter, depending on the severity of the funding shortage. SLHA will consider all allowable actions to reduce costs before considering termination of existing program participants.

**AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ST. LOUIS HOUSING AUTHORITY'S COST-SAVING MEASURES
FOR THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, automatic federal funding cuts resulted in an estimated shortfall in Housing Assistance Payments; and

WHEREAS, automatic federal funding cuts also resulted in an estimated shortfall in Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Fee; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary to reduce costs in the St. Louis Housing Authority's (SLHA) Housing Choice Voucher program in order to continue to serve as many families as possible; and

WHEREAS, SLHA has reviewed various cost-saving ideas; and

WHEREAS, based on financial reviews, SLHA recommends implementation of the cost-saving measures as outlined in Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE ST. LOUIS HOUSING AUTHORITY THAT:

1. Authorizes the implementation of the cost-saving measures for the Housing Choice Voucher Program as outlined in Exhibit A.
2. The Executive Director is hereby directed to take all actions necessary to implement the cost-saving measures for the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

COST-SAVING MEASURES FOR THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

Payment Standards reduced to 100% of Fair Market Rent.

The payment standard is the maximum amount SLHA will pay for rent and utilities. At 100%, the maximum amount SLHA will pay for any new unit is significantly less. Currently the payment standard reduction is immediate only for those who are moving. All other voucher holders will not see a change until their second re-examination after the adoption of the lower payment standard.

No moves to higher cost units or higher cost areas.

The HVC Program allows the family to move anywhere with a voucher (Portability). SLHA will limit moves to higher cost areas, unless the housing authority in the area absorbs the family into their program.

No repayment agreements for failure to report income.

Families that fail to accurately report their income will have 30 days to repay SLHA for excess assistance or be terminated from the program. Current repayment agreements are still valid and must be paid as agreed.

No new Project-Based vouchers.

Families living in project-based Section 8 units who choose to leave the unit will not be issued new vouchers.

Increasing efforts to discover unreported income.

Families may be asked to provide information about income reported in HUD's computer system.

RESOLUTION No. 3047

Executive Department

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Latasha Barnes, Executive Director

Date: July 15, 2025

Subject: Resolution No. 3047
Authorizing and Approving the Retention of Voya Financial and Retirement Plan Advisors as the New Full-Service Providers for the St. Louis Housing Authority's 401(a) Money Purchase Plan and 457 Deferred Compensation Plan

This resolution seeks Board approval for the retention of Voya Financial and Retirement Plan Advisors as the new full-service providers for the St. Louis Housing Authority's (SLHA) 401(a) Money Purchase Plan and 457 Deferred Compensation Plan. This approval is essential to proceed with the consolidation and transition of plan recordkeeping, administration, and investment advisory services, and to adopt the updated plan documents.

II. BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Resolution Number 3029, approved by the Board of Commissioners on February 27, 2025, SLHA began a process to evaluate and select a new service provider for its 401(a) Money Purchase Plan and 457 Retirement Plan. This process aimed to ensure the plans continue to receive optimal recordkeeping, administration, and investment advisory services for the benefit of SLHA employees.

Currently, Principal Financial Services (Principal) has been the provider for the SLHA's 401(a) plan since November 18, 2011. For the 457 Retirement Plan, Nationwide has been a provider since October 7, 1987, and Security Benefit Group since May 30, 2004.

Following a thorough review and negotiation process, SLHA identified Voya Financial and Retirement Plan Advisors as the most suitable providers to consolidate and replace the incumbent providers. The proposed engagement is designed to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Plans' operations.

III. PROPOSED ACTION

Board approval is requested to formally retain Voya Financial and Retirement Plan Advisors as the designated full-service providers for both the 401(a) Money Purchase Plan and the 457 Retirement Plan. This retention encompasses comprehensive plan recordkeeping, administration, and investment advisory services.

In conjunction with this change, Board approval is also being sought for the adoption of the amended and restated provisions for both plans. The specific terms and conditions governing the

services provided by Voya Financial and Retirement Plan Advisors, as well as the updated plan provisions, are set forth in the attached documents:

- **Exhibit A:** Adoption Agreement and Plan Amendments for the 401(a) Money Purchase Plan.
- **Exhibit B:** Adoption Agreement and Plan Amendments for the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Board approval is requested for the Executive Director to execute the necessary agreements with Voya Financial and Retirement Plan Advisors and to adopt the amended and restated plan provisions for the St. Louis Housing Authority's 401(a) Money Purchase Plan and 457 Retirement Plan, both effective October 1, 2025.

Authorizing and Approving the Retention of Voya Financial and Retirement Plan Advisors as the New Full-Service Providers for the St. Louis Housing Authority's 401(a) Money Purchase Plan and 457 Deferred Compensation Plan

WHEREAS, the St. Louis Housing Authority ("Authority") is a municipal corporation of the State of Missouri according to the provisions of Chapter 99.010 et seq; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Housing Authorities Law Section 99.010 to 99.230 RSMo., the Board of Commissions has authority to compensate its employees and may provide, among other benefits, retirement plan(s) to its employees; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's 401(a) Money Purchase Plan is a pension defined contribution plan in which all full-time employees are eligible to participate after six months service. Principal Financial Services (Principal) is the current provider for the Authority's 401(a) plan and has been since November 18, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's 457(b) Retirement Plan is a nonqualified deferred compensation plan. The Plan is available to all employees and those choosing to participate may elect to defer a portion of their salaries. Nationwide and Security Benefit Group are currently the two providers for the Authority's 457(b) plan. Nationwide has been a provider since October 7, 1987. Security Benefit Group has been a provider since May 30, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Authority seeks to consolidate Plan recordkeeping, administration, and investment advisory services under Voya Financial and Retirement Plan Advisors, full-service providers, to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Plans' operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE ST. LOUIS HOUSING AUTHORITY THAT:

1. The Executive Director is authorized to execute the adoption agreements and Plan documents (attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and "Exhibit B") to retain Voya Financial and Retirement Plan Advisors as service providers for Plan recordkeeping, administration and investment services for the Authority's employees.
2. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to implement the terms and conditions of this resolution.

**ADOPTION AGREEMENT FOR
VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE AND ANNUITY COMPANY
NON-STANDARDIZED
GOVERNMENTAL 401(a) PRE-APPROVED PLAN**

CAUTION: Failure to properly fill out this Adoption Agreement may result in disqualification of the Plan.

EMPLOYER INFORMATION

(An amendment to the Adoption Agreement is not needed solely to reflect a change in this Employer Information Section.)

1. EMPLOYER'S NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, TIN AND FISCAL YEAR

Name: St. Louis Housing Authority

Address: 3520 Page Blvd.

Street

St. Louis

City

Missouri

State

63106

Zip

Telephone: (314) 286-4211

Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN): 43-6003254

Employer's Fiscal Year ends: September 30

2. TYPE OF GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY. This Plan may only be adopted a state or local governmental entity, or agency thereof, including an Indian tribal government and may not be adopted by any other entity, including a federal government and any agency or instrumentality thereof.

- a. ☐ State government or state agency
- b. ☐ County or county agency
- c. ☒ Municipality or municipal agency
- d. ☐ Indian tribal government (see Note below)

NOTE: An Indian tribal government may only adopt this Plan if such entity is defined under Code §7701(a)(40), is a subdivision of an Indian tribal government as determined in accordance with Code §7871(d), or is an agency or instrumentality of either, and all of the Participants under this Plan employed by such entity substantially perform services as an Employee in essential governmental functions and not in the performance of commercial activities (whether or not an essential government function).

3. PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS (Plan Section 1.39). Will any other Employers adopt this Plan as Participating Employers?

- a. ☒ No
- b. ☐ Yes

MULTIPLE EMPLOYER PLAN (Plan Article XI). Will any Employers who are not Affiliated Employers adopt this Plan as part of a multiple employer plan (MEP) arrangement?

- c. ☒ No
- d. ☐ Yes (Complete a Participation Agreement for each Participating Employer.)

PLAN INFORMATION

(An amendment to the Adoption Agreement is not needed solely to reflect a change in the information in Question 9.)

4. PLAN NAME:

St. Louis Housing Authority Retirement Plan

5. PLAN STATUS

- a. ☐ New Plan
 - b. ☒ Amendment and restatement of existing Plan
- CYCLE 3 RESTATEMENT** (leave blank if not applicable)

- 1. ☒ This is an amendment and restatement to bring a plan into compliance with the legislative and regulatory changes set forth in IRS Notice 2017-37 (i.e., the 6-year pre-approved plan restatement cycle).

6. EFFECTIVE DATE (Plan Section 1.16) (complete a. if new plan; complete a. AND b. if an amendment and restatement)
Initial Effective Date of Plan (except for restatements, cannot be earlier than the first day of the current Plan Year)

- a. October 5, 1961 (enter month day, year) (hereinafter called the "Effective Date" unless 6.b. is entered below)

Restatement Effective Date. If this is an amendment and restatement, the effective date of the restatement (hereinafter called the "Effective Date") is:

- b. October 1, 2025 (enter month day, year; NOTE: The restatement date may not be prior to the first day of the current Plan Year. Plan contains appropriate retroactive effective dates with respect to provisions for appropriate laws.)

7. PLAN YEAR (Plan Section 1.43) means, except as otherwise provided in d. below:

- a. ☒ the calendar year
b. ☐ the twelve-month period ending on _____ (e.g., June 30th)

SHORT PLAN YEAR (Plan Section 1.47). This is a Short Plan Year (if the effective date of participation is based on a Plan Year, then coordinate with Question 14):

- c. ☒ N/A
d. ☐ beginning on _____ (enter month day, year; e.g., July 1, 2020)
and ending on _____ (enter month day, year).

8. VALUATION DATE (Plan Section 1.53) means:

- a. ☒ every day that the Trustee (or Insurer), any transfer agent appointed by the Trustee (or Insurer) or the Employer, and any stock exchange used by such agent are open for business (daily valuation)
b. ☐ the last day of each Plan Year
c. ☐ the last day of each Plan Year quarter
d. ☐ other (specify day or days): _____ (must be at least once each Plan Year)

NOTE: The Plan always permits interim valuations.

9. ADMINISTRATOR'S NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

(If none is named, the Employer will be the Administrator (Plan Section 1.2).)

- a. ☒ Employer (use Employer address and telephone number)
b. ☐ The Committee appointed by the Employer (use Employer address and telephone number)
c. ☐ Other:

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street

City State Zip

Telephone: _____

10. TYPE OF PLAN (select one)

- a. ☐ Profit Sharing Plan.
b. ☒ Money Purchase Pension Plan.

11. CONTRIBUTION TYPES

The selections made below must correspond with the selections made under the Contributions and Allocations Section of this Adoption Agreement.

FROZEN PLAN OR CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED (Plan Section 4.1(c)) (optional)

- a. ☐ This is a frozen Plan (i.e., all contributions cease) (if this is a temporary suspension, select a.2):
1. ☐ All contributions ceased as of, or prior to, the effective date of this amendment and restatement and the prior Plan provisions are not reflected in this Adoption Agreement (may enter effective date at 3. below and/or select prior contributions at g. - j. (optional), skip questions 12-18 and 22-30)
2. ☐ All contributions ceased or were suspended and the prior Plan provisions are reflected in this Adoption Agreement (must enter effective date at 3. below and select contributions at b. - f.)

Effective date

3. ☐ as of _____ (effective date is optional unless a.2. has been selected above or this is the amendment or restatement to freeze the Plan).

CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS

The Plan permits the following contributions (select one or more):

- b. ☒ **Employer contributions other than matching** (Questions 24-25)
1. ☐ This Plan qualifies as a Social Security Replacement Plan (Question 24.e. must be selected)
c. ☐ **Employer matching contributions** (Questions 26-28)
d. ☐ **Mandatory Employee contributions** (Question 30)

- e. ☐ After-tax voluntary Employee contributions
 f. ☒ Rollover contributions (Question 36)

PRIOR CONTRIBUTIONS

The Plan used to permit, but no longer does, the following contributions (choose all that apply, if any):

- g. ☐ Employer matching contributions
 h. ☐ Employer contributions other than matching contributions
 i. ☐ Rollover contributions
 j. ☐ After-tax voluntary Employee contributions

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

12. ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES (Plan Section 1.17) means all Employees (including Leased Employees) EXCEPT those Employees who are excluded below or elsewhere in the Plan: (select a. or b.)
- a. ☐ **No excluded Employees.** There are no additional excluded Employees under the Plan (skip to Question 13).
- b. ☒ **Exclusions.** The following Employees are not Eligible Employees for Plan purposes (select one or more):
1. ☐ Union Employees (as defined in Plan Section 1.17)
 2. ☐ Nonresident aliens (as defined in Plan Section 1.17)
 3. ☐ Leased Employees (Plan Section 1.29)
 4. ☐ Part-time Employees. A part-time Employee is an Employee whose regularly scheduled service is less than _ Hours of Service in the relevant eligibility computation period (as defined in Plan Section 1.55).
 5. ☒ Temporary Employees. A temporary Employee is an Employee who is categorized as a temporary Employee on the Employer's payroll records.
 6. ☐ Seasonal Employees. A seasonal Employee is an Employee who is categorized as a seasonal Employee on the Employer's payroll records.
 7. ☒ Other: part-time employees normally scheduled to work less than 30 hours per week, probationary employees, contract employees paid through temporary grants under which benefits were not budgeted, and security workers who have full time employment elsewhere, such as with a police force (must be definitely determinable under Regulation §1.401-1(b). Exclusions may be employment title specific but may not be by individual name)

NOTE: If option 4. - 6. (part-time, temporary and/or seasonal exclusions) is selected, when any such excluded Employee actually completes 1 Year of Service, then such Employee will no longer be part of this excluded class. For this purpose, the Hours of Service method will be used for the 1 Year of Service override regardless of any contrary selection at Question 16.

13. CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY (Plan Section 3.1)
- a. ☐ **No age and service required.** No age and service required for all Contribution Types (skip to Question 14).
- b. ☒ **Eligibility.** An Eligible Employee will be eligible to participate in the Plan upon satisfaction of the following (complete c. and d., select e. and f. if applicable):

Eligibility Requirements

- c. ☒ **Age Requirement**
1. ☒ No age requirement
 2. ☐ Age 20 1/2
 3. ☐ Age 21
 4. ☐ Age _____ (may not exceed 26)
- d. ☒ **Service Requirement**
1. ☐ No service requirement
 2. ☒ 6 (not to exceed 60) months of service (elapsed time)
 3. ☐ 1 Year of Service
 4. ☐ _____ (not to exceed 5) Years of Service
 5. ☐ _____ consecutive month period from the Eligible Employee's employment commencement date and during which at least _____ Hours of Service are completed.
 6. ☐ _____ consecutive months of employment.
 7. ☐ Other: _____ (e.g., date on which 1,000 Hours of Service is completed within the computation period) (must satisfy the Notes below)

NOTE: If c.4. or d.7. is selected, the condition must be an age or service requirement that is definitely determinable and may not exceed age 26 and may not exceed 5 Years of Service.

NOTE: Year of Service means Period of Service if the elapsed time method is chosen.

Waiver of conditions. The service and/or age requirements specified above will be waived in accordance with the following (leave blank if there are no waivers of conditions):

- e. ☐ If employed on _____ the following requirements, and the entry date requirement, will be waived. The waiver applies to any Eligible Employee unless 3. selected below. Such Employees will enter the Plan as of such date (select 1. and/or 2. AND 3. if applicable):
1. ☐ service requirement (may let part-time Eligible Employees into the Plan)
 2. ☐ age requirement
 3. ☐ waiver is for: _____

Amendment or restatement to change eligibility requirements

- f. ☐ This amendment or restatement (or a prior amendment and restatement) modified the eligibility requirements and the prior eligibility conditions continue to apply to the Eligible Employees specified below. If this option is NOT selected, then all Eligible Employees must satisfy the eligibility conditions set forth above.
1. ☐ The eligibility conditions above only apply to Eligible Employees who were not Participants as of the effective date of the modification.
 2. ☐ The eligibility conditions above only apply to individuals who were hired on or after the effective date of the modification.

14. **EFFECTIVE DATE OF PARTICIPATION (ENTRY DATE) (Plan Section 3.2)**

An Eligible Employee who has satisfied the eligibility requirements will become a Participant in the Plan as of the:

- a. ☐ date such requirements are met
- b. ☒ first day of the month coinciding with or next following the date on which such requirements are met
- c. ☐ first day of the Plan Year quarter coinciding with or next following the date on which such requirements are met
- d. ☐ earlier of the first day of the Plan Year or the first day of the seventh month of the Plan Year coinciding with or next following the date on which such requirements are met
- e. ☐ first day of the Plan Year coinciding with or next following the date on which such requirements are met
- f. ☐ first day of the Plan Year in which such requirements are met
- g. ☐ first day of the Plan Year in which such requirements are met, if such requirements are met in the first 6 months of the Plan Year, or as of the first day of the next succeeding Plan Year if such requirements are met in the last 6 months of the Plan Year.
- h. ☐ other: _____ (must be definitely determinable)

SERVICE

15. **RECOGNITION OF SERVICE WITH OTHER EMPLOYERS (Plan Sections 1.40 and 1.55)**

- a. ☒ No service with other employers is recognized except as otherwise required by law (e.g., the Plan already provides for the recognition of service with Employers who have adopted this Plan as well as service with Affiliated Employers and predecessor Employers who maintained this Plan; skip to Question 16).
- b. ☐ Service with the designated employers is recognized as follows (select c. – e. and one or more of columns 1. - 3.; chose other options as applicable) (if more than 3 employers, attach an addendum to the Adoption Agreement or complete option h. under Section B of Appendix A):

	1.	2.	3.
Other Employer	Eligibility	Vesting	Contribution Allocation
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Employer name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. <input type="checkbox"/> Employer name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. <input type="checkbox"/> Employer name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Limitations			
f. <input type="checkbox"/> The following provisions or limitations apply with respect to the recognition of prior service: _____ (e.g., credit service with X only on/after 1/1/19)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. <input type="checkbox"/> The following provisions or limitations apply with respect to the recognition of service with other employers: _____ (e.g., credit service with X only on/after 1/1/19 or credit all service with entities the Employer acquires after 12/31/18)			

NOTE: If the other Employer(s) maintained this qualified Plan, then Years (and/or Periods) of Service with such Employer(s) must be recognized pursuant to Plan Sections 1.40 and 1.55 regardless of any selections above.

16. SERVICE CREDITING METHOD (Plan Sections 1.40 and 1.55)

NOTE: If any Plan provision is based on a Year of Service, then the provisions set forth in the definition of Year of Service in Plan Section 1.55 will apply, including the following defaults, except as otherwise elected below:

1. A Year of Service means completion of at least 1,000 Hours of Service during the applicable computation period.
2. Hours of Service (Plan Section 1.24) will be based on actual Hours of Service except that for Employees for whom records of actual Hours of Service are not maintained or available (e.g., salaried Employees), the monthly equivalency will be used.
3. For eligibility purposes, the computation period will be as defined in Plan Section 1.55 (i.e., shift to the Plan Year if the eligibility condition is one (1) Year of Service or less).
4. For vesting, allocation, and distribution purposes, the computation period will be the Plan Year.
5. Upon an Employee's rehire, all prior service with the Employer is taken into account for all purposes.

a. ☒ **Elapsed time method.** (Period of Service applies instead of Year of Service) Instead of Hours of Service, elapsed time will be used for:

1. ☒ all purposes (skip to Question 17)
2. ☐ the following purposes (select one or more):
 - a. ☐ eligibility to participate
 - b. ☐ vesting
 - c. ☐ allocations, distributions and contributions

b. ☐ **Alternative definitions for the Hours of Service method.** Instead of the defaults, the following alternatives will apply for the Hours of Service method (select one or more):

1. ☐ **Eligibility computation period.** Instead of shifting to the Plan Year, the eligibility computation period after the initial eligibility computation period will be based on each anniversary of the date the Employee first completes an Hour of Service
2. ☐ **Vesting computation period.** Instead of the Plan Year, the vesting computation period will be the date an Employee first performs an Hour of Service and each anniversary thereof.
3. ☐ **Equivalency method.** Instead of using actual Hours of Service, an equivalency method will be used to determine Hours of Service for:
 - a. ☐ all purposes
 - b. ☐ the following purposes (select one or more):
 1. ☐ eligibility to participate
 2. ☐ vesting
 3. ☐ allocations, distribution and contributions

Such method will apply to:

- c. ☐ all Employees
- d. ☐ Employees for whom records of actual Hours of Service are not maintained or available (e.g., salaried Employees)
- e. ☐ other: _____ (e.g., per-diem Employees only)

Hours of Service will be determined on the basis of:

- f. ☐ days worked (10 hours per day)
- g. ☐ weeks worked (45 hours per week)
- h. ☐ semi-monthly payroll periods worked (95 hours per semi-monthly pay period)
- i. ☐ months worked (190 hours per month)
- j. ☐ bi-weekly payroll periods worked (90 hours per bi-weekly pay period)
- k. ☐ other: _____ (e.g., option f. is used for per-diem Employees and option g. is used for on-call Employees).

4. ☐ **Number of Hours of Service required.** Instead of 1,000 Hours of Service, Year of Service means the applicable computation period during which an Employee has completed at least _____ (not to exceed 1,000) Hours of Service for:

- a. ☐ all purposes
- b. ☐ the following purposes (select one or more):
 1. ☐ eligibility to participate
 2. ☐ vesting
 3. ☐ allocations, distributions and contributions

- c. ☐ **Alternative for counting all prior service.** Instead of the default which recognizes all prior service for rehired Employees, the Plan will not recognize prior service and rehired Employee are treated as new hires for the following purposes: (select one)
1. ☐ all purposes
 2. ☐ the following purposes (select one or more):
 - a. ☐ eligibility to participate
 - b. ☐ vesting
 - c. ☐ sharing in allocations or contributions
- d. ☐ **Other service crediting provisions:** _____ (must be definitely determinable; e.g., for vesting a Year of Service is based on 1,000 Hours of Service but for eligibility a Year of Service is based on 900 Hours of Service.)

NOTE: Must not list more than 1,000 hours in this Section. This servicing credit provision will be used for:

1. ☐ All purposes
2. ☐ The following purposes (select one or more):
 - a. ☐ eligibility to participate
 - b. ☐ vesting
 - c. ☐ allocations, distributions and contributions

VESTING

17. VESTING OF PARTICIPANT'S INTEREST – EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS (Plan Section 6.4(b))
- a. ☐ N/A (no Employer contributions; skip to Question 19)
 - b. ☒ The vesting provisions selected below apply. Section B of Appendix A can be used to specify any exceptions to the provisions below.

NOTE: The Plan provides that contributions for converted sick leave and/or vacation leave are fully Vested.

Vesting for Employer contributions other than matching contributions

- c. ☐ N/A (no Employer contributions (other than matching contributions); skip to f.)
- d. ☐ 100% vesting. Participants are 100% Vested in Employer contributions (other than matching contributions) upon entering Plan.
- e. ☒ The following vesting schedule, based on a Participant's Years of Service (or Periods of Service if the elapsed time method is selected), applies to Employer contributions (other than matching contributions):
 1. ☐ 6 Year Graded: 0-1 year-0%; 2 years-20%; 3 years-40%; 4 years-60%; 5 years-80%; 6 years-100%
 2. ☐ 4 Year Graded: 1 year-25%; 2 years-50%; 3 years-75%; 4 years-100%
 3. ☐ 5 Year Graded: 1 year-20%; 2 years-40%; 3 years-60%; 4 years-80%; 5 years-100%
 4. ☐ Cliff: 100% vesting after _____ (not to exceed 15) years
 5. ☒ Other graded vesting schedule (must provide for full vesting no later than 15 years of service; add additional lines as necessary)

Years (or Periods) of Service	Percentage
<u>Less than 1</u>	<u>50 %</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>60 %</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>70 %</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>80 %</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>90 %</u>
<u>5 or more</u>	<u>100 %</u>

Vesting for Employer matching contributions

- f. ☒ N/A (no Employer matching contributions)
- g. ☐ The schedule above will also apply to Employer matching contributions.
- h. ☐ 100% vesting. Participants are 100% Vested in Employer matching contributions upon entering Plan.
- i. ☐ The following vesting schedule, based on a Participant's Years of Service (or Periods of Service if the elapsed time method is selected), applies to Employer matching contributions:
 1. ☐ 6 Year Graded: 0-1 year-0%; 2 years-20%; 3 years-40%; 4 years-60%; 5 years-80%; 6 years-100%
 2. ☐ 4 Year Graded: 1 year-25%; 2 years-50%; 3 years-75%; 4 years-100%
 3. ☐ 5 Year Graded: 1 year-20%; 2 years-40%; 3 years-60%; 4 years-80%; 5 years-100%
 4. ☐ Cliff: 100% vesting after _____ (not to exceed 15) years
 5. ☐ Other graded vesting schedule (must provide for full vesting no later than 15 years of service; add additional lines as necessary)

Years (or Periods) of Service	Percentage
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %

NOTE: If any Part-time/Seasonal/Temporary Employees who are not covered under Social Security are participating in this Plan as a Social Security Replacement Plan, any contributions used to satisfy the minimum contribution requirements of Question 24.e. will be 100% vested.

18. VESTING OPTIONS

Excluded vesting service. The following Years of Service will be disregarded for vesting purposes (select all that apply; leave blank if none apply):

- a. ☐ Service prior to the initial Effective Date of the Plan or a predecessor plan (as defined in Regulations §1.411(a)-5(b)(3))
- b. ☐ Service prior to the computation period in which an Employee has attained age _____.
- c. ☐ Service during a period for which an Employee did not make mandatory Employee contributions.

Vesting for death, Total And Permanent Disability and Early/Normal Retirement. Regardless of the vesting schedule, a Participant will become fully Vested upon (select all that apply; leave blank if none apply):

- d. ☒ Death
- e. ☒ Total and Permanent Disability
- f. ☐ Early Retirement Date
- g. ☒ Normal Retirement Age

RETIREMENT AGES

19. NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE ("NRA") (Plan Section 1.33) means: 19

This Question 19 and Question 20 may be skipped if the Plan does not base any benefits, distributions or other features on Normal Retirement Age.

- a. ☒ **Specific age.** The date a Participant attains age 65
- b. ☐ **Age/participation.** The later of the date a Participant attains age _____ or the _____ anniversary of the first day of the Plan Year in which participation in the Plan commenced
- c. ☐ **Other:** _____ (must be definitely determinable)

NOTE: If this is a Money Purchase Pension Plan and in-service distributions at Normal Retirement Age are permitted, then the Normal Retirement Age cannot be less than age 62, or age 50 if substantially all Participants are qualified public safety employees (as defined in Code §72(t)(1)). The "substantially all" requirement for qualified public safety employees will no longer be a requirement as of the effective date of the final regulations once they are issued & effective. If an age less than 62 is inserted (unless the age 50 safe harbor is applicable for a qualified public safety employee), no reliance will be afforded on the Opinion Letter issued to the Plan that such age is reasonably representative of the typical retirement age for the industry in which the Participants works. Effective for Employees hired during Plan Years beginning on or after the later of (1) January 1, 2015, or (2) the close of the first legislative session of the legislative body with the authority to amend the plan that begins on or after the date that is three (3) months after the final regulations are published in the Federal Register, an NRA of less than age 62 must comply with the final regulations under §401(a).

Qualified public safety employees. Normal Retirement Age for public safety employees (as defined in Code §72(t)(1)) (leave blank if not applicable)

- d. ☐ Age _____ (may not be less than 50 for a Money Purchase Pension Plan or 40 for a Profit Sharing Plan)

20. NORMAL RETIREMENT DATE (Plan Section 1.34) means, with respect to any Participant, the:

- a. ☒ date on which the Participant attains "NRA"
- b. ☐ first day of the month coinciding with or next following the Participant's "NRA"
- c. ☐ first day of the month nearest the Participant's "NRA"
- d. ☐ Anniversary Date coinciding with or next following the Participant's "NRA"
- e. ☐ Anniversary Date nearest the Participant's "NRA"
- f. ☐ Other: _____ (e.g., first day of the month following the Participant's "NRA").

21. EARLY RETIREMENT DATE (Plan Section 1.15)
- a. ☒ N/A (no early retirement provision provided)
 - b. ☐ Early Retirement Date means the:
 1. ☐ date on which a Participant satisfies the early retirement requirements
 2. ☐ first day of the month coinciding with or next following the date on which a Participant satisfies the early retirement requirements
 3. ☐ Anniversary Date coinciding with or next following the date on which a Participant satisfies the early retirement requirements
- Early retirement requirements**
4. ☐ Participant attains age _____
AND, completes.... (leave blank if not applicable)
 - a. ☐ at least _____ Years (or Periods) of Service for vesting purposes
 - b. ☐ at least _____ Years (or Periods) of Service for eligibility purposes
- c. ☐ Early Retirement Date means: _____ (must be definitely determinable)

COMPENSATION

22. COMPENSATION with respect to any Participant is defined as follows (Plan Sections 1.10 and 1.23).

Base definition

- a. ☒ Wages, tips and other compensation on Form W-2
- b. ☐ Code §3401(a) wages (wages for withholding purposes)
- c. ☐ 415 safe harbor compensation

NOTE: Plan Section 1.10(c) provides that the base definition of Compensation includes deferrals that are not included in income due to Code §§401(k), 125, 132(f)(4), 403(b), 402(h)(1)(B)(SEP), 414(h)(2), & 457.

Determination period. Compensation will be based on the following "determination period" (this will also be the Limitation Year unless otherwise elected at option f. under Section B of Appendix A):

- d. ☒ the Plan Year
- e. ☐ the Fiscal Year coinciding with or ending within the Plan Year
- f. ☐ the calendar year coinciding with or ending within the Plan Year

Adjustments to Compensation (for Plan Section 1.10). Compensation will be adjusted by:

- g. ☐ **No adjustments** (skip to Question 23. below)
- h. ☒ **Adjustments.** Compensation will be adjusted by (select all that apply):
 1. ☐ excluding salary reductions (401(k), 125, 132(f)(4), 403(b), SEP, 414(h)(2) pickup, & 457)
 2. ☒ excluding reimbursements or other expense allowances, fringe benefits (cash or non-cash), moving expenses, deferred compensation (other than deferrals specified in 1. above) and welfare benefits.
 3. ☒ excluding Compensation paid during the "determination period" while not a Participant in the Plan.
 4. ☐ excluding Military Differential Pay
 5. ☐ excluding overtime
 6. ☒ excluding bonuses
 7. ☒ other: exclude deductions for absences, shift differential, and other forms of nonrecurring compensation.
 (e.g., describe Compensation from the elections available above or a combination thereof as to a Participant group (e.g., no exclusions as to Division A Employees and exclude bonuses as to Division B Employees); and/or describe another exclusion (e.g., exclude shift differential pay)).

23. POST-SEVERANCE COMPENSATION (415 REGULATIONS)

415 Compensation (post-severance compensation adjustments) (select all that apply at a.; leave blank if none apply)

NOTE: Unless otherwise elected under a. below, the following defaults apply: 415 Compensation will **include** (to the extent provided in Plan Section 1.23), post-severance regular pay, leave cash-outs and payments from nonqualified unfunded deferred compensation plans.

- a. ☒ The defaults listed above apply except for the following (select one or more):
 1. ☐ Leave cash-outs will be **excluded**
 2. ☒ Nonqualified unfunded deferred compensation will be **excluded**
 3. ☐ Disability continuation payments will be **included** for all Participants and the salary continuation will continue for the following fixed or determinable period: _____
 4. ☐ Other: _____ (must be definitely determinable)

Plan Compensation (post-severance compensation adjustments)

- b. ☐ **Defaults apply.** Compensation will **include** (to the extent provided in Plan Section 1.10 and to the extent such amounts would be included in Compensation if paid prior to severance of employment) post-severance regular pay, leave cash-outs, and payments from nonqualified unfunded deferred compensation plans. (skip to Question 24)
- c. ☐ **Exclude all post-severance compensation.** Exclude all post-severance compensation for allocation purposes.

- d. ☒ **Post-severance adjustments.** The defaults listed at b. apply except for the following (select one or more):
1. ☐ Exclude all post-severance compensation
 2. ☐ Regular pay will be **excluded**
 3. ☐ Leave cash-outs will be **excluded**
 4. ☒ Nonqualified unfunded deferred compensation will be **excluded**
 5. ☐ Military Differential Pay will be **included**
 6. ☐ Disability continuation payments will be **included** for all Participants and the salary continuation will continue for the following fixed or determinable period: _____
- e. ☐ Other: _____ (must be definitely determinable)

CONTRIBUTIONS AND ALLOCATIONS

24. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS (OTHER THAN MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS) (Plan Section 4.1(b)(3)) (skip to Question 26 if Employer contributions are NOT selected at Question 11.b.)

CONTRIBUTION FORMULA (select one or more of the following contribution formulas:)

- a. ☐ **Discretionary contribution (no groups).** (may not be elected if this Plan is a Money Purchase Pension Plan) The Employer may make a discretionary contribution, to be determined by the Employer. Any such contribution will be allocated to each Participant eligible to share in allocations in the same ratio as each Participant's Compensation bears to the total of such Compensation of all Participants.
- b. ☐ **Discretionary contribution (Grouping method).** (may not be elected if this Plan is a Money Purchase Pension Plan) The Employer may designate a discretionary contribution to be made on behalf of each Participant group selected below (only select 1. or 2.). The groups must be clearly defined in a manner that will not violate the definite predetermined allocation formula requirement of Regulation §1.401-1(b)(1)(ii). The Employer must notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of the Employer Contribution being given to each group.
1. ☐ Each Participant constitutes a separate classification.
 2. ☐ Participants will be divided into the following classifications with the allocation methods indicated under each classification.

Definition of classifications. Define each classification and specify the method of allocating the contribution among members of each classification. Classifications specified below must be clearly defined in a manner that will not violate the definitely determinable allocation requirement of Regulation §1.401-1(b)(1)(ii).

Classification A will consist of _____
 The allocation method will be: ☐ pro rata based on Compensation
☐ equal dollar amounts (per capita)

Classification B will consist of _____
 The allocation method will be: ☐ pro rata based on Compensation
☐ equal dollar amounts (per capita)

Classification C will consist of _____
 The allocation method will be: ☐ pro rata based on Compensation
☐ equal dollar amounts (per capita)

Classification D will consist of _____
 The allocation method will be: ☐ pro rata based on Compensation
☐ equal dollar amounts (per capita)

Additional Classifications: _____ (specify the classifications and which of the above allocation methods (pro rata or per capita) will be used for each classification).

NOTE: If more than four (4) classifications, the additional classifications and allocation methods may be attached as an addendum to the Adoption Agreement or may be entered under Additional Classifications above.

Determination of applicable group. If a Participant shifts from one classification to another during a Plan Year, then unless selected below, the Participant is in a classification based on the Participant's status as of the last day of the Plan Year, or if earlier, the date of termination of employment. If selected below, the Administrator will apportion the Participant's allocation during a Plan Year based on the following:

- a. ☐ Beginning of Plan Year. The classification will be based on the Participant's status as of the beginning of the Plan Year.
- b. ☐ Months in each classification. Pro rata based on the number of months the Participant spent in each classification.
- c. ☐ Days in each classification. Pro rata based on the number of days the Participant spent in each classification.
- d. ☐ One classification only. The Employer will direct the Administrator to place the Participant in only one classification for the entire Plan Year during which the shift occurs.
- c. ☒ **Fixed contribution** equal to (only select one):
1. ☒ 12.70675 % of each Participant's Compensation for each:
 - a. ☒ Plan Year
 - b. ☐ calendar quarter
 - c. ☐ month
 - d. ☐ pay period
 - e. ☐ week
 2. ☐ \$_____ per Participant.
 3. ☐ \$_____ per Hour of Service worked while an Eligible Employee
 - a. ☐ up to _____ hours (leave blank if no limit)
 4. ☐ other: _____ (the formula described must satisfy the definitely determinable requirement under Regulation §1.401-1(b)) **NOTE:** Under Question 24.c.4., the Employer may only describe the allocation of Nonelective Contributions from the elections available under Question 24.c of this Adoption Agreement and/or a combination thereof as to a Participant group (e.g., a monthly contribution applies to Group A).
- d. ☐ **Sick leave/vacation leave conversion.** The Employer will contribute an amount equal to an Employee's current hourly rate of pay multiplied by the Participant's number of unused accumulated sick leave and/or vacation days (as selected below). Only unpaid sick and vacation leave for which the Employee has no right to receive in cash may be included. In no event will the Employer's contribution for the Plan Year exceed the maximum contribution permitted under Code §415(c).

The following may be converted under the Plan: (select one or both):

1. ☐ Sick leave
2. ☐ Vacation leave

Eligible Employees. Only the following Participants shall receive the Employer contribution for sick leave and/or vacation leave (select 3. and/or 4; leave blank if no limitations provided, however, that this Plan may not be used to only provide benefits for terminated Employees)

3. ☐ **Former Employees.** All Employees terminating service with the Employer during the Plan Year and who have satisfied the eligibility requirements based on the terms of the Employer's accumulated benefits plans checked below (select all that apply; leave blank if no exclusions):
 - a. ☐ The Former Employee must be at least age _____ (e.g., 55)
 - b. ☐ The value of the sick and/or vacation leave must be at least \$ _____ (e.g., \$2,000)
 - c. ☐ A contribution will only be made if the total hours is over _____ (e.g., 10) hours
 - d. ☐ A contribution will not be made for hours in excess of _____ (e.g., 40) hours
 4. ☐ **Active Employees.** Active Employees who have not terminated service during the Plan Year and who meet the following requirements (select all that apply; leave blank if no exclusions):
 - a. ☐ The Employee must be at least age _____ (e.g., 55)
 - b. ☐ The value of the sick and/or vacation leave must be at least \$ _____ (e.g., \$2,000)
 - c. ☐ A contribution will only be made if the total hours is over _____ (e.g., 10) hours
 - d. ☐ A contribution will not be made for hours in excess of _____ (e.g., 40) hours
- e. ☐ **Social Security Replacement Plan.** Except as provided below, the Employer will contribute an amount equal to 7.5% of each eligible Participant's Compensation for the entire Plan Year, reduced by mandatory Employee contributions that are picked-up under Code §414(h) and Employer contributions to this Plan actually contributed to the Participant's Account during such Plan Year. (may only be selected if Question 11.b.1. has also been selected)
- AND**, only the following Employees will NOT be eligible for the Social Security Replacement Plan contribution: (select all that apply)
1. ☐ Part-time Employees who are not otherwise covered by another qualifying public retirement system as defined for purposes of Regulation §31.3121(b)(7)-2. A part-time Employee is an Employee whose regularly scheduled service is less than _____ Hours of Service in the relevant eligibility computation period (as defined in Plan Section 1.55).
 2. ☐ Seasonal Employees who are not otherwise covered by another qualifying public retirement system as defined for purposes of Regulation §31.3121(b)(7)-2. A seasonal Employee is an Employee who is categorized as a seasonal Employee on the Employer's payroll records.
 3. ☐ Temporary Employees who are not otherwise covered by another qualifying public retirement system as defined for purposes of Regulation §31.3121(b)(7)-2. A temporary Employee is an Employee who is categorized as a temporary Employee on the Employer's payroll records.

4. ☐ Employees in elective positions (filled by an election, which may be by legislative body, board or committee, or by a jurisdiction's qualified electorate)
5. ☐ Other: _____ (any other group of Employees that is definitely determinable and not eligible for the Social Security Replacement Plan contribution).

The minimum contribution of 7.5% stated above will be satisfied by:

- a. ☐ the Employee only (specify the contribution at the mandatory Employee contributions Question 30)
- b. ☐ the Employer only
- c. ☐ both the Employee and the Employer. The Employee shall contribute the amount specified in Question 30 for mandatory Employee contributions) and the Employer shall contribute _____% of each eligible Participant's Compensation.

NOTE: If a. or c. above is selected, then the mandatory Employee contribution must be picked-up by the Employer at Question 30. Also, if b. or c. above is selected, then the allocation conditions in Question 25 below do not apply to the Employer contribution made pursuant to this provision.

- f. ☐ Other: _____ (the formula described must satisfy the definitely determinable requirement under Regulation §1.401-1(b) and if this is a Money Purchase Pension, it must not be a discretionary contribution formula). **NOTE:** Under Question 24.f., the Employer may only describe the allocation of Nonelective Contributions from the elections available under Question 24 and/or a combination thereof as to a Participant group or contribution type (e.g., pro rata allocation applies to Group A; contributions to other Employees will be allocated in accordance with the classifications allocation provisions of Plan Section 4.3 with each Participant constituting a separate classification).

25. ALLOCATION CONDITIONS (Plan Section 4.3). If 24.a., b., c., or f. is selected above, indicate requirements to share in allocations of Employer contributions (select a. OR b. and all that apply at c. - e.)

- a. ☒ **No conditions.** All Participants share in the allocations regardless of service completed during the Plan Year or employment status on the last day of the Plan Year (skip to Question 26).

- b. ☐ **Allocation conditions apply** (select one of 1. - 5. AND one of 6. - 9. below)

Conditions for Participants NOT employed on the last day of the Plan Year

1. ☐ A Participant must complete at least _____ (not to exceed 500) Hours of Service if the actual hours/equivalency method is selected (or at least _____ (not to exceed 3) months of service if the elapsed time method is selected).
2. ☐ A Participant must complete a Year of Service (or Period of Service if the elapsed time method is selected).
3. ☐ Participants will NOT share in the allocations, regardless of service.
4. ☐ Participants will share in the allocations, regardless of service.
5. ☐ Other: _____ (must be definitely determinable and not subject to Employer discretion)

Conditions for Participants employed on the last day of the Plan Year

6. ☐ No service requirement.
7. ☐ A Participant must complete a Year of Service (or Period of Service if the elapsed time method is selected).
8. ☐ A Participant must complete at least _____ Hours of Service during the Plan Year.
9. ☐ Other: _____ (must be definitely determinable and not subject to Employer discretion)

Waiver of conditions for Participants NOT employed on the last day of the Plan Year. If b.1., 2., 3., or 5. above is selected, Participants who are not employed on the last day of the Plan Year in which one of the following events occur will be eligible to share in the allocations regardless of the above conditions (select all that apply; leave blank if none apply):

- c. ☐ Death
- d. ☐ Total and Permanent Disability
- e. ☐ Termination of employment on or after Normal Retirement Age
1. ☐ or Early Retirement Date

26. EMPLOYER MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS (Plan Section 4.1(b)(2) and Plan Section 4.12). (skip to Question 29 if matching contributions are NOT selected at Question 11.c.) The Employer will (or may with respect to any discretionary contribution) make the following matching contributions:

- A. **Employee contributions taken into account.** For purposes of applying the matching contribution provisions below, the following amounts are being matched (hereafter referred to as "matched Employee contributions" (select one or more):

- a. ☐ Elective deferrals to a **457 plan**. Enter Plan name(s): _____
- b. ☐ Elective deferrals to a **403(b) plan**. Enter Plan name(s): _____
- c. ☐ Voluntary Employee Contributions
- d. ☐ Other: _____ (specify amounts that are matched under this Plan and are provided for within this Adoption Agreement)

B. **Matching Formula.** (select one)

- e. ☐ **Fixed - uniform rate/amount.** The Employer will make matching contributions equal to ____% (e.g., 50) of the Participant's "matched Employee contributions"
1. ☐ that do not exceed ____% of a Participant's Compensation (leave blank if no limit)
 2. ☐ plus an additional matching contribution of a discretionary percentage determined by the Employer,
 - a. ☐ but not to exceed ____% of Compensation. Such contribution is subject to the Instructions and Notice requirement of Section 4.12.

- f. ☐ **Fixed - tiered.** The Employer will make matching contributions equal to a uniform percentage of each tier of each Participant's "matched Employee contributions", determined as follows:

NOTE: Fill in only percentages or dollar amounts, but not both. If percentages are used, each tier represents the amount of the Participant's applicable contributions that equals the specified percentage of the Participant's Compensation (add additional tiers if necessary):

Tiers of Contributions (indicate \$ or %)	Matching Percentage
First _____	_____ %
Next _____	_____ %
Next _____	_____ %
Next _____	_____ %

- g. ☐ **Fixed - Years of Service.** The Employer will make matching contributions equal to a uniform percentage of each Participant's "matched Employee contributions" based on the Participant's Years of Service (or Periods of Service if the elapsed time method is selected), determined as follows (add additional tiers if necessary):

Years (or Periods) of Service	Matching Percentage
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %

For purposes of the above matching contribution formula, a Year (or Period) of Service means a Year (or Period) of Service for:

1. ☐ vesting purposes
2. ☐ eligibility purposes

- h. ☐ **Flexible Discretionary Match.** (may not be elected if this Plan is a Money Purchase Pension Plan) "Flexible Discretionary Match" means a Matching Contribution which the Employer in its sole discretion elects to make to the Plan. Except as specified below, the Employer retains discretion over the formula or formulas for allocating the Flexible Discretionary Match, including the Discretionary Matching Contribution rate or amount, the limit(s) on Elective Deferrals or Employee Contributions subject to match, the per Participant match allocation limit(s), the Participants or categories of Participants who will receive the allocation, and the time period applicable to any matching formula(s) (collectively, the "Flexible Discretionary Matching Formula"), except as the Employer otherwise elects in its Adoption Agreement. Such contributions will be subject to the Instructions and Notice requirement of Section 4.12, reproduced below, unless the Employer elects to use a "Rigid Discretionary Match" in Election 26.B.h.1. below.

The discretionary matching contribution under this Question 26.B.h. is a "Flexible Discretionary Match" unless the Employer elects to use a "Rigid Discretionary Match." (Choose 1. if applicable.)

1. ☐ **Rigid Discretionary Match.** A "Rigid Discretionary Match" means a Matching Contribution which the Employer in its sole discretion elects to make to the Plan. Such discretion will only pertain to the amount of the annual contribution. The Employer must select the allocation method for this Contribution by selecting among those Adoption Agreement options which confer no Employer Discretion regarding the allocation of such discretionary amount, for example, the limit(s) on Elective Deferrals or Employee Contributions subject to match, the per Participant match allocation limit(s), the Participants who will receive the allocation, and the time period applicable to any matching formula(s). This "Rigid Discretionary Match" is not subject to the Instructions and Notice requirement of Section 4.12.

Section 4.12 provides: INSTRUCTIONS TO ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTIFICATION TO PARTICIPANTS. For Plan Years beginning after the end of the Plan Year in which this document is first adopted, if a "Flexible Discretionary Match" contribution formula applies (i.e., a formula that provides an Employer with discretion regarding how to *allocate* a matching contribution to Participants) and the Employer makes a "Flexible Discretionary Match" to the Plan, the Employer must provide the Plan Administrator or Trustee written instructions describing (1) how the "Flexible Discretionary Match" formula will be allocated to Participants (e.g., a uniform percentage of Elective Deferrals or a flat dollar amount), (2) the computation period(s) to which the "Flexible Discretionary Match" formula applies, and (3) if applicable,

a description of each business location or business classification subject to separate "Flexible Discretionary Match" allocation formulas. Such instructions must be provided no later than the date on which the "Flexible Discretionary Match" is made to the Plan. A summary of these instructions must be communicated to Participants who receive an allocation of the "Flexible Discretionary Match" no later than 60 days following the date on which the last "Flexible Discretionary Match" contribution is made to the Plan for the Plan Year.

- i. ☐ **Discretionary - tiered.** (may not be elected if this Plan is a Money Purchase Pension Plan) The Employer may make matching contributions equal to a discretionary percentage of a Participant's "matched Employee contributions," to be determined by the Employer, of each tier, to be determined by the Employer. Such discretion will only pertain to the amount of the contribution. The tiers may be based on the rate of a Participant's "matched Employee contributions" or Years of Service. Such contribution is subject to the Instructions and Notice requirement of Section 4.12.

NOTE: Fill in only percentages or dollar amounts, but not both. If percentages are used, each tier represents the amount of the Participant's applicable contributions that equals the specified percentage of the Participant's Compensation (add additional tiers if necessary):

Tiers of Contributions (indicate \$ or %)	Matching Percentage
First _____	_____ %
Next _____	_____ %
Next _____	_____ %
Next _____	_____ %

- j. ☐ Other: _____ (the formula described must satisfy the definitely determinable requirement under Regulation §1.401-1(b) and if this is a Money Purchase Pension Plan, it must not be a discretionary contribution formula. **NOTE:** Under Question 26.B.j., the Employer may only describe the allocation of Matching Contributions from the elections available under Question 26 and/or a combination thereof as to a Participant group or contribution type (e.g., fixed – uniform rate applies to Group A; contributions to other Employees will be allocated as a tiered contribution.)

27. MATCHING CONTRIBUTION PROVISIONS

- A. **Maximum matching contribution.** The total matching contribution made on behalf of any Participant for any Plan Year will not exceed:

- a. ☐ N/A (no Plan specific limit on the amount of matching contribution)
b. ☐ \$ _____.
c. ☐ _____% of Compensation.

- B. **Period of determination.** Any matching contribution other than a "Flexible Discretionary Match" will be applied on the following basis (and "matched Employee contributions" and any Compensation or dollar limitation used in determining the matching contribution will be based on the applicable period. Skip if the only Matching Contribution is a Flexible Discretionary Match.):

- d. ☐ the Plan Year (potential annual true-up required)
e. ☐ each payroll period (no true-up)
f. ☐ each month (potential monthly true-up required)
g. ☐ each Plan Year quarter (potential quarterly true-up required)
h. ☐ each payroll unit (e.g., hour) (no true-up)
i. ☐ Other (specify): _____ The time period described must be definitely determinable under Treas. Reg. §1.401-1(b). This line may be used to apply different options to different matching contributions (e.g., Discretionary matching contributions will be allocated on a Plan Year period while fixed matching contributions will be allocated on each payroll period.) Such contribution period is subject to the Instructions and Notice requirement of Section 4.12.

28. ALLOCATION CONDITIONS (Plan Section 4.3) Select a. OR b. and all that apply of c. - h.

- a. ☐ **No conditions.** All Participants share in the allocations regardless of service completed during the Plan Year or employment status on the last day of the Plan Year (skip to Question 29).

- b. ☐ **Allocation conditions apply** (select one of 1. - 5. AND one of 6. - 9. below)

Conditions for Participants NOT employed on the last day of the Plan Year.

1. ☐ A Participant must complete more than _____ Hours of Service (or _____ months of service if the elapsed time method is selected).
2. ☐ A Participant must complete a Year of Service (or Period of Service if the elapsed time method is selected).
3. ☐ Participants will NOT share in the allocations, regardless of service.
4. ☐ Participants will share in the allocations, regardless of service.
5. ☐ Other: _____ (must be definitely determinable)

Conditions for Participants employed on the last day of the Plan Year

6. ☐ No service requirement.
7. ☐ A Participant must complete a Year of Service (or Period of Service if the elapsed time method is selected).
8. ☐ A Participant must complete at least _____ Hours of Service during the Plan Year.

9. ☐ Other: _____ (must be definitely determinable and not subject to Employer discretion)

Waiver of conditions for Participants NOT employed on the last day of the Plan Year. If b.1., 2., 3., or 5. is selected, Participants who are not employed on the last day of the Plan Year in which one of the following events occur will be eligible to share in the allocations regardless of the above conditions (select all that apply; leave blank if none apply):

- c. ☐ Death
d. ☐ Total and Permanent Disability
e. ☐ Termination of employment on or after Normal Retirement Age
1. ☐ or Early Retirement Date

Conditions based on period other than Plan Year. The allocation conditions above will be applied based on the Plan Year unless otherwise selected below. If selected, the above provisions will be applied by substituting the term Plan Year with the specified period (e.g., if Plan Year quarter is selected below and the allocation condition is 250 Hours of Service per quarter, enter 250 hours (not 1000) at b.8. above).

- f. ☐ The Plan Year quarter.
g. ☐ Payroll period.
h. ☐ Other: _____ (must be definitely determinable and not subject to Employer discretion and may not be longer than a twelve month period).

29. **FORFEITURES** (Plan Sections 1.21 and 4.3(e))

Timing of Forfeitures. Except as provided in Plan Section 1.21, a Forfeiture will occur:

- a. ☐ N/A (may only be selected if all contributions are fully Vested (default provisions at Plan Section 4.3(e) apply))
b. ☐ As of the earlier of (1) the last day of the Plan Year in which the former Participant incurs five (5) consecutive 1-Year Breaks in Service, or (2) the distribution of the entire Vested portion of the Participant's Account.
c. ☐ As of the last day of the Plan Year in which the former Participant incurs five (5) consecutive 1-Year Breaks in Service.
d. ☒ As soon as reasonably practical after the date the Participant severs employment.

Use of Forfeitures. (skip if this is NOT a Money Purchase Pension Plan; for Profit Sharing Plans, Forfeitures are disposed of in accordance with Employer direction that is consistent with Section 4.3(e)).

Forfeitures will be (select one):

- e. ☐ added to the Employer contribution and allocated in the same manner
f. ☒ used to reduce any Employer contribution
g. ☐ allocated to all Participants eligible to share in the allocations of Employer contributions or Forfeitures in the same proportion that each Participant's Compensation for the Plan Year bears to the Compensation of all Participants for such year
h. ☐ other: _____ (describe the treatment of Forfeitures in a manner that is definitely determinable and that is not subject to Employer discretion)

30. **MANDATORY EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS** (Plan Section 4.8) (skip if mandatory Employee contributions NOT selected at Question 11.d.)

Type of mandatory Employee Contribution. The mandatory Employee contribution is being made in accordance with the following: (select one)

- a. ☐ The mandatory Employee contribution is a condition of employment.
b. ☐ The Employee must make, on or before first being eligible to participate under any Plan of the Employer, an irrevocable election to contribute the mandatory Employee contribution to the Plan. No Eligible Employee will become a Participant unless the Employee makes such an irrevocable election.

Amount of mandatory Employee Contribution (select one)

- c. ☐ An Eligible Employee must contribute to the Plan _____% (not to exceed 25%) of Compensation.
d. ☐ An Eligible Employee must, prior to his or her first Entry Date, make a one-time irrevocable election to contribute to the Plan from _____% (not less than 1%) to _____% (not to exceed 25%) of Compensation.

Conditions of Mandatory Employee Contributions

- e. ☐ **Additional provisions and conditions:** _____ (must be definitely determinable; e.g., Only full-time Employees must make mandatory Employee contributions)

Employer pick-up contribution. The mandatory Employee contribution is "picked-up" by the Employer under Code §414(h)(2) unless elected below. (select if applicable)

- f. ☐ The mandatory Employee contribution is not "picked-up" by the Employer.

DISTRIBUTIONS

31. FORM OF DISTRIBUTIONS (Plan Sections 6.5 and 6.6)

Distributions under the Plan may be made in (select all that apply; must select at least one):

- a. ☒ lump-sums
- b. ☒ substantially equal installments
- c. ☒ partial withdrawals, provided the minimum withdrawal is \$ _____ (leave blank if no minimum)
- d. ☐ partial withdrawals or installments are only permitted for Participants or Beneficiaries who must receive required minimum distributions under Code §401(a)(9) except for the following (leave blank if no exceptions):
 - 1. ☐ Only Participants (and not Beneficiaries) may elect partial withdrawals or installments
 - 2. ☐ Other: _____ (e.g., partial is not permitted for death benefits. Must be definitely determinable and not subject to Employer discretion.)
- e. ☐ annuity: _____ (describe the form of annuity or annuities)
- f. ☐ other: _____ (must be definitely determinable and not subject to Employer discretion)

NOTE: Regardless of the above, a Participant is not required to request a withdrawal of his or her total Account for an in-service distribution, a hardship distribution, or a distribution from the Participant's Rollover Account.

Cash or property. Distributions may be made in:

- g. ☒ cash only, except for (select all that apply; leave blank if none apply):
 - 1. ☐ insurance Contracts
 - 2. ☐ annuity Contracts
 - 3. ☒ Participant loans
 - 4. ☐ all investments in an open brokerage window or similar arrangement
- h. ☐ cash or property, except that the following limitation(s) apply: (leave blank if there are no limitations on property distributions):
 - 1. ☐ _____ (must be definitely determinable and not subject to Employer discretion)

Joint and Survivor Annuity provisions. (Plan Sections 6.5(e) and 6.6(e) (select one) The Joint and Survivor Annuity provisions do not apply to the Plan unless selected below (choose if applicable)

- i. ☐ **Joint and Survivor Annuity applicable as normal form of distribution.** The Joint and Survivor annuity rules set forth in Plan Sections 6.5(e) and 6.5(f) apply to all Participants (if selected, then annuities are a form of distribution under the Plan even if e. above is not selected)
- j. ☐ **Joint and Survivor Annuity rules apply based on Participant election.** Plan Section 6.5(f) will apply and the joint and survivor rules of Code §§401(a)(11) and 417 (as set forth in Plan Sections 6.5(e) and 6.6(e) will apply only if an annuity form of distribution is selected by a Participant.

AND, if i. or j. is selected above, the one-year marriage rule does not apply unless selected below (choose if applicable).

- 1. ☐ The one-year marriage rule applies.

Spousal consent requirements. Spousal consent is not required for any Plan provisions (except as otherwise elected in i. above for the joint and survivor annuity rules) unless selected below (choose if applicable)

- k. ☐ **Required for all distributions.** A Spouse must consent to all distributions (other than required minimum distributions).
- l. ☐ **Beneficiary designations.** A married Participant's Spouse will be the Beneficiary of the entire death benefit unless the Spouse consents to an alternate Beneficiary.

AND, if k. or l. is selected, the one-year marriage rule does not apply unless selected below (choose if applicable).

- 1. ☐ The one-year marriage rule applies.

32. CONDITIONS FOR DISTRIBUTIONS UPON SEVERANCE OF EMPLOYMENT. Distributions upon severance of employment pursuant to Plan Section 6.4(a) will not be made unless the following conditions have been satisfied:

A. Accounts in excess of \$5,000

- a. ☒ Distributions may be made as soon as administratively feasible following severance of employment.
- b. ☐ Distributions may be made as soon as administratively feasible after the last day of the Plan Year coincident with or next following severance of employment.
- c. ☐ Distributions may be made as soon as administratively feasible after the last day of the Plan Year quarter coincident with or next following severance of employment.
- d. ☐ Distributions may be made as soon as administratively feasible after the Valuation Date coincident with or next following severance of employment.
- e. ☐ Distributions may be made as soon as administratively feasible after _____ months have elapsed following severance of employment.
- f. ☐ No distributions may be made until a Participant has reached Early or Normal Retirement Date.
- g. ☐ Other: _____ (must be objective conditions which are ascertainable and may not exceed the limits of Code §401(a)(14) as set forth in Plan Section 6.7)

B. **Accounts of \$5,000 or less**

- h. ☒ Same as above
- i. ☐ Distributions may be made as soon as administratively feasible following severance of employment.
- j. ☐ Distributions may be made as soon as administratively feasible after the last day of the Plan Year coincident with or next following severance of employment.
- k. ☐ Other: _____ (must be objective conditions which are ascertainable and may not exceed the limits of Code §401(a)(14) as set forth in Plan Section 6.7)

C. **Timing after initial distributable event.** If a distribution is not made in accordance with the above provisions upon the occurrence of the distributable event, then a Participant may elect a subsequent distribution at any time after the time the amount was first distributable (assuming the amount is still distributable), unless otherwise selected below (may not be selected with 32.f. and 32.h.):

- l. ☐ Other: _____ (e.g., a subsequent distribution request may only be made in accordance with l. above (i.e., the last day of another Plan Year); must be objective conditions which are ascertainable and may not exceed the limits of Code §401(a)(14) as set forth in Plan Section 6.7)

D. **Participant consent (i.e., involuntary cash-outs).** Should Vested Account balances less than a certain dollar threshold be automatically distributed without Participant consent (mandatory distributions)?

NOTE: The Plan provides that distributions of amounts of \$5,000 or less are only paid as lump-sums.

- m. ☐ No, Participant consent is required for all distributions.
- n. ☒ Yes, Participant consent is required only if the distribution is over:
 - 1. ☐ \$5,000
 - 2. ☒ \$1,000
 - 3. ☐ \$_____ (less than \$1,000)

NOTE: If 2. or 3. is selected, rollovers will be included in determining the threshold for Participant consent.

Automatic IRA rollover. With respect to mandatory distributions of amounts that are \$1,000 or less, if a Participant makes no election, the amount will be distributed as a lump-sum unless selected below.

- 4. ☐ If a Participant makes no election, then the amount will be automatically rolled over to an IRA provided the amount is at least \$_____ (e.g., \$200).

E. **Rollovers in determination of \$5,000 threshold.** Unless otherwise elected below, amounts attributable to rollover contributions (if any) will be **included** in determining the \$5,000 threshold for timing of distributions, form of distributions, or consent rules.

- o. ☐ Exclude rollovers (rollover contributions will be **excluded** in determining the \$5,000 threshold)

NOTE: Regardless of the above election, if the Participant consent threshold is \$1,000 or less, then the Administrator must include amounts attributable to rollovers for such purpose. In such case, an election to exclude rollovers above will apply for purposes of the timing and form of distributions.

33. **DISTRIBUTIONS UPON DEATH** (Plan Section 6.8(b)(2))

Distributions upon the death of a Participant prior to the "required beginning date" will:

- a. ☒ be made pursuant to the election of the Participant or "designated Beneficiary"
- b. ☐ begin within 1 year of death for a "designated Beneficiary" and be payable over the life (or over a period not exceeding the "life expectancy") of such Beneficiary, except that if the "designated Beneficiary" is the Participant's Spouse, begin prior to December 31st of the year in which the Participant would have attained age 70 1/2
- c. ☐ be made within 5 (or if lesser _____) years of death for all Beneficiaries
- d. ☐ be made within 5 (or if lesser _____) years of death for all Beneficiaries, except that if the "designated Beneficiary" is the Participant's Spouse, begin prior to December 31st of the year in which the Participant would have attained age 70 1/2 and be payable over the life (or over a period not exceeding the "life expectancy") of such "surviving Spouse"

NOTE: The elections above must be coordinated with the Form of distributions (e.g., if the Plan only permits lump-sum distributions, then options a., b. and d. would not be applicable).

34. **OTHER PERMITTED DISTRIBUTIONS** (select all that apply; leave blank if none apply)

A. **IN-SERVICE DISTRIBUTIONS** (Plan Section 6.11)

In-service distributions will NOT be allowed (except as otherwise permitted under the Plan without regard to this provision) unless selected below (if applicable, answer a. - e.; leave blank if not applicable):

- a. ☐ In-service distributions may be made to a Participant who has not separated from service provided the following has been satisfied (select one or more) (options 2. - 5. may only be selected with Profit Sharing Plans):
 - 1. ☐ Age. The Participant has reached: (select one)
 - a. ☐ Normal Retirement Age
 - b. ☐ age 62
 - c. ☐ age 59 1/2 (may not be selected if a Money Purchase Pension Plan)
 - d. ☐ age _____ (may not be less than age 62 for Money Purchase Pension Plans)
 - 2. ☐ the Participant has been a Participant in the Plan for at least _____ years (may not be less than five (5))

3. ☐ the amounts being distributed have accumulated in the Plan for at least 2 years
4. ☐ other: _____ (must satisfy the definitely determinable requirement under Regulations §401-1(b); may not be subject to Employer discretion; and must be limited to a combination of items a.1. – a.3. or a Participant's disability.)

More than one condition. If more than one condition is selected above, then a Participant only needs to satisfy one of the conditions, unless selected below:

5. ☐ A Participant must satisfy each condition

NOTE: Distributions from a Transfer Account attributable to a Money Purchase Pension Plan are not permitted prior to age 62.

Account restrictions. In-service distributions are permitted from the following Participant Accounts:

- b. ☐ all Accounts
- c. ☐ only from the following Accounts (select one or more):
 1. ☐ Account attributable to Employer matching contributions
 2. ☐ Account attributable to Employer contributions other than matching contributions
 3. ☐ Rollover Account
 4. ☐ Transfer Account
 Permitted from the following assets attributable to (select one or both):
 - a. ☐ non-pension assets
 - b. ☐ pension assets (e.g., from a Money Purchase Pension Plan)
5. ☐ Mandatory Employee Contribution Account
6. ☐ Other: _____ (specify Account(s) and conditions in a manner that satisfies the definitely determinable requirement under Regulation §1.401-1(b) and is not subject to Employer discretion)

Limitations. The following limitations apply to in-service distributions:

- d. ☐ N/A (no additional limitations)
- e. ☐ Additional limitations (select one or more):
 1. ☐ The minimum amount of a distribution is \$_____.
 2. ☐ No more than _____ distribution(s) may be made to a Participant during a Plan Year.
 3. ☐ Distributions may only be made from Accounts which are fully Vested.
 4. ☐ In-service distributions may be made subject to the following provisions: _____ (must satisfy the definitely determinable requirement under Regulation §1.401-1(b) and not be subject to Employer discretion).

B. HARDSHIP DISTRIBUTIONS (Plan Sections 6.12) (may not be selected if this is a Money Purchase Pension Plan)

Hardship distributions will NOT be allowed (except as otherwise permitted under the Plan without regard to this provision) unless selected below (leave blank if not applicable):

- f. ☐ Hardship distributions are permitted from the following Participant Accounts:
 1. ☐ all Accounts
 2. ☐ only from the following Accounts (select one or more):
 - a. ☐ Account attributable to Employer matching contributions
 - b. ☐ Account attributable to Employer contributions other than matching contributions
 - c. ☐ Rollover Account (if not available at any time under Question 36)
 - d. ☐ Transfer Account (other than amounts attributable to a money purchase pension plan)
 - e. ☐ Mandatory Employee Contribution Account
 - f. ☐ Other: _____ (specify Account(s) and conditions in a manner that is definitely determinable and not subject to Employer discretion)

NOTE: Hardship distributions are NOT permitted from a Transfer Account attributable to pension assets (e.g., from a Money Purchase Pension Plan).

Additional limitations. The following limitations apply to hardship distributions:

3. ☐ N/A (no additional limitations)
4. ☐ Additional limitations (select one or more):
 - a. ☐ The minimum amount of a distribution is \$_____.
 - b. ☐ No more than _____ distribution(s) may be made to a Participant during a Plan Year.
 - c. ☐ Distributions may only be made from Accounts which are fully Vested.
 - d. ☐ A Participant does not include a Former Employee at the time of the hardship distribution.
 - e. ☐ Hardship distributions may be made subject to the following provisions: _____ (must satisfy the definitely determinable requirement under Regulation §1.401-1(b) and not be subject to Employer discretion).

Beneficiary Hardship. Hardship distributions for Beneficiary expenses are NOT allowed unless otherwise selected below.

5. ☐ Hardship distributions for expenses of Beneficiaries are allowed
Special effective date (may be left blank if effective date is same as the Plan or Restatement Effective Date; select a. and, if applicable, b.)
a. ☐ effective as of _____
b. ☐ eliminated effective as of _____.

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35. LOANS TO PARTICIPANTS (Plan Section 7.4)
a. ☒ New loans are NOT permitted.
b. ☐ New loans are permitted.
NOTE: Regardless of whether new loans are permitted, if the Plan permits rollovers and/or plan-to-plan transfers, then the Administrator may, in a uniform manner, accept rollovers and/or plan-to-plan transfers of loans into this Plan.
36. ROLLOVERS (Plan Section 4.6) (skip if rollover contributions are NOT selected at 11.f.)
Eligibility. Rollovers may be accepted from all Participants who are Employees as well as the following (select all that apply; leave blank if not applicable):
a. ☒ Any Eligible Employee, even prior to meeting eligibility conditions to be a Participant
b. ☐ Participants who are Former Employees
Distributions. When may distributions be made from a Participant's Rollover Account?
c. ☒ At any time
d. ☐ Only when the Participant is otherwise entitled to any distribution under the Plan
37. **HEART ACT** (Plan Section 4.11) (select one or more)
a. ☐ **HEART ACT Continued benefit accruals.** Continued benefit accruals will apply
b. ☐ **Distributions for deemed severance of employment.** The Plan permits distributions for deemed severance of employment.

Reliance on Provider Opinion Letter. The Provider has obtained from the IRS an Opinion Letter specifying the form of this document satisfies Code §401 as of the date of the Opinion Letter. An adopting Employer may rely on the Provider's IRS Opinion Letter *only* to the extent provided in Rev. Proc. 2017-41 or subsequent guidance. The Employer may not rely on the Opinion Letter in certain other circumstances or with respect to certain qualification requirements, which are specified in the Opinion Letter and in Rev. Proc. 2017-41 or subsequent guidance. In order to have reliance in such circumstances or with respect to such qualification requirements, the Employer must apply for a determination letter to Employee Plans Determinations of the IRS.

An Employer who has ever maintained or who later adopts an individual medical account, as defined in Code §415(l)(2)) in addition to this Plan may not rely on the opinion letter issued by the Internal Revenue Service with respect to the requirements of Code§415.

This Adoption Agreement may be used only in conjunction with the basic Plan document #03. This Adoption Agreement and the basic Plan document will together be known as FIS Capital Markets US LLC Non-Standardized Governmental 401(a) Pre-Approved Plan #03-001.

The adoption of this Plan, its qualification by the IRS, and the related tax consequences are the responsibility of the Employer and its independent tax and legal advisors.

Execution for Page Substitution Amendment Only. If this paragraph is completed, this Execution Page documents an amendment to Adoption Agreement Election(s) _____ effective _____, by substitute Adoption Agreement page number(s) _____. The Employer should retain all Adoption Agreement Execution Pages and amended pages. (*Note: The Effective Date may be retroactive or may be prospective.*)

The Provider, Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company will notify the Employer of any amendment to this Pre-approved Plan or of any abandonment or discontinuance by the Provider of its maintenance of this Pre-approved Plan. In addition, this Plan is provided to the Employer either in connection with investment in a product or pursuant to a contract or other arrangement for products and/or services. Upon cessation of such investment in a product or cessation of such contract or arrangement, as applicable, the Employer is no longer considered to be an adopter of this Plan and FIS Capital Markets US LLC no longer has any obligations to the Employer that relate to the adoption of this Plan. For inquiries regarding the adoption of the Pre-approved Plan, the Provider's intended meaning of any Plan provisions or the effect of the Opinion Letter issued to the Provider, please contact the Provider or the Provider's representative.

Provider Name: Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company

Address: One Orange Way

Windsor Connecticut 06095

Telephone Number: (800) 580-4646

Email address (optional): _____

The Employer, by executing below, hereby adopts this Plan (add additional signature lines as needed). NOTE: If more than one Plan type is adopted, the Plan Provider must provide multiple plan documents for Employer signature.

EMPLOYER: St. Louis Housing Authority

By: _____

DATE SIGNED

APPENDIX A
SPECIAL EFFECTIVE DATES AND OTHER PERMITTED ELECTIONS

A. Special effective dates (leave blank if not applicable):

- a. ☐ **Special effective date(s):** _____. For periods prior to the specified special effective date(s), the Plan terms in effect prior to its restatement under this Adoption Agreement will control for purposes of the designated provisions. A special effective date may not result in the delay of a Plan provision beyond the permissible effective date under any applicable law. (The Employer has reliance on the IRS Opinion Letter only if the features described in the preceding sentence constitute protected benefits within the meaning of Code Section 411(d)(6) and the regulations thereunder, and only if such features are permissible in a "Cycle 3" preapproved plan, i.e., the features are not specifically prohibited by Revenue Procedure 2017-41 (or any superseding guidance))

B. Other permitted elections (the following elections are optional):

- a. ☐ **No other permitted elections**

The following elections apply (select one or more):

- b. ☐ **Deemed 125 compensation** (Plan Section 1.23). Deemed 125 compensation will be included in Compensation and 415 Compensation.
- c. ☒ **Break-in-Service Rules.** The following Break-in-Service rules apply to the Plan. (select 1. or 2.)
1. ☐ **Reemployed after five (5) 1-Year Breaks in Service ("rule of parity" provisions)** (Plan Section 3.5(e)). The "rule of parity" provisions in Plan Section 3.5(d) will apply for (select one or both):
 - a. ☐ eligibility purposes
 - b. ☐ vesting purposes
 2. ☒ **Break-in-Service rules for rehired Employees.** The following Break-in-Service rules set forth in Plan Sections 3.2 and 3.5 apply: (select one or both)
 - a. ☒ all Break-in-Service rules set forth in such Sections.
 - b. ☐ only the following: _____ (specify which provisions apply to the Plan)
- d. ☐ **Beneficiary if no beneficiary elected by Participant** (Plan Section 6.2(f)). In the event no valid designation of Beneficiary exists, then in lieu of the order set forth in Plan Section 6.2(f), the following order of priority will be used: _____ (specify an order of beneficiaries; e.g., children per stirpes, parents, and then step-children).
- e. ☐ **Joint and Survivor Annuity/Pre-Retirement Survivor Annuity.** If the Plan applies the Joint and Survivor Annuity rules, then the normal form of annuity will be a joint and 50% survivor annuity (i.e., if 31.i. or 31.j. is selected) and the Pre-Retirement Survivor Annuity will be equal to 50% of a Participant's interest in the Plan unless selected below (select 1. and/or 2.)
1. ☐ **Normal form of annuity.** Instead of a joint and 50% survivor annuity, the normal form of the qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity will be: (select one)
 - a. ☐ joint and 100% survivor annuity
 - b. ☐ joint and 75% survivor annuity
 - c. ☐ joint and 66 2/3% survivor annuity
 2. ☐ **Pre-Retirement Survivor Annuity.** The Pre-Retirement Survivor Annuity (minimum Spouse's death benefit) will be equal to 50% of a Participant's interest in the Plan unless a different percentage is selected below: (select one)
 - a. ☐ 100% of a Participant's interest in the Plan.
 - b. ☐ _____% (may not be less than 50%) of a Participant's interest in the Plan.
- f. ☐ **Limitation Year** (Plan Section 1.30). The Limitation Year for Code §415 purposes will be _____ (must be a consecutive twelve month period) instead of the "determination period" for Compensation.
- g. ☐ **415 Limits when 2 defined contribution plans are maintained** (Plan Section 4.4). If any Participant is covered under another qualified defined contribution plan maintained by the Employer or an Affiliated Employer, or if the Employer or an Affiliated Employer maintains a welfare benefit fund, as defined in Code §419(e), or an individual medical account, as defined in Code §415(l)(2), under which amounts are treated as "annual additions" with respect to any Participant in this Plan, then the provisions of Plan Section 4.4(b) will apply unless otherwise specified below:
1. ☐ Specify, in a manner that precludes Employer discretion, the method under which the plans will limit total "annual additions" to the "maximum permissible amount" and will properly reduce any "excess amounts": _____.
- h. ☐ **Recognition of Service with other employers** (Plan Sections 1.40 and 1.55). Service with the following employers (in addition to those specified at Question 15) will be recognized as follows (select one or more):

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	Eligibility	Vesting	Contribution Allocation
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Employer name: _____	a. <input type="checkbox"/>	b. <input type="checkbox"/>	c. <input type="checkbox"/>
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Employer name: _____	a. <input type="checkbox"/>	b. <input type="checkbox"/>	c. <input type="checkbox"/>
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Employer name: _____	a. <input type="checkbox"/>	b. <input type="checkbox"/>	c. <input type="checkbox"/>
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Employer name: _____	a. <input type="checkbox"/>	b. <input type="checkbox"/>	c. <input type="checkbox"/>
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Employer name: _____	a. <input type="checkbox"/>	b. <input type="checkbox"/>	c. <input type="checkbox"/>
6. <input type="checkbox"/> Employer name: _____	a. <input type="checkbox"/>	b. <input type="checkbox"/>	c. <input type="checkbox"/>

Limitations

7. ☐ The following provisions or limitations apply with respect to the recognition of prior service: _____
(e.g., credit service with X only on/following 1/1/19)
- a. ☐ b. ☐ c. ☐
- i. ☐ **Other vesting provisions.** The following vesting provisions apply to the Plan (select one or more):
1. ☐ **Special vesting provisions.** The following special provisions apply to the vesting provisions of the Plan: _____ (must be definitely determinable and satisfy the parameters set forth at Question 17)
 2. ☐ **Pre-amendment vesting schedule.** (Plan Section 6.4(b)). If the vesting schedule has been amended and a different vesting schedule other than the schedule at Question 17 applies to any Participants, then the following provisions apply (must select one of a. – d.):
- Applicable Participants.** The vesting schedules in Question 17 only apply to:
- a. ☐ Participants who are Employees as of _____ (enter date).
 - b. ☐ Participants in the Plan who have an Hour of Service on or after _____ (enter date).
 - c. ☐ Participants (even if not an Employee) in the Plan on or after _____ (enter date).
 - d. ☐ Other: _____ (e.g., Participants in division A. Must be definitely determinable.)
- j. ☐ **Minimum distribution transitional rules** (Plan Section 6.8(e)(5))
- NOTE:** This Section does not apply to (1) a new Plan, (2) an amendment or restatement of an existing Plan that never contained the provisions of Code §401(a)(9) as in effect prior to the amendments made by the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996 (SBJPA), or (3) a Plan where the transition rules below do not affect any current Participants.
- The "required beginning date" for a Participant is:
1. ☐ April 1st of the calendar year following the year in which the Participant attains age 70 1/2. (pre-SBJPA rules continue to apply)
 2. ☐ April 1st of the calendar year following the later of the year in which the Participant attains age 70 1/2 or retires (the post-SBJPA rules), with the following exceptions (select one or both; leave blank if both applied effective as of January 1, 1996):
 - a. ☐ A Participant who was already receiving required minimum distributions under the pre-SBJPA rules as of _____ (may not be earlier than January 1, 1996) was allowed to stop receiving distributions and have them recommence in accordance with the post-SBJPA rules. Upon the recommencement of distributions, if the Plan permits annuities as a form of distribution then the following apply:
 1. ☐ N/A (annuity distributions are not permitted)
 2. ☐ Upon the recommencement of distributions, the original Annuity Starting Date will be retained.
 3. ☐ Upon the recommencement of distributions, a new Annuity Starting Date is created.
 - b. ☐ A Participant who had not begun receiving required minimum distributions as of _____ (may not be earlier than January 1, 1996) may elect to defer commencement of distributions until retirement. The option to defer the commencement of distributions (i.e., to elect to receive in-service distributions upon attainment of age 70 1/2) applies to all such Participants unless selected below:
 1. ☐ The in-service distribution option was eliminated with respect to Participants who attained age 70 1/2 in or after the calendar year that began after the later of (1) December 31, 1998, or (2) the adoption date of the restatement to bring the Plan into compliance with the SBJPA.

- k. ☐ **Other spousal provisions** (select one or more)
1. ☐ **Definition of Spouse.** The term Spouse includes a spouse under federal law as well as the following:
_____.
 2. ☐ **Automatic revocation of spousal designation** (Plan Section 6.2(g)). The automatic revocation of a spousal Beneficiary designation in the case of divorce does not apply.
 3. ☐ **Timing of QDRO payment.** A distribution to an Alternate Payee shall not be permitted prior to the time a Participant would be entitled to a distribution.
- l. ☐ **Applicable law.** Instead of using the applicable laws set forth in Plan Section 9.4(a), the Plan will be governed by the laws of: _____
- m. ☐ **Total and Permanent Disability.** Instead of the definition at Plan Section 1.50, Total and Permanent Disability means: _____ (must be definitely determinable).
- n. ☐ **Inclusion of Reclassified Employees** (Plan Section 1.17(a)). The Employer does not exclude Reclassified Employees subject to the following provisions: (leave blank if not applicable): _____
- o. ☐ **Claims procedures** (Plan Section 2.10). The claims procedures forth in Plan Section 2.10(a) – (b) apply unless otherwise elected below or unless the Administrator has operationally adopted alternative procedures.
1. ☐ The claims procedures set forth in Plan Section 2.10(c) – (g) apply instead of Plan Section 2.10(a).
 2. ☐ The claims procedures set forth in Plan Section 2.10(c)-(g) apply as follows: _____ (specify which provisions apply and/or modified)
- p. ☐ **Age 62 In-Service Distributions For Transferred Money Purchase Assets** (Plan Section 6.11)
In-service distributions will be allowed for Participants at age 62. (applies only for Transfer Accounts from a Money Purchase Pension Plan) (skip this question if the Plan is a Money Purchase Pension Plan or if in-service distributions are already permitted for Transferred Accounts at Question 34)
- Limitations.** The following limitations apply to these in-service distributions:
1. ☐ The Plan already provides for in-service distributions and the restrictions set forth in the Plan (e.g., minimum amount of distributions or frequency of distributions) are applicable to in-service distributions at age 62.
 2. ☐ N/A (no limitations)
 3. ☐ The following elections apply to in-service distributions at age 62 (select one or more):
 - a. ☐ The minimum amount of a distribution is \$_____ (may not exceed \$1,000).
 - b. ☐ No more than _____ distribution(s) may be made to a Participant during a Plan Year.
 - c. ☐ Distributions may only be made from Accounts which are fully Vested.
 - d. ☐ In-service distributions may be made subject to the following provisions: _____ (must be definitely determinable and not subject to discretion).
- q. ☐ **QLACs.** (Plan Section 6.8(e)(4)) A Participant may elect a QLAC (as defined in Plan Section 6.8(e)(4)) or any alternative form of annuity permitted pursuant to a QLAC in which the Participant's Account has been invested.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

The following are optional administrative provisions. The Administrator may implement procedures that override any elections in this Section without a formal Plan amendment. In addition, modifications to these procedures will not affect an Employer's reliance on the Plan.

A. Loan Limitations. (complete only if loans to Participants are permitted; leave blank if none apply)

- a. ☐ Limitations (select one or more):
1. ☐ Loans will be treated as Participant directed investments.
 2. ☐ Loans will only be made for hardship or financial necessity as specified below (select a. or b.)
 - a. ☐ hardship reasons specified in Plan Section 6.12
 - b. ☐ financial necessity (as defined in the loan program).
 3. ☐ The minimum loan will be \$_____.
 4. ☐ A Participant may only have _____ (e.g., one (1)) loan(s) outstanding at any time.
 5. ☐ All outstanding loan balances will become due and payable in their entirety upon the occurrence of a distributable event (other than satisfaction of the conditions for an in-service distribution (including a hardship distribution), if applicable).
 6. ☐ The home loan term will be _____ years. (if not selected, the Administrator establishes the term for repayment of a home loan)
 7. ☐ **Account restrictions.** Loans will only be permitted from the following Participant Accounts (select all that apply or leave blank if no limitations apply):
 - a. ☐ Account(s) attributable to Employer matching contributions
 - b. ☐ Account attributable to Employer contributions other than matching contributions
 - c. ☐ Rollover Account
 - d. ☐ Transfer Account
 - e. ☐ Other: _____

AND, if loans are restricted to certain accounts, the limitations of Code §72(p) will be applied:

 - f. ☐ by determining the limits by only considering the restricted accounts.
 - g. ☐ by determining the limits taking into account a Participant's entire interest in the Plan.

Additional Loan Provisions (select all that apply; leave blank if none apply)

- b. ☐ **Loan payments.** Loans are repaid by (if left blank, then payroll deduction applies unless Participant is not subject to payroll (e.g., partner who only has a draw)):
1. ☐ payroll deduction
 2. ☐ ACH (Automated Clearing House)
 3. ☐ check
 - a. ☐ Only for prepayment
- c. ☐ **Interest rate.** Loans will be granted at the following interest rate (if left blank, then 3. below applies):
1. ☐ _____ percentage points over the prime interest rate
 2. ☐ _____%
 3. ☐ the Administrator establishes the rate at the time the loan is made
- d. ☐ **Refinancing.** Loan refinancing is allowed.

B. Life Insurance. (Plan Section 7.3)

- a. ☒ Life insurance may not be purchased.
- b. ☐ Life insurance may be purchased...
1. ☐ at the option of the Administrator
 2. ☐ at the option of the Participant

Limitations

3. ☐ N/A (no limitations)
4. ☐ The purchase of initial or additional life insurance will be subject to the following limitations (select one or more):
 - a. ☐ Each initial Contract will have a minimum face amount of \$_____.
 - b. ☐ Each additional Contract will have a minimum face amount of \$_____.
 - c. ☐ The Participant has completed _____ Years (or Periods) of Service.
 - d. ☐ The Participant has completed _____ Years (or Periods) of Service while a Participant in the Plan.
 - e. ☐ The Participant is under age _____ on the Contract issue date.
 - f. ☐ The maximum amount of all Contracts on behalf of a Participant may not exceed \$_____.
 - g. ☐ The maximum face amount of any life insurance Contract will be \$_____.

C. Plan Expenses. Will the Plan assess against an individual Participant's Account certain Plan expenses that are incurred by, or are attributable to, a particular Participant based on use of a particular Plan service?

- a. ☐ No
- b. ☒ Yes

Use of Forfeitures

Forfeitures of Employer contributions other than matching contributions will be:

- c. ☐ added to the Employer contribution and allocated in the same manner
- d. ☐ used to reduce any Employer contribution
- e. ☐ allocated to all Participants eligible to share in the allocations of Employer contributions or Forfeitures in the same proportion that each Participant's Compensation for the Plan Year bears to the Compensation of all Participants for such year
- f. ☐ other: _____ (describe the treatment of Forfeitures in a manner that is definitely determinable and not subject to Employer discretion)

Forfeitures of Employer matching contributions will be:

- g. ☐ N/A. Same as above or no Employer matching contributions.
- h. ☐ used to reduce the Employer matching contribution.
- i. ☐ used to reduce any Employer contribution.
- j. ☐ other: _____ (describe the treatment of Forfeitures in a manner that is definitely determinable and not subject to Employer discretion)

D. Directed investments

- a. ☐ Participant directed investments are NOT permitted.
- b. ☒ Participant directed investments are permitted from the following Participant Accounts:
 - 1. ☒ all Accounts
 - 2. ☐ only from the following Accounts (select one or more):
 - a. ☐ Account attributable to Employer contributions
 - b. ☐ Rollover Account
 - c. ☐ Transfer Account
 - d. ☐ Other: _____ (specify Account(s) and conditions in a manner that is definitely determinable and not subject to Employer discretion)

E. Rollover Limitations. Will the Plan accept rollover contributions and/or direct rollovers from the sources specified below?

- a. ☐ No, Administrator determines in operation which sources will be accepted.
- b. ☒ Yes

Rollover sources. Indicate the sources of rollovers that will be accepted (select one or more)

- 1. ☒ **Direct Rollovers.** The Plan will accept a direct rollover of an eligible rollover distribution from (select one or more):
 - a. ☒ a qualified plan described in Code §401(a) (including a 401(k) plan, profit sharing plan, defined benefit plan, stock bonus plan and money purchase plan), excluding after-tax employee contributions
 - b. ☐ a qualified plan described in Code §401(a) (including a 401(k) plan, profit sharing plan, defined benefit plan, stock bonus plan and money purchase plan), including after-tax employee contributions
 - c. ☐ a plan described in Code §403(a) (an annuity plan), excluding after-tax employee contributions
 - d. ☐ a plan described in Code §403(a) (an annuity plan), including after-tax employee contributions
 - e. ☐ a plan described in Code §403(b) (a tax-sheltered annuity), excluding after-tax employee contributions
 - f. ☐ a plan described in Code §403(b) (a tax-sheltered annuity), including after-tax employee contributions
 - g. ☐ a plan described in Code §457(b) (eligible deferred compensation plan)

Direct Rollovers of Participant Loan. The Plan will NOT accept a direct rollover of a Participant loan from another plan unless selected below (leave blank if default applies)

- h. ☐ The Plan will accept a direct rollover of a Participant loan
- i. ☐ The Plan will only accept a direct rollover of a Participant loan only in the following situation(s): _____ (e.g., only from Participants who were employees of an acquired organization).

- 2. ☒ **Participant Rollover Contributions from Other Plans (i.e., not via a direct plan-to-plan transfer).** The Plan will accept a contribution of an eligible rollover distribution (select one or more):
 - a. ☒ a qualified plan described in Code §401(a) (including a 401(k) plan, profit sharing plan, defined benefit plan, stock bonus plan and money purchase plan)
 - b. ☐ a plan described in Code §403(a) (an annuity plan)
 - c. ☐ a plan described in Code §403(b) (a tax-sheltered annuity)
 - d. ☐ a governmental plan described in Code §457(b) (eligible deferred compensation plan)
- 3. ☒ **Participant Rollover Contributions from IRAs:** The Plan will accept a rollover contribution of the portion of a distribution from a traditional IRA that is eligible to be rolled over and would otherwise be includible in gross income. Rollovers from Roth IRAs or a Coverdell Education Savings Account (formerly known as an Education IRA) are not permitted because they are not traditional IRAs. A rollover from a SIMPLE IRA is allowed if the amounts are rolled over after the individual has been in the SIMPLE IRA for at least two years.

F. Trustee(s) or Insurer(s). Information regarding Trustee(s)/Insurer(s) (required for the Summary Plan Description and, if requested, the Trust Agreement)

(Note: Select a. if not using provided trust. MUST select b and following questions as applicable):

- a. ☐ Do not produce the trust agreement

b. ☒ Complete the following UNLESS not selecting supporting forms:

Trustee/Insurer (select a. OR one or more of d. - e.)

c. ☐ **Insurer.** This Plan is funded exclusively with Contracts (select one or more of 1. - 4)

Name of Insurer(s)

1. ☐ _____
2. ☐ _____
3. ☐ Use Employer address/telephone number/email
4. ☐ Use following address/telephone number/email
 - a. Street: _____
 - b. City: _____
 - c. State: _____
 - d. Zip: _____
 - e. Telephone: _____
 - f. Email: _____

d. ☐ Individual Trustee(s)

e. ☒ Corporate Trustee

Name of Trust

f. Specify name of Trust (required for FIS trust): St. Louis Housing Authority Retirement Plan and Trust

Individual Trustees (if d. selected above, complete g. - j.)

Directed/Discretionary Trustees. The individual Trustee(s) executing this Adoption Agreement are (select g. or h.)

g. ☐ Select for each individual Trustee (skip to next question)

h. ☐ The following selections apply to all individual Trustee(s) (select 1. - 4. as applicable)

1. ☐ A discretionary Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 2. - 4.)
2. ☐ A nondiscretionary (directed) Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 1., 3. or 4.)
3. ☐ The individual Trustee(s) will serve as a discretionary Trustee over the following assets: _____
(may not be selected with 1. or 2.)
4. ☐ The individual Trustee(s) will serve as a nondiscretionary (directed) Trustee over the following assets: _____
(may not be selected with 1. or 2.)

Individual Trustee(s) (complete if d. selected above)

i. ☐ Individual Trustee(s) are (select one or more of a. - j.; enter address at j. below)

a. **Name** _____

Title/Email:

1. Title _____
2. Email _____ (optional)

Trustee is: (complete if g. selected above; select 3. - 6. as applicable)

3. ☐ Discretionary Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 4. - 6.)
4. ☐ A discretionary Trustee over the following plan assets: _____ (may not be select with 3. or 5.)
5. ☐ Nondiscretionary Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 3., 4. or 6.)
6. ☐ A nondiscretionary (directed) Trustee or Custodian over the following plan assets _____ (may not be selected with 3. or 5.)

b. **Name** _____

Title/Email:

1. Title _____
2. Email _____ (optional)

Trustee is: (complete if g. selected above; select 3. - 6. as applicable)

3. ☐ Discretionary Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 4. - 6.)
4. ☐ A discretionary Trustee over the following plan assets: _____ (may not be select with 3. or 5.)
5. ☐ Nondiscretionary Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 3., 4. or 6.)
6. ☐ A nondiscretionary (directed) Trustee or Custodian over the following plan assets _____ (may not be selected with 3. or 5.)

c. **Name** _____

Title/Email:

1. Title _____
2. Email _____ (optional)

Trustee is: (complete if g. selected above; select 3. - 6. as applicable)

3. ☐ Discretionary Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 4. - 6.)
4. ☐ A discretionary Trustee over the following plan assets: _____ (may not be select with 3. or 5.)
5. ☐ Nondiscretionary Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 3., 4. or 6.)

6. ☐ A nondiscretionary (directed) Trustee or Custodian over the following plan assets _____ (may not be selected with 3. or 5.)

d. **Name** _____

Title/Email:

1. Title _____

2. Email _____ (optional)

Trustee is: (complete if g. selected above; select 3. – 6. as applicable)

3. ☐ Discretionary Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 4. or 6.)

4. ☐ A discretionary Trustee over the following plan assets: _____ (may not be selected with 3. or 5.)

5. ☐ Nondiscretionary Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 3., 4. or 6.)

6. ☐ A nondiscretionary (directed) Trustee or Custodian over the following plan assets _____ (may not be selected with 3. or 5.)

e. **Name** _____

Title/Email:

1. Title _____

2. Email _____ (optional)

Trustee is: (complete if g. selected above; select 3. – 6. as applicable)

3. ☐ Discretionary Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 4. or 6.)

4. ☐ A discretionary Trustee over the following plan assets: _____ (may not be selected with 3. or 5.)

5. ☐ Nondiscretionary Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 3., 4. or 6.)

6. ☐ A nondiscretionary (directed) Trustee or Custodian over the following plan assets _____ (may not be selected with 3. or 5.)

f. **Name** _____

Title/Email:

1. Title _____

2. Email _____ (optional)

Trustee is: (complete if g. selected above; select 3. – 6. as applicable)

3. ☐ Discretionary Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 4. or 6.)

4. ☐ A discretionary Trustee over the following plan assets: _____ (may not be selected with 3. or 5.)

5. ☐ Nondiscretionary Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 3., 4. or 6.)

6. ☐ A nondiscretionary (directed) Trustee or Custodian over the following plan assets _____ (may not be selected with 3. or 5.)

g. **Name** _____

Title/Email:

1. Title _____

2. Email _____ (optional)

Trustee is: (complete if g. selected above; select 3. – 6. as applicable)

3. ☐ Discretionary Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 4. or 6.)

4. ☐ A discretionary Trustee over the following plan assets: _____ (may not be selected with 3. or 5.)

5. ☐ Nondiscretionary Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 3., 4. or 6.)

6. ☐ A nondiscretionary (directed) Trustee or Custodian over the following plan assets _____ (may not be selected with 3. or 5.)

h. **Name** _____

Title/Email:

1. Title _____

2. Email _____ (optional)

Trustee is: (complete if g. selected above; select 3. – 6. as applicable)

3. ☐ Discretionary Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 4. or 6.)

4. ☐ A discretionary Trustee over the following plan assets: _____ (may not be selected with 3. or 5.)

5. ☐ Nondiscretionary Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 3., 4. or 6.)

6. ☐ A nondiscretionary (directed) Trustee or Custodian over the following plan assets _____ (may not be selected with 3. or 5.)

i. **Name** _____

Title/Email:

1. Title _____

2. Email _____ (optional)

Trustee is: (complete if g. selected above; select 3. – 6. as applicable)

3. ☐ Discretionary Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 4. or 6.)

4. ☐ A discretionary Trustee over the following plan assets: _____ (may not be selected with 3. or 5.)

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5. ☐ Nondiscretionary Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 3., 4. or 6.)
6. ☐ A nondiscretionary (directed) Trustee or Custodian over the following plan assets _____ (may not be selected with 3. or 5.)

j. **Name** _____

Title/Email:

1. Title _____

2. Email _____ (optional)

Trustee is: (complete if g. selected above; select 3. – 6. as applicable)

3. ☐ Discretionary Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 4. or 6.)

4. ☐ A discretionary Trustee over the following plan assets: _____ (may not be selected with 3. or 5.)

5. ☐ Nondiscretionary Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 3., 4. or 6.)

6. ☐ A nondiscretionary (directed) Trustee or Custodian over the following plan assets _____ (may not be selected with 3. or 5.)

j. ☐ **Individual Trustee Address** (complete if d. selected above)

1. ☐ Use Employer address/telephone number/email

2. ☐ Use following address/telephone number/email

a. Street: _____

b. City: _____

c. State: _____

d. Zip: _____

e. Telephone: _____

f. Email: _____

Corporate Trustee Name/Type/Address (complete if e. selected above)

k. ☒ Name Voya Institutional Trust Company

Address/telephone number/email

1. ☐ Use Employer address/telephone number/email

2. ☒ Use following address/telephone number/email

a. Street: One Orange Way

b. City: Windsor

c. State: Connecticut

d. Zip: 06019

e. Telephone: 860-580-2511

f. Email: _____

Directed/Discretionary. The Corporate Trustee is (select 3. - 6. as applicable)

3. ☐ A discretionary Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 4. – 6.)

4. ☒ A nondiscretionary (directed) Trustee over all plan assets (may not be selected with 3., 5. or 6.)

5. ☐ A discretionary Trustee over the following plan assets over the following assets: _____ (may not be selected with 3. – 4.)

6. ☐ A nondiscretionary (directed) Trustee over the following plan assets _____ (may not be selected with 3. – 4.)

Signee (optional):

7. ☐ Name of person signing on behalf of the corporate Trustee _____

8. ☐ Email address of person signing on behalf of the corporate Trustee _____

Special Trustee for collection of contributions. The Employer appoints the following Special Trustee with the responsibility to collect delinquent contributions (*optional*)

l. ☐ **Name** _____

Title:

1. _____

Address/telephone number/email

2. ☐ Use Employer address/telephone number/email

3. ☐ Use following address/telephone number/email

a. Street: _____

b. City: _____

c. State: _____

d. Zip: _____

e. Telephone: _____

f. Email: _____

Custodian(s) Name/Address . The Custodian(s) are (*optional*)

m. ☐ **Name(s)** _____

Address/telephone number/email

1. ☐ Use Employer address/telephone number/email
2. ☐ Use following address/telephone number/email
 - a. Street: _____
 - b. City: _____
 - c. State: _____
 - d. Zip: _____
 - e. Telephone: _____
 - f. Email: _____

Investment in common, collective or pooled trust funds. The nondiscretionary Trustee, as directed or the discretionary Trustee acting without direction (and in addition to the discretionary Trustee's authority to invest in its own funds), may invest in any of the following trust funds: *(optional)*

- n. ☐ _____ (Specify the names of one or more trust funds in which the Plan can invest)

Choice of law

- o. ☒ This trust will be governed by the laws of the state of:
1. ☐ State in which the Employer's principal office is located
 2. ☒ State in which the corporate trustee or insurer is located
 3. ☐ Other _____

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ST. LOUIS HOUSING AUTHORITY RETIREMENT PLAN

The enclosed Plan is being submitted for expedited review as a Non-Standardized Plan.

No modifications from the approved specimen plan have been made to this Plan.

VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE AND ANNUITY COMPANY
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**ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Plan, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings set forth herein unless a different meaning is clearly required by the context:

1.1 "Account" means any separate notational account established and maintained by the Administrator for each Participant under the Plan. To the extent applicable, a Participant may have any (or all) of the following notational Accounts:

- (a) "Combined Account" means the account representing the Participant's total interest under the Plan resulting from Employer contributions. In addition, Forfeitures are part of the Combined Account to the extent they are reallocated.
- (b) "Mandatory Contribution Account" means the account established hereunder to which mandatory Employee contributions made pursuant to Section 4.8 are allocated, to the extent such contributions are not picked-up by the Employer pursuant to Code §414(h). A Participant's Mandatory Contribution Account shall be fully Vested at all times.
- (c) "Rollover Account" means the account established hereunder to which amounts transferred from a qualified plan or individual retirement account in accordance with Section 4.6 are allocated.
- (d) "Transfer Account" means the account established hereunder to which amounts transferred to this Plan from a direct plan-to-plan transfer in accordance with Section 4.7 are allocated.
- (e) "Voluntary Contribution Account" means the account established hereunder to which after-tax voluntary Employee contributions made pursuant to Section 4.9 are allocated.

1.2 "Administrator" means the Employer unless another person, entity or committee has been designated by the Employer pursuant to Section 2.2 to administer the Plan on behalf of the Employer.

1.3 "Adoption Agreement" means the separate agreement which is executed by the Employer and sets forth the elective provisions of this Plan as specified by the Employer.

1.4 "Affiliated Employer" means any entity required to be aggregated with the Employer pursuant to Code §414.

1.5 "Alternate Payee" means an alternate payee pursuant to a qualified domestic relations order that meets the requirements of Code §414(p).

1.6 "Anniversary Date" means the last day of the Plan Year.

1.7 "Annuity Starting Date" means, with respect to any Participant, the first day of the first period for which an amount is paid as an annuity, or, in the case of a benefit not payable in the form of an annuity, the first day on which all events have occurred which entitles the Participant to such benefit.

1.8 "Beneficiary" means the person (or entity) to whom all or a portion of a deceased Participant's interest in the Plan is, or may become, payable upon the Participant's death as identified in records maintained by the Plan, subject to the restrictions of Sections 6.2 and 6.6.

1.9 "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as it may be amended from time to time and includes applicable Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidance.

1.10 "Compensation" means, with respect to any Participant, the amount determined in accordance with the following provisions, except as otherwise provided in the Adoption Agreement.

- (a) **Base definition.** One of the following, as elected in the Adoption Agreement:
 - (1) Information required to be reported under Code §§6041, 6051 and 6052 (Wages, tips and other compensation as reported on Form W-2). Compensation means wages, within the meaning of Code §3401(a), and all other payments of compensation to an Employee by the Employer (in the course of the Employer's trade or business) for which the Employer is required to furnish the Employee a written statement under Code §§6041(d), 6051(a)(3) and 6052. Compensation must be determined without regard to any rules under Code §3401(a) that limit the remuneration included in wages based on the nature or location of the employment or the services performed (such as the exception for agricultural labor in Code §3401(a)(2)).
 - (2) Code §3401(a) Wages. Compensation means an Employee's wages within the meaning of Code §3401(a) for the purposes of income tax withholding at the source but determined without regard to any rules that limit the remuneration included in

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wages based on the nature or location of the employment or the services performed (such as the exception for agricultural labor in Code §3401(a)(2)).

(3) 415 safe harbor compensation. Compensation means wages, salaries, Military Differential Pay, and fees for professional services and other amounts received (without regard to whether or not an amount is paid in cash) for personal services actually rendered in the course of employment with the Employer maintaining the Plan to the extent that the amounts are includible in gross income (including, but not limited to, commissions paid salespersons, compensation for services on the basis of a percentage of profits, commissions on insurance premiums, tips, bonuses, fringe benefits, and reimbursements, or other expense allowances under a nonaccountable plan (as described in Regulation §1.62-2(c))), and excluding the following:

- (i) Employer contributions to a plan of deferred compensation which are not includible in the Employee's gross income for the taxable year in which contributed, or Employer contributions under a simplified employee pension plan to the extent such contributions are excludable from the Employee's gross income, or any distributions from a plan of deferred compensation;
- (ii) Amounts realized from the exercise of a nonqualified stock option, or when restricted stock (or property) held by the Employee either becomes freely transferable or is no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture;
- (iii) Amounts realized from the sale, exchange or other disposition of stock acquired under a qualified stock option; and
- (iv) Other amounts which receive special tax benefits, such as premiums for group term life insurance (but only to the extent that the premiums are not includible in the gross income of the Employee and are not salary reduction amounts under Code §125), whether or not the contributions are actually excludable from the gross income of the Employee.

(b) **Paid during "determination period."** Compensation shall include only that Compensation which is actually paid to the Participant during the "determination period". Except as otherwise provided in this Plan, the "determination period" is the period elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement. If the Employer makes no election, the "determination period" shall be the Plan Year.

(c) **Inclusion of deferrals.** Notwithstanding the above, unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, Compensation shall include all of the following types of elective contributions and all of the following types of deferred compensation:

- (1) Elective contributions that are made by the Employer on behalf of a Participant that are not includible in gross income under Code §§125, 132(f)(4), 402(e)(3), 402(h)(1)(B), 402(k) and 403(b). If specified in Appendix A to the Adoption Agreement (Special Effective Dates and Other Permitted Elections), amounts under Code §125 shall be deemed to include any amounts not available to a Participant in cash in lieu of group health coverage because the Participant is unable to certify that he or she has other health coverage. An amount will be treated as an amount under Code §125 pursuant to the preceding sentence only if the Employer does not request or collect information regarding the Participant's other health coverage as part of the enrollment process for the health plan.
- (2) Compensation deferred under an eligible deferred compensation plan within the meaning of Code §457(b).
- (3) Employee contributions described in Code §414(h)(2) that are picked-up by the employing unit and thus are treated as Employer contributions.

(d) **Post-severance compensation – Code §415 Regulations.** The Administrator shall adjust Compensation for amounts that would otherwise be included in the definition of Compensation but are paid by the later of 2 1/2 months after a Participant's severance from employment with the Employer or the end of the Plan Year that includes the date of the Participant's severance from employment with the Employer, in accordance with the following, as elected in the Compensation Section of the Adoption Agreement. The preceding time period, however, does not apply with respect to payments described in Subsections (4) and (5) below. Any other payment of compensation paid after severance of employment that is not described in the following types of compensation is not considered Compensation, even if payment is made within the time period specified above.

- (1) **Regular pay.** Compensation shall include regular pay after severance of employment (to the extent otherwise included in the definition of Compensation) if:
 - (i) The payment is regular compensation for services during the Participant's regular working hours, or compensation for services outside the Participant's regular working hours (such as overtime or shift differential), commissions, bonuses, or other similar payments; and
 - (ii) The payment would have been paid to the Participant prior to a severance from employment if the Participant had continued in employment with the Employer.

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(2) **Leave cash-outs.** Compensation shall include leave cash-outs if those amounts would have been included in the definition of Compensation if they were paid prior to the Participant's severance from employment with the Employer, and the amounts are for unused accrued bona fide sick, vacation, or other leave, but only if the Participant would have been able to use the leave if employment had continued.

(3) **Deferred compensation.** Compensation shall include deferred compensation if those amounts would have been included in the definition of Compensation if they were paid prior to the Participant's severance from employment with the Employer, and the amounts are received pursuant to a nonqualified unfunded deferred compensation plan, but only if the payment would have been paid at the same time if the Participant had continued in employment with the Employer and only to the extent the payment is includible in the Participant's gross income.

(4) **Military Differential Pay.** Compensation shall include payments to an individual who does not currently perform services for the Employer by reason of qualified military service (as that term is used in Code §414(u)(1)) to the extent those payments do not exceed the amounts the individual would have received if the individual had continued to perform services for the Employer rather than entering qualified military service.

(5) **Disability pay.** Compensation shall include compensation paid to a Participant who is permanently and totally disabled, as defined in Code §22(e)(3), provided, as elected by the Employer in the Compensation Section of the Adoption Agreement, salary continuation applies to all Participants who are permanently and totally disabled.

(e) **Compensation Dollar limitation.** For any Plan Year (or other applicable determination period) Compensation in excess of \$290,000 shall be disregarded for all. The dollar amount shall be adjusted by the Commissioner for increases in the cost-of-living in accordance with Code §401(a)(17)(B). The cost-of-living adjustment in effect for a calendar year applies to any "determination period" beginning with or within such calendar year. If a "determination period" consists of fewer than twelve (12) months, the \$290,000 annual Compensation limit will be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of months in the "determination period," and the denominator of which is twelve (12). In applying any Plan limitation on the amount of matching contributions, where such limits are expressed as a percentage of Compensation, the Administrator may apply the Compensation limit under this Section annually, even if the matching contribution formula is applied on any time interval which is less than the full Plan Year or the Administrator may pro rate the Compensation limit.

In the case of an "eligible Participant," the dollar limitation under Code §401(a)(17) shall not apply to the extent the amount under the Plan would be reduced below the amount which was allowed to be taken into account under the Plan as in effect on July 1, 1993. For purposes of this provision, an "eligible Participant" is an individual who first became a Participant before the first Plan Year beginning after the earlier of (i) the Plan Year in which the Plan was amended to reflect Code §401(a)(17), or (ii) December 31, 1995.

(f) **Non-eligible Employee.** If, in the Adoption Agreement, the Employer elects to exclude a class of Employees from the Plan, then Compensation for any Employee who becomes eligible or ceases to be eligible to participate during a "determination period" shall only include Compensation while the Employee is an Eligible Employee.

(g) **Amendment.** If, in connection with the adoption of any amendment, the definition of Compensation has been modified, then, except as otherwise provided herein, for Plan Years prior to the Plan Year which includes the adoption date of such amendment, Compensation means compensation determined pursuant to the terms of the Plan then in effect.

(h) **Affiliated Employers.** Affiliated Employers are treated as one Employer for purposes of Compensation. If, however, one or more Affiliated Employers are Participating Employers and the Plan (including the Adoption Agreement or a participation agreement) allocate Employer Contributions separately among the Employees directly employed by a Participating Employer, then, in computing such allocations, Compensation paid by other Participating Employers is excluded Compensation.

1.11 "Contract" or "Policy" means any life insurance policy, retirement income policy, or annuity contract (group or individual) issued by the Insurer. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Plan and the terms of any contract purchased hereunder, the Plan provisions shall control.

1.12 "Custodian" means a person or entity that has custody of all or any portion of the Plan assets.

1.13 "Directed Trustee" means a Trustee who, with respect to the investment of Plan assets, is subject to the direction of the Administrator, the Employer, a properly appointed Investment Manager, or Plan Participant.

1.14 "Discretionary Trustee" means a Trustee who has the authority and discretion to invest, manage or control any portion of the Plan assets.

1.15 "Early Retirement Date" means the date specified in the Adoption Agreement on which a Participant has satisfied the requirements specified in the Adoption Agreement (Early Retirement Age). If elected in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant shall become fully Vested upon satisfying such requirements if the Participant is still employed at the Early Retirement Age.

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A Participant who severs from employment after satisfying any service requirement but before satisfying the age requirement for Early Retirement Age and who thereafter reaches the age requirement contained herein shall be entitled to receive benefits under this Plan (other than any accelerated vesting and allocations of Employer contributions) as though the requirements for Early Retirement Age had been satisfied.

1.16 "Effective Date" means the date this Plan, including any restatement or amendment of this Plan, is effective. Where the Plan is restated or amended, a reference to Effective Date is the effective date of the restatement or amendment, except where the context indicates a reference to an earlier Effective Date. If any provision of this Plan is retroactively effective, the provisions of this Plan generally control. However, if the provision of this Plan is different from the provision of the Employer's prior plan document and, after the retroactive Effective Date of this Plan, the Employer operated in compliance with the provisions of the prior plan, then the provision of such prior plan is incorporated into this Plan for purposes of determining whether the Employer operated the Plan in compliance with its terms, provided operation in compliance with the terms of the prior plan do not violate any qualification requirements under the Code, Regulations, or other IRS guidance.

The Employer may designate special effective dates for individual provisions under the Plan where provided in the Adoption Agreement or under Appendix A to the Adoption Agreement (Special Effective Dates and Other Permitted Elections). If one or more qualified retirement plans have been merged into this Plan, the provisions of the merging plan(s) will remain in full force and effect until the effective date of the plan merger(s).

1.17 "Eligible Employee" means any Eligible Employee as elected in the Adoption Agreement and as provided herein.

(a) **"Reclassified Employees."** An individual shall not be an Eligible Employee (unless otherwise elected in Appendix A to the Adoption Agreement) if such individual is a "Reclassified Employee." A "Reclassified Employee" is any person the Employer does not treat as a common law employee or as a self-employed individual (including, but not limited to, independent contractors, persons the Employer pays outside of its payroll system and out-sourced workers) for federal income tax withholding purposes under Code §3401(a), irrespective of whether there is a binding determination that the individual is an Employee or a Leased Employee of the Employer. Self-Employed Individuals are not "Reclassified Employees."

(b) **Affiliated Employers.** Employees of an Affiliated Employer will not be treated as Eligible Employees prior to the date the Affiliated Employer adopts the Plan as a Participating Employer.

(c) **Union Employees.** If, in the Adoption Agreement, the Employer elects to exclude union employees, then Employees whose employment is governed by a collective bargaining agreement between the Employer and "employee representatives" under which retirement benefits were the subject of good faith bargaining, shall not be eligible to participate in this Plan to the extent of employment covered by such agreement, unless the agreement provides for coverage in the Plan (see Section 4.1(d)). For this purpose, the term "employee representatives" does not include any organization more than half of whose members are employees who are owners, officers, or executives of the Employer. If a Participant performs services both as a collectively bargained Employee and as a non-collectively bargained Employee, then the Participant's Hours of Service in each respective category are treated separately.

(d) **Nonresident Employees.** If, in the Adoption Agreement, the Employer elects to exclude nonresident aliens, then Employees who are nonresident aliens (within the meaning of Code §7701(b)(1)(B)) who received no earned income (within the meaning of Code §911(d)(2)) from the Employer which constitutes income from sources within the United States (within the meaning of Code §861(a)(3)) shall not be eligible to participate in this Plan. In addition, this paragraph shall also apply to exclude from participation in the Plan an Employee who is a nonresident alien (within the meaning of Code §7701(b)(1)(B)) but who receives earned income (within the meaning of Code §911(d)(2)) from the Employer that constitutes income from sources within the United States (within the meaning of Code §861(a)(3)), if all of the Employee's earned income from the Employer from sources within the United States is exempt from United States income tax under an applicable income tax convention. The preceding sentence will apply only if all Employees described in the preceding sentence are excluded from the Plan.

1.18 "Employee" means any person who is employed by the Employer. The term "Employee" shall also include any person who is an employee of an Affiliated Employer and any Leased Employee deemed to be an Employee as provided in Code §414(n) or (o).

1.19 "Employer" means the governmental entity specified in the Adoption Agreement, any successor which shall maintain this Plan and any predecessor which has maintained this Plan. In addition, unless the context means otherwise, the term "Employer" shall include any Participating Employer which shall adopt this Plan. This plan may only be adopted a state or local governmental entity, or agency thereof, including an Indian tribal government, and may not be adopted by any other entity, including a federal government and any agency or instrumentality thereof.

1.20 "Fiscal Year" means the Employer's accounting year.

1.21 "Forfeiture" means that portion of a Participant's Account that is not Vested and is disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Plan.

A Forfeiture will occur on the following, as elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement:

- (a) The last day of the Plan Year in which a Participant incurs five (5) consecutive 1-Year Breaks in Service, or
- (b) The distribution of the entire Vested portion of the Participant's Account of a Participant who has severed employment with the Employer. For purposes of this provision, if the Participant has a Vested benefit of zero, then such Participant shall be deemed to have received a distribution of such Vested benefit as of the year in which the severance of employment occurs. For this purpose, a Participant's Vested benefit shall not include: (i) qualified voluntary employee contributions within the meaning of Code §72(o)(5)(B), and (ii) the Participant's Rollover Account.
- (c) As soon as reasonably practical after the date a Participant severs employment.

Regardless of the preceding, if a Participant is eligible to share in the allocation of Forfeitures in the year in which the Forfeiture would otherwise occur, then the Forfeiture will not occur until the end of the first Plan Year for which the Participant is not eligible to share in the allocation of Forfeitures. Furthermore, the term "Forfeiture" shall also include amounts deemed to be Forfeitures pursuant to any other provision of this Plan.

1.22 "Former Employee" means an individual who has severed employment with the Employer or an Affiliated Employer.

1.23 "415 Compensation" means, with respect to any Participant, such Participant's (a) Wages, tips and other compensation on Form W-2, (b) Code §3401(a) wages or (c) 415 safe harbor compensation as elected in the Adoption Agreement for purposes of Compensation (and as defined in Subsections 1.10(a)(1)-3 respectively). 415 Compensation shall be based on the full Limitation Year regardless of when participation in the Plan commences. Furthermore, regardless of any election made in the Adoption Agreement, 415 Compensation shall include any elective deferral (as defined in Code §§402(e)(3), 402(k) and 402(h)(1)(B)) and any amount which is contributed or deferred by the Employer at the election of the Participant and which is not includible in the gross income of the Participant by reason of Code §§125, 457, and 132(f)(4). If the Plan contains pick-up provisions (certain contributions designated as employee contributions, that are then "picked-up" by the Employer), then those pick-up contributions are not includible as Compensation for purposes of IRC §415 & Reg. §1.415-2(d)(2)(i). In addition, Military Differential Pay is treated as 415 Compensation.

(a) **Deemed 125 compensation.** If elected in Appendix A to the Adoption Agreement (Special Effective Dates and Other Permitted Elections), 415 Compensation shall also include deemed §125 compensation. Deemed §125 compensation is an amount that is excludable under §106 that is not available to a participant in cash in lieu of group health coverage under a §125 arrangement solely because the participant is unable to certify that he or she has other health coverage. An amount will be treated as an amount under Code §125 pursuant to the preceding sentence only if the Employer does not request or collect information regarding the Participant's other health coverage as part of the enrollment process for the health plan.

(b) **Post-severance compensation.** The Administrator shall adjust 415 Compensation for amounts that would otherwise be included in the definition of 415 Compensation but are paid by the later of 2 1/2 months after a Participant's severance from employment with the Employer or the end of the Limitation Year that includes the date of the Participant's severance from employment with the Employer, in accordance with the following, as elected in the Compensation Section of the Adoption Agreement. The preceding time period, however, does not apply with respect to payments described in Subsections (4) and (5) below. Any other payment of compensation paid after severance of employment that is not described in the following types of compensation is not considered 415 Compensation, even if payment is made within the time period specified above.

(1) **Regular pay.** 415 Compensation shall include regular pay after severance of employment (to the extent otherwise included in the definition of 415 Compensation) if:

- (i) The payment is regular compensation for services during the Participant's regular working hours, or compensation for services outside the Participant's regular working hours (such as overtime or shift differential), commissions, bonuses, or other similar payments; and
- (ii) The payment would have been paid to the Participant prior to a severance from employment if the Participant had continued in employment with the Employer.

(2) **Leave cash-outs.** 415 Compensation shall include leave cash-outs if those amounts would have been included in the definition of 415 Compensation if they were paid prior to the Participant's severance from employment with the Employer, and the amounts are for unused accrued bona fide sick, vacation, or other leave, but only if the Participant would have been able to use the leave if employment had continued.

(3) **Deferred compensation.** 415 Compensation shall include deferred compensation if those amounts would have been included in the definition of 415 Compensation if they were paid prior to the Participant's severance from employment with the Employer, and the amounts are received pursuant to a nonqualified unfunded deferred compensation plan, but only if the

payment would have been paid if the Participant had continued in employment with the Employer and only to the extent the payment is includible in the Participant's gross income.

(4) **Military Differential Pay.** 415 Compensation shall include payments to an individual who does not currently perform services for the Employer by reason of qualified military service (as that term is used in Code §414(u)(1)) to the extent those payments do not exceed the amounts the individual would have received if the individual had continued to perform services for the Employer rather than entering qualified military service.

(5) **Disability pay.** 415 Compensation shall include compensation paid to a Participant who is permanently and totally disabled, as defined in Code §22(e)(3), provided, as elected by the Employer in the Compensation Section of the Adoption Agreement, salary continuation applies to all Participants who are permanently and totally disabled for a fixed or determinable period, or the Participant was not a highly compensated employee (within the meaning of Code §414(q)) immediately before becoming disabled.

(c) **Back pay.** Back pay, within the meaning of Regulations §1.415(c)-2(g)(8), shall be treated as Compensation for the Limitation Year to which the back pay relates to the extent the back pay represents wages and compensation that would otherwise be included under this definition.

(d) **Dollar limitation.** 415 Compensation will be limited to the same dollar limitations set forth in Section 1.10(e) adjusted in such manner as permitted under Code §415(d).

(e) **Amendment.** Except as otherwise provided herein, if, in connection with the adoption of any amendment, the definition of 415 Compensation has been modified, then for Plan Years prior to the Plan Year which includes the adoption date of such amendment, 415 Compensation means compensation determined pursuant to the terms of the Plan then in effect.

1.24 "Hour of Service" means (a) each hour for which an Employee is directly or indirectly compensated or entitled to compensation by the Employer for the performance of duties during the applicable computation period (these hours will be credited to the Employee for the computation period in which the duties are performed); (b) each hour for which an Employee is directly or indirectly compensated or entitled to Compensation by the Employer (irrespective of whether the employment relationship has terminated) for reasons other than performance of duties (such as vacation, holidays, sickness, incapacity (including disability), jury duty, lay-off, military duty or leave of absence) during the applicable computation period; (c) each hour for which back pay is awarded or agreed to by the Employer without regard to mitigation of damages (these hours will be credited to the Employee for the computation period or periods to which the award or agreement pertains rather than the computation period in which the award, agreement or payment is made). The same Hours of Service shall not be credited both under (a) or (b), as the case may be, and under (c).

Notwithstanding (b) above, (1) no more than 501 Hours of Service will be credited to an Employee on account of any single continuous period during which the Employee performs no duties (whether or not such period occurs in a single computation period); (2) an hour for which an Employee is directly or indirectly paid, or entitled to payment, on account of a period during which no duties are performed is not required to be credited to the Employee if such payment is made or due under a plan maintained solely for the purpose of complying with applicable workers' compensation, or unemployment compensation or disability insurance laws; and (3) Hours of Service are not required to be credited for a payment which solely reimburses an Employee for medical or medically related expenses incurred by the Employee. Furthermore, for purposes of (b) above, a payment shall be deemed to be made by or due from the Employer regardless of whether such payment is made by or due from the Employer directly, or indirectly through, among others, a trust fund, or insurer, to which the Employer contributes or pays premiums and regardless of whether contributions made or due to the trust fund, insurer, or other entity are for the benefit of particular Employees or are on behalf of a group of Employees in the aggregate.

Hours of Service will be credited for employment with all Affiliated Employers and for any individual considered to be a Leased Employee pursuant to Code §414(n) or 414(o) and the Regulations thereunder.

Hours of Service will be determined using the actual hours method unless one of the methods below is elected in the Adoption Agreement. If the **actual hours** method is used to determine Hours of Service, an Employee is credited with the actual Hours of Service the Employee completes with the Employer or the number of Hours of Service for which the Employee is paid (or entitled to payment).

If the **days worked** method is elected, an Employee will be credited with ten (10) Hours of Service if under the Plan such Employee would be credited with at least one (1) Hour of Service during the day.

If the **weeks worked** method is elected, an Employee will be credited with forty-five (45) Hours of Service if under the Plan such Employee would be credited with at least one (1) Hour of Service during the week.

If the **semi-monthly payroll periods worked** method is elected, an Employee will be credited with ninety-five (95) Hours of Service if under the Plan such Employee would be credited with at least one (1) Hour of Service during the semi-monthly payroll period.

If the **months worked** method is elected, an Employee will be credited with one hundred ninety (190) Hours of Service if under the Plan such Employee would be credited with at least one (1) Hour of Service during the month.

If the **bi-weekly payroll periods worked** method is elected, an Employee will be credited with ninety (90) Hours of Service if under the Plan such Employee would be credited with at least one (1) Hour of Service during the bi-weekly payroll period.

1.25 "Insurer" means any legal reserve insurance company which has issued or shall issue one or more Contracts or Policies under the Plan.

1.26 "Investment Manager" means a person or entity which renders investment advice for a fee or other compensation, direct or indirect, with respect to any monies or property of the Plan and which is appointed in accordance with Section 2.1(b).

1.27 "Joint and Survivor Annuity" means an immediate annuity for the life of a Participant with a survivor annuity for the life of the Participant's Spouse which is not less than fifty percent (50%), nor more than one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of the annuity payable during the joint lives of the Participant and the Participant's Spouse which can be purchased with the Participant's Vested interest in the Plan reduced by any outstanding loan balances pursuant to Section 7.4.

1.28 "Late Retirement Date" means the date of, or the first day of the month or the Anniversary Date coinciding with or next following, whichever corresponds to the election in the Adoption Agreement for the Normal Retirement Date, a Participant's actual retirement after having reached the Normal Retirement Date.

1.29 "Leased Employee" means any person (other than an Employee of the recipient Employer) who, pursuant to an agreement between the recipient Employer and any other person or entity ("leasing organization"), has performed services for the recipient (or for the recipient and related persons determined in accordance with Code §414(n)(6)) on a substantially full time basis for a period of at least one year, and such services are performed under primary direction or control by the recipient Employer. Contributions or benefits provided a Leased Employee by the leasing organization which are attributable to services performed for the recipient Employer shall be treated as provided by the recipient Employer. Furthermore, Compensation for a Leased Employee shall only include compensation from the leasing organization that is attributable to services performed for the recipient Employer.

A Leased Employee shall not be considered an employee of the recipient Employer if: (a) such employee is covered by a money purchase pension plan providing: (1) a non-integrated employer contribution rate of at least ten percent (10%) of compensation, as defined in Code §415(c)(3), (2) immediate participation, and (3) full and immediate vesting; and (b) leased employees do not constitute more than twenty percent (20%) of the recipient Employer's nonhighly compensated workforce.

1.30 "Limitation Year" means the "determination period" used to determine Compensation. However, the Employer may elect a different Limitation Year in Appendix A to the Adoption Agreement (Special Effective Dates and Other Permitted Elections). All qualified plans maintained by the Employer must use the same Limitation Year. Furthermore, unless there is a change to a new Limitation Year, the Limitation Year will be a twelve (12) consecutive month period. In the case of an initial Limitation Year, the Limitation Year will be the twelve (12) consecutive month period ending on the last day of the period specified in the Adoption Agreement. If the Limitation Year is amended to a different twelve (12) consecutive month period, the new "Limitation Year" must begin on a date within the "Limitation Year" in which the amendment is made. The Limitation Year may only be changed by a Plan amendment. Furthermore, if the Plan is terminated effective as of a date other than the last day of the Plan's Limitation Year, then the Plan is treated as if the Plan had been amended to change its Limitation Year.

1.31 "Military Differential Pay" means any differential wage payments made to an individual that represents an amount which, when added to the individual's military pay, approximates the amount of Compensation that was paid to the individual while working for the Employer. An individual receiving a differential wage payment, as defined by Code §3401(h)(2), is treated as an Employee of the Employer making the payment.

1.32 "Nonelective Contribution" means the Employer's contributions to the Plan.

1.33 "Normal Retirement Age" means the age elected in the Adoption Agreement at which time a Participant's Account shall be nonforfeitable (if elected in the Adoption Agreement and if the Participant is employed by the Employer on or after that date). For money purchase pension plans, if the employer enforces a mandatory retirement age, then the Normal Retirement Age is the lesser of that mandatory age or the age specified in the Adoption Agreement. Upon attaining Normal Retirement Age or the stated age and completion of the required years of service and any other reasonable requirements set forth in the Plan, the Plan will provide for full vesting of an Employee's interest.

1.34 "Normal Retirement Date" means the date elected in the Adoption Agreement.

1.35 "1-Year Break in Service" means, if the Hour of Service method is used, the applicable computation period that is used to determine a Year of Service during which an Employee or Former Employee has not completed more than 500 Hours of Service. However, if the Employer selected, in the Service Crediting Method Section of the Adoption Agreement, to define a Year of Service as less than 1,000 Hours of Service, then the 500 Hours of Service in this definition of 1-Year Break in Service shall be proportionately reduced. Further, solely for the purpose of determining whether an Employee has incurred a 1-Year Break in Service, Hours of Service shall be

recognized for "authorized leaves of absence" and "maternity and paternity leaves of absence." For this purpose, Hours of Service shall be credited for the computation period in which the absence from work begins, only if credit therefore is necessary to prevent the Employee from incurring a 1-Year Break in Service, or, in any other case, in the immediately following computation period. The Hours of Service credited for a "maternity or paternity leave of absence" shall be those which would normally have been credited but for such absence, or, in any case in which the Administrator is unable to determine such hours normally credited, eight (8) Hours of Service per day. The total Hours of Service required to be credited for a "maternity or paternity leave of absence" shall not exceed the number of Hours of Service needed to prevent the Employee from incurring a 1-Year Break in Service.

"Authorized leave of absence" means an unpaid, temporary cessation from active employment with the Employer pursuant to an established policy, whether occasioned by illness, military service, or any other reason.

A "maternity or paternity leave of absence" means an absence from work for any period by reason of the Employee's pregnancy, birth of the Employee's child, placement of a child with the Employee in connection with the adoption of such child, or any absence for the purpose of caring for such child for a period immediately following such birth or placement.

If the elapsed time method is elected in the Service Crediting Method Section of the Adoption Agreement, then a "1-Year Break in Service" means a twelve (12) consecutive month period beginning on the severance from service date or any anniversary thereof and ending on the next succeeding anniversary of such date; provided, however, that the Employee or Former Employee does not perform an Hour of Service for the Employer during such twelve (12) consecutive month period.

1.36 "Participant" means any Employee or Former Employee who has satisfied the requirements of Sections 3.1 and 3.2 and entered the Plan and is eligible to accrue benefits under the Plan. In addition, the term "Participant" also includes any individual who was a Participant (as defined in the preceding sentence) and who must continue to be taken into account under a particular provision of the Plan (e.g., because the individual has an Account balance in the Plan).

1.37 "Participant Directed Account" means that portion of a Participant's interest in the Plan with respect to which the Participant has directed the investment in accordance with the Participant Direction Procedures.

1.38 "Participant Direction Procedures" means such instructions, guidelines or policies, the terms of which are incorporated herein, as shall be established pursuant to Section 4.10 and observed by the Administrator and applied and provided to Participants who have Participant Directed Accounts.

1.39 "Participating Employer" means an Employer which, with the consent of the "lead Employer" adopts the Plan pursuant to Section 10.1 or Article XI. In addition, unless the context means otherwise, the term "Employer" shall include any Participating Employer which shall adopt this Plan.

1.40 "Period of Service" means the aggregate of all periods of service commencing with an Employee's first day of employment or reemployment with the Employer or an Affiliated Employer and ending on the first day of a Period of Severance, or for benefit accrual purposes, ending on the severance from service date. The first day of employment or reemployment is the first day the Employee performs an Hour of Service. An Employee who incurs a Period of Severance of twelve (12) months or less will also receive service-spanning credit by treating any such period as a Period of Service for purposes of eligibility and vesting (but not benefit accrual). For purposes of benefit accrual, a Participant's whole year Periods of Service is equal to the sum of all full and partial periods of service, whether or not such service is continuous or contiguous, expressed in the number of whole years represented by such sum. For this purpose, fractional periods of a year will be expressed in terms of days.

Periods of Service with any Affiliated Employer shall be recognized. Furthermore, Periods of Service with any predecessor employer that maintained this Plan shall be recognized. Periods of Service with any other predecessor employer shall be recognized as elected in the Adoption Agreement.

In determining Periods of Service for purposes of vesting under the Plan, Periods of Service will be excluded as elected in the Adoption Agreement and as specified in Section 3.5.

In the event the method of crediting service is amended from the Hour of Service method to the elapsed time method, an Employee will receive credit for a Period of Service consisting of:

- (a) A number of years equal to the number of Years of Service credited to the Employee before the computation period during which the amendment occurs; and
- (b) The greater of (1) the Periods of Service that would be credited to the Employee under the elapsed time method for service during the entire computation period in which the transfer occurs or (2) the service taken into account under the Hour of Service method as of the date of the amendment.

In addition, the Employee will receive credit for service subsequent to the amendment commencing on the day after the last day of the computation period in which the transfer occurs.

1.41 "Period of Severance" means a continuous period of time during which an Employee is not employed by the Employer. Such period begins on the date the Employee retires, quits or is discharged, or if earlier, the twelve (12) month anniversary of the date on which the Employee was otherwise first absent from service.

In the case of an individual who is absent from work for "maternity or paternity" reasons, the twelve (12) consecutive month period beginning on the first anniversary of the first day of such absence shall not constitute a one year Period of Severance. For purposes of this paragraph, an absence from work for "maternity or paternity" reasons means an absence (a) by reason of the pregnancy of the individual, (b) by reason of the birth of a child of the individual, (c) by reason of the placement of a child with the individual in connection with the adoption of such child by such individual, or (d) for purposes of caring for such child for a period beginning immediately following such birth or placement.

1.42 "Plan" means this instrument (hereinafter referred to as FIS Capital Markets US LLC Non-Standardized Governmental 401(a) Pre-Approved Plan (Basic Plan Document #03 and the Adoption Agreement) as adopted by the Employer, including all amendments thereto and any appendix which is specifically permitted pursuant to the terms of the Plan.

1.43 "Plan Year" means the Plan's accounting year as specified in the Adoption Agreement. Unless there is a Short Plan Year, the Plan Year will be a twelve-consecutive month period.

1.44 "Pre-Retirement Survivor Annuity" means an immediate annuity for the life of a Participant's Spouse, the payments under which must be equal to the benefit which can be provided with the percentage, as specified in the Adoption Agreement, of the Participant's Vested interest in the Plan as of the date of death. If no election is made in the Adoption Agreement, the percentage shall be equal to fifty percent (50%). Furthermore, if less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Participant's Vested interest in the Plan is used to provide the Pre-Retirement Survivor Annuity, a proportionate share of each of the Participant's Accounts subject to the Pre-Retirement Survivor Annuity shall be used to provide the Pre-Retirement Survivor Annuity.

1.45 "Regulation" means the Income Tax Regulations as promulgated by the Secretary of the Treasury or a delegate of the Secretary of the Treasury, and as amended from time to time.

1.46 "Retirement Date" means the date as of which a Participant retires for reasons other than Total and Permanent Disability, regardless of whether such retirement occurs on a Participant's Normal Retirement Date, Early Retirement Date or Late Retirement Date (see Section 6.1).

1.47 "Short Plan Year" means, if specified in the Adoption Agreement or as the result of an amendment, a Plan Year of less than a twelve (12) month period. If there is a Short Plan Year, the following rules shall apply in the administration of this Plan. In determining whether an Employee has completed a Year of Service (or Period of Service if the elapsed time method is used) for benefit accrual purposes in the Short Plan Year, the number of the Hours of Service (or months of service if the elapsed time method is used) required shall be proportionately reduced based on the number of days (or months) in the Short Plan Year.

1.48 "Spouse" means, a spouse as determined under federal tax law. In addition, with respect to benefits or rights not mandated by law, Spouse also includes a spouse as elected in Appendix A to the Adoption Agreement (Special Effective Dates and Other Permitted Elections).

1.49 "Terminated Participant" means a person who has been a Participant, but whose employment has been terminated with the Employer (including an Affiliated Employer) or applicable Participating Employer, other than by death, Total and Permanent Disability or retirement.

1.50 "Total and Permanent Disability" means, unless otherwise specified in Appendix A to the Adoption Agreement (Special Effective Dates and Other Permitted Elections), the inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment that can be expected to result in death or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than twelve (12) months. The disability of a Participant shall be determined by a licensed physician. However, if the condition constitutes total disability under the federal Social Security Acts, the Administrator may rely upon such determination that the Participant is Totally and Permanently Disabled for the purposes of this Plan. The determination shall be applied uniformly to all Participants.

1.51 "Trustee" means any person or entity that has agreed to serve as Trustee pursuant to the terms of the Trust agreement, or any successors thereto. The Employer may designate Trustees by business position or title. In addition, unless the context means, or the Plan provides, otherwise, the term "Trustee" shall mean the Insurer if the Plan is fully insured. The Employer has no reliance on the IRS opinion letter with respect to the separate Trust agreement.

1.52 "Trust Fund" means, if the Plan is funded with a trust, the assets of the Plan and Trust as the same shall exist from time to time.

1.53 "Valuation Date" means the date or dates specified in the Adoption Agreement. Regardless of any election to the contrary, for purposes of the determination and allocation of earnings and losses, the Valuation Date shall include the Anniversary Date and may include any other date or dates deemed necessary or appropriate by the Administrator for the valuation of Participants' Accounts during the Plan

Year, which may include any day that the Trustee (or Insurer), any transfer agent appointed by the Trustee (or Insurer) or the Employer, or any stock exchange used by such agent, are open for business.

1.54 "Vested" means the nonforfeitable portion of any Account maintained on behalf of a Participant.

1.55 "Year of Service" means the computation period of twelve (12) consecutive months, herein set forth, and during which an Employee has completed at least 1,000 Hours of Service (unless a different number of Hours of Service is specified in the Adoption Agreement).

For purposes of eligibility for participation, the initial computation period shall begin with the date on which the Employee first performs an Hour of Service (employment commencement date). Unless otherwise elected in the Service Crediting Method Section of the Adoption Agreement, the succeeding computation periods shall begin on the anniversary of the Employee's employment commencement date. However, unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, if one (1) Year of Service or less is required as a condition of eligibility, then the computation period after the initial computation period shall shift to the current Plan Year which includes the anniversary of the date on which the Employee first performed an Hour of Service, and subsequent computation periods shall be the Plan Year. If there is a shift to the Plan Year, an Employee who is credited with the number of Hours of Service to be credited with a Year of Service in both the initial eligibility computation period and the first Plan Year which commences prior to the first anniversary of the Employee's initial eligibility computation period will be credited with two (2) Years of Service for purposes of eligibility to participate.

If two (2) (or more) Years of Service are required as a condition of eligibility, a Participant will only have completed two (2) (or more) Years of Service for eligibility purposes upon completing two (2) or more consecutive Years of Service without an intervening 1-Year Break in Service.

For vesting purposes, and all other purposes not specifically addressed in this Section, the computation period shall be the period elected in the Service Crediting Method Section of the Adoption Agreement. If no election is made in the Service Crediting Method Section of the Adoption Agreement, then the computation period shall be the Plan Year.

In determining Years of Service for purposes of vesting under the Plan, Years of Service will be excluded as elected in the Adoption Agreement and as specified in Section 3.5.

Years of Service and 1-Year Breaks in Service for eligibility purposes will be measured on the same eligibility computation period. Years of Service and 1-Year Breaks in Service for vesting purposes will be measured on the same vesting computation period.

Years of Service with any Affiliated Employer shall be recognized. Furthermore, Years of Service with any predecessor employer that maintained this Plan shall be recognized. Years of Service with any other employer shall be recognized as elected in the Adoption Agreement.

In the event the method of crediting service is amended from the elapsed time method to the Hour of Service method, an Employee will receive credit for Years of Service equal to:

- (a) The number of Years of Service equal to the number of 1-year Periods of Service credited to the Employee as of the date of the amendment; and
- (b) In the computation period which includes the date of the amendment, a number of Hours of Service (using the Hours of Service equivalency method, if any, elected in the Adoption Agreement) to any fractional part of a year credited to the Employee under this Section as of the date of the amendment.

ARTICLE II ADMINISTRATION

2.1 POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EMPLOYER

(a) **Appointment of Trustee (or Insurer) and Administrator.** In addition to the general powers and responsibilities otherwise provided for in this Plan, the Employer shall be empowered to appoint and remove one or more Trustees (or Insurers) and Administrators from time to time as it deems necessary for the proper administration of the Plan to ensure 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. The Employer may appoint counsel, specialists, advisers, agents (including any nonfiduciary agent) and other persons as the Employer deems necessary or desirable in connection with the exercise of its fiduciary duties under this Plan. The Employer may compensate such agents or advisers from the assets of the Plan as fiduciary expenses (but not including any business (settlor) expenses of the Employer), to the extent not paid by the Employer.

(b) **Appointment of Investment Manager.** Unless prohibited by the terms of the Trust agreement, the Employer may appoint, at its option, one or more Investment Managers, investment advisers, or other agents to provide investment direction to the Trustee (or Insurer) with respect to any or all of the Plan assets. Such appointment shall be given by the Employer in writing in a form

acceptable to the Trustee (or Insurer) and shall specifically identify the Plan assets with respect to which the Investment Manager or other agent shall have the authority to direct the investment.

(c) **Indemnity.** To the extent permitted by the Code, and unless otherwise specified in a separate agreement, the Employer will indemnify and hold harmless the Administrator, officers, directors, shareholders, employees, and agents of the Employer; the Plan; the Trustees, Fiduciaries, Participants and Beneficiaries of the Plan, as well as their respective successors and assigns, against any cause of action, loss, liability, damage, cost, or expense of any nature whatsoever (including, but not limited to, attorney's fees and costs, whether or not suit is brought, as well as IRS plan disqualifications, and other sanctions or compliance fees) arising out of or relating to the Employer's noncompliance with any of the Plan's terms or requirements; any intentional or negligent act or omission the Employer commits with regard to the Plan; and any omission or provision of incorrect information with regard to the Plan which causes the Plan to fail to satisfy the requirements of a tax-qualified plan. This indemnity provision shall continue to apply to the Employer with respect to the period the entity was maintaining this Plan, even if the Employer ceases to maintain the Plan.

2.2 DESIGNATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY

The Employer may appoint one or more Administrators. If the Employer does not appoint an Administrator, the Employer will be the Administrator. Any person, including, but not limited to, the Employees of the Employer, shall be eligible to serve as an Administrator. Any person so appointed shall signify acceptance by filing written or electronic acceptance with the Employer. An Administrator may resign by delivering a written resignation to the Employer or be removed by the Employer by delivery of written notice of removal, to take effect at a date specified therein, or upon delivery to the Administrator if no date is specified. Upon the resignation or removal of an Administrator, the Employer may designate in writing a successor to this position.

2.3 ALLOCATION AND DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

If more than one person is appointed as Administrator, then the responsibilities of each Administrator may be specified by the Employer and accepted in writing by each Administrator. If no such delegation is made by the Employer, then the Administrators may allocate the responsibilities among themselves, in which event the Administrators shall notify the Employer and the Trustee (or Insurer) in writing of such action and specify the responsibilities of each Administrator. The Trustee (or Insurer) thereafter shall accept and rely upon any documents executed by the appropriate Administrator until such time as the Employer or the Administrators file with the Trustee (or Insurer) a written revocation of such designation.

2.4 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

The primary responsibility of the Administrator is to administer the Plan for the exclusive benefit of the Participants and their Beneficiaries, subject to the specific terms of the Plan. The Administrator shall administer the Plan in accordance with its terms and shall have the power and discretion to construe the terms of the Plan and determine all questions arising in connection with the administration, interpretation, and application of the Plan. Benefits under this Plan will be paid only if the Administrator decides in its discretion that the applicant is entitled to them. 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 based upon uniform principles consistently applied and shall be consistent with the intent that the Plan continue to be deemed a qualified plan under the terms of Code §401(a). The Administrator shall have all powers necessary or appropriate to accomplish its duties under this Plan.

The Administrator shall be charged with the duties of the general administration of the Plan and the powers necessary to carry out such duties as set forth under the terms of the Plan, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) the discretion to determine all questions relating to the eligibility of an Employee to participate or remain a Participant hereunder and to receive benefits under the Plan;
- (b) the authority to review and settle all claims against the Plan, including claims where the settlement amount cannot be calculated or is not calculated in accordance with the Plan's benefit formula. This authority specifically permits the Administrator to settle disputed claims for benefits and any other disputed claims made against the Plan;
- (c) to compute, certify, and direct agents of the Plan respect to the amount and the kind of benefits to which any Participant shall be entitled hereunder;
- (d) to authorize and direct the Trustee (or Insurer) with respect to all discretionary or otherwise directed disbursements from the Trust Fund;
- (e) to maintain all necessary records for the administration of the Plan;
- (f) to interpret the provisions of the Plan and to make and publish such rules for regulation of the Plan that are consistent with the terms hereof;

- (g) to determine the size and type of any Contract to be purchased from any Insurer, and to designate the Insurer from which such Contract shall be purchased;
- (h) to compute and certify to the Employer and to the Trustee (or Insurer) from time to time the sums of money necessary or desirable to be contributed to the Plan;
- (i) to consult with the Employer and agents of the Plan regarding the short and long-term liquidity needs of the Plan;
- (j) to assist Participants regarding their rights, benefits, or elections available under the Plan; and
- (k) to determine the validity of, and take appropriate action with respect to, any "qualified domestic relations order" received by it.

2.5 RECORDS AND REPORTS

The Administrator shall keep a record of all actions taken and shall keep all other books of account, records, and other data that may be necessary for proper administration of the Plan and shall be responsible for supplying all information and reports to the Internal Revenue Service, Participants, Beneficiaries and others as required by applicable law.

2.6 APPOINTMENT OF ADVISERS

The Administrator may appoint counsel, specialists, advisers, agents (including nonfiduciary agents such as third party administrative services providers and recordkeepers) and other persons as the Administrator deems necessary or desirable in connection with the administration of this Plan, including but not limited to agents and advisers to assist with the administration and management of the Plan, and thereby to provide, among such other duties as the Administrator may appoint, assistance with maintaining Plan records and the providing of investment information to the Plan's investment fiduciaries and, if applicable, to Plan Participants.

2.7 INFORMATION FROM EMPLOYER

The Employer shall supply full and timely information to the Administrator on all pertinent facts as the Administrator may require in order to perform its functions hereunder and the Administrator shall advise appropriate agents of the Plan of such of the foregoing facts as may be pertinent to the agent's duties with respect to the Plan. The Administrator may rely upon such information as is supplied by the Employer and shall have no duty or responsibility to verify such information.

2.8 PAYMENT OF EXPENSES

All reasonable expenses of administration may be paid out of the Plan assets unless paid by the Employer. Such expenses shall include any expenses incident to the functioning of the Administrator, or any person or persons retained or appointed by any named fiduciary incident to the exercise of their duties under the Plan, including, but not limited to, fees of accountants, counsel, Investment Managers, agents (including nonfiduciary agents such as third party administrative services providers and recordkeepers) appointed for the purpose of assisting the Administrator or Trustee (or Insurer) in carrying out the instructions of Participants as to the directed investment of their Accounts (if permitted) and other specialists and their agents and other costs of administering the Plan. If liquid assets of the Plan are insufficient to cover the fees of the Trustee (or Insurer) or the Administrator, then Plan assets shall be liquidated to the extent necessary for such fees. In the event any part of the Plan assets becomes subject to tax, all taxes incurred will be paid from the Plan assets. Until paid, the expenses shall constitute a liability of the Trust Fund.

Expenses may be charged to Account. Unless specifically prohibited under statute, regulation or other guidance of general applicability, the Administrator may charge to the Account of an individual Participant a reasonable charge to offset the cost of making a distribution to the Participant, Beneficiary, or Alternate Payee.

2.9 MAJORITY ACTIONS

Except where there has been an allocation and delegation of administrative authority pursuant to Section 2.3, if there is more than one Administrator, then they shall act by a majority of their number, but may authorize one or more of them to sign all papers on their behalf.

2.10 CLAIMS PROCEDURES

- (a) **Non-ERISA provisions.** Sections 2.10(a) and (b) apply unless (1) the Administrator has adopted other Plan provisions or other claims procedures that override all or a portion of the provisions set forth in this Plan Section 2.10, or (2) the Employer has elected in the Adoption Agreement to apply all or some of Subsections (c) – (g) below (which are based on provisions of the Employee Retirement Security Act even though ERISA does not apply to this Plan).

Any person who believes that he or she is entitled to a benefit under the Plan shall file with the Administrator a written notice of claim for such benefit within 45 days of such right accruing or shall forever waive entitlement to such benefit. Within 120 days after its receipt of such written notice of claim, the Administrator shall either grant or deny such claim provided, however, any delay on

the part of the Administrator is arriving at a decision shall not adversely affect benefits payable under a granted claim. The Administrator may, however, implement claims procedures in addition to those provided in this Plan. The implementation of such procedures shall not be considered a Plan amendment that affects an Employer's reliance on this pre-approved plan.

The Administrator and all persons determining or reviewing claims have full discretion to determine benefit claims under the Plan. Any interpretation, determination or other action of such persons shall be subject to review only if it is arbitrary or capricious or otherwise an abuse of discretion. Any review of a final decision or action of the persons reviewing a claim shall be based only on such evidence presented to or considered by such persons at the time they made the decision that is the subject of review.

(b) **Plan Administrator discretion; court review.** The Administrator and all persons determining or reviewing claims have full discretion to determine benefit claims under the Plan. Any interpretation, determination or other action of such persons shall be subject to review only if it is arbitrary or capricious or otherwise an abuse of discretion. Any review of a final decision or action of the persons reviewing a claim shall be based only on such evidence presented to or considered by such persons at the time they made the decision that is the subject of review.

(c) **Initial Claim.** Claims for benefits under the Plan may be filed in writing with the Administrator. Written or electronic notice of the disposition of a claim shall be furnished to the claimant within ninety (90) days (45 days if the claim involves disability benefits and disability is not based on the Social Security Acts) after the application is filed, or such period as is required by applicable law or Department of Labor regulation. Any electronic notification shall comply with the standards imposed by Department of Labor Regulation §2520.104b 1(c)(1)(i), (iii) and (iv) or any subsequent guidance. In the event the claim is denied, the reasons for the denial shall be specifically set forth in the notice in language calculated to be understood by the claimant, pertinent provisions of the Plan shall be cited, and, where appropriate, an explanation as to how the claimant can perfect the claim will be provided. In addition, the claimant shall be furnished with an explanation of the Plan's claims review procedure.

(d) **Claims review.** Any Employee, Former Employee, or Beneficiary of either, who has been denied a benefit by a decision of the Administrator pursuant to Section 2.10 shall be entitled to request the Administrator to give further consideration to the claim by filing with the Administrator a written request. Such request, together with a written statement of the reasons why the claimant believes such claim should be allowed, shall be filed with the Administrator no later than sixty (60) days after receipt of the written notification provided for in this Section 2.10(c). A final decision as to the allowance of the claim shall be made by the Administrator within sixty (60) days (45 days if the claim involves disability benefits and disability is not based on the Social Security Acts) of receipt of the appeal (unless there has been an extension of sixty (60) days (45 days if the claim involves disability benefits and disability is not based on the Social Security Acts) due to special circumstances, provided the delay and the special circumstances occasioning it are communicated to the claimant within the sixty (60) day period (45 days if the claim involves disability benefits and disability is not based on the Social Security Acts)). Such communication shall be written in a manner calculated to be understood by the claimant and shall include specific reasons for the decision and specific references to the pertinent Plan provisions on which the decision is based. The communication may be written or electronic (provided the electronic communication complies with the standards imposed by Department of Labor Regulation §2520.104b 1(c)(1)(i), (iii) and (iv) or any subsequent guidance). Notwithstanding the preceding, to the extent any of the time periods specified in this Section are amended by law or Department of Labor regulation, then the time frames specified herein shall automatically be changed in accordance with such law or regulation.

(e) **Deadline to file claim.** To be considered timely under the Plan's claims procedures, a claim must be filed under Sections 2.10(c) or (d) above within one year after the claimant knew or reasonably should have known of the principal facts upon which the claim is based. Knowledge of all facts that the Participant knew or reasonably should have known shall be imputed to the claimant for the purpose of applying this deadline.

(f) **Exhaustion of administrative remedies.** The exhaustion of the claims procedures is mandatory for resolving every claim and dispute arising under this Plan. As to such claims and disputes: (1) no claimant shall be permitted to commence any legal action to recover Plan benefits or to enforce or clarify rights under the Plan or under any other provision of law, whether or not statutory, until the claims procedures set forth in Subsections (a) and (b) above have been exhausted in their entirety; and (2) in any such legal action all explicit and all implicit determinations by the Administrator (including, but not limited to, determinations as to whether the claim, or a request for a review of a denied claim, was timely filed) shall be afforded the maximum deference permitted by law.

(g) **Deadline to file action.** No legal action to recover Plan benefits or to enforce or clarify rights under the Plan or under any other provision of law, whether or not statutory, may be brought by any claimant on any matter pertaining to this Plan unless the legal action is commenced in the proper forum before the earlier of: (1) thirty (30) months after the claimant knew or reasonably should have known of the principal facts on which the claim is based, or (2) six (6) months after the claimant has exhausted the claims procedure under this Plan. Knowledge of all facts that the Participant knew or reasonably should have known shall be imputed to every claimant who is or claims to be a Beneficiary of the Participant or otherwise claims to derive an entitlement by reference to the Participant for purposes of applying the previously specified periods.

**ARTICLE III
ELIGIBILITY**

3.1 CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

An Eligible Employee shall be eligible to participate hereunder on the date such Employee has satisfied the conditions of eligibility, if any, elected in the Adoption Agreement.

3.2 EFFECTIVE DATE OF PARTICIPATION

(a) **General rule.** An Eligible Employee who has satisfied the conditions of eligibility pursuant to Section 3.1 shall become a Participant effective as of the date elected in the Adoption Agreement.

(b) **Rehired Employee.** This Subsection only applies to the extent the Employer elects to apply the Break-in-Service rules in Appendix A to the Adoption Agreement. If the Break-in-Service rules do not apply, then a rehired Employee is treated as a new hire. If the Break-in-Service rules do apply, then if an Eligible Employee is not employed on the date determined pursuant to (a) above, but is reemployed before a 1-Year Break in Service has occurred, then such Eligible Employee shall become a Participant on the date of reemployment or, if later, the date that the Employee would have otherwise entered the Plan had the Employee not terminated employment. If such Employee incurs a 1-Year Break in Service, then eligibility will be determined under the 1-Year Break in Service rules set forth in Section 3.5.

(c) **Recognition of predecessor service.** Unless specifically provided otherwise in the Adoption Agreement, an Eligible Employee who satisfies the Plan's eligibility requirement conditions by reason of recognition of service with a predecessor employer will become a Participant as of the day the Plan credits service with a predecessor employer or, if later, the date the Employee would have otherwise entered the Plan had the service with the predecessor employer been service with the Employer.

(d) **Noneligible to eligible class.** If an Employee, who has satisfied the Plan's eligibility requirements and would otherwise have become a Participant, shall go from a classification of a noneligible Employee to an Eligible Employee, such Employee shall become a Participant on the date such Employee becomes an Eligible Employee or, if later, the date that the Employee would have otherwise entered the Plan had the Employee always been an Eligible Employee.

(e) **Eligible to noneligible class.** If an Employee, who has satisfied the Plan's eligibility requirements and would otherwise become a Participant, shall go from a classification of an Eligible Employee to a noneligible class of Employees, such Employee shall become a Participant in the Plan on the date such Employee again becomes an Eligible Employee, or, if later, the date that the Employee would have otherwise entered the Plan had the Employee always been an Eligible Employee. However, if such Employee incurs a 1-Year Break in Service, eligibility will be determined under the 1-Year Break in Service rules set forth in Section 3.5 (if applicable to the Plan).

3.3 DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY

The Administrator shall determine the eligibility of each Employee for participation in the Plan based upon information furnished by the Employer. Such determination shall be conclusive and binding upon all persons, as long as the same is made pursuant to the Plan.

3.4 TERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY

In the event a Participant shall go from a classification of an Eligible Employee to an ineligible Employee, such Participant shall continue to vest in the Plan for each Year of Service (or Period of Service, if the elapsed time method is used) completed while an ineligible Employee, until such time as the Participant's Account is forfeited or distributed pursuant to the terms of the Plan. Additionally, the Participant's interest in the Plan shall continue to share in the earnings of the Trust Fund in the same manner as Participants.

3.5 REHIRED EMPLOYEES AND 1-YEAR BREAKS IN SERVICE

(a) **Application of Break-in Service rules.** The Break-in-Service rules set forth in this Section only apply if the Employer elects to apply the Break-in-Service rules in Appendix A to the Adoption Agreement (Special Effective Dates and Other Permitted Elections). If the Employer does not elect to apply the Break-in-Service rules, then rehired Employees are treated as new hires.

(b) **Rehired Participant/immediate re-entry.** If any Former Employee who had been a Participant is reemployed by the Employer, then the Employee shall become a Participant as of the reemployment date, unless the Employee is not an Eligible Employee or unless the Employee does not satisfy the eligibility conditions taking into account prior service to the extent such prior service is not disregarded pursuant to Section 3.5(e) below. If such prior service is disregarded, then the rehired Eligible Employee shall be treated as a new hire.

(c) **Rehired Eligible Employee who satisfied eligibility.** If any Eligible Employee had satisfied the Plan's eligibility requirements but, due to a severance of employment, did not become a Participant, then such Eligible Employee shall become a Participant as of the later of (1) the entry date on which he or she would have entered the Plan had there been no severance of

employment, or (2) the date of his or her re-employment. Notwithstanding the preceding, if the rehired Eligible Employee's prior service is disregarded pursuant to Section 3.5(e) below, then the rehired Eligible Employee shall be treated as a new hire.

(d) **Rehired Eligible Employee who had not satisfied eligibility.** If any Eligible Employee who had not satisfied the Plan's eligibility requirements is rehired after severance from employment, then such Eligible Employee shall become a Participant in the Plan in accordance with the eligibility requirements set forth in the Adoption Agreement and the Plan. However, in applying any shift in an eligibility computation period, the Eligible Employee is not treated as a new hire unless prior service is disregarded in accordance with Section 3.5(e) below.

(e) **Reemployed after five (5) 1-Year Breaks in Service ("rule of parity" provisions).** If the Employer elects in Appendix A to the Adoption Agreement (Special Effective Dates and Other Permitted Elections) to apply the "rule of parity" provisions, then if any Employee is reemployed after five (5) 1-Year Breaks in Service has occurred, Years of Service (or Periods of Service if the elapsed time method is being used) shall include Years of Service (or Periods of Service if the elapsed time method is being used) prior to the 5-Year Break in Service subject to the rules set forth below. The Employer may elect in Appendix A to the Adoption Agreement (Special Effective Dates and Other Permitted Elections) to make the provisions of this paragraph applicable for purposes of eligibility and/or vesting.

(1) In the case of a Former Employee who under the Plan does not have a nonforfeitable right to any interest in the Plan resulting from Employer contributions, Years of Service (or Periods of Service) before a period of 1-Year Breaks in Service will not be taken into account if the number of consecutive 1-Year Breaks in Service equals or exceeds the greater of (i) five (5) or (ii) the aggregate number of pre-break Years of Service (or Periods of Service). Such aggregate number of Years of Service (or Periods of Service) will not include any Years of Service (or Periods of Service) disregarded under the preceding sentence by reason of prior 1-Year Breaks in Service;

(2) A Former Employee who has not had Years of Service (or Periods of Service) before a 1-Year Break in Service disregarded pursuant to (1) above, shall participate in the Plan as of the date of reemployment, or if later, as of the date the Former Employee would otherwise enter the Plan pursuant to Sections 3.1 and 3.2 taking into account all service not disregarded.

(f) **Vesting after five (5) 1-Year Breaks in Service.** If the Employer elects in Appendix A to the Adoption Agreement (Special Effective Dates and Other Permitted Elections) to apply the Break-in-Service rules, then if f. a Participant incurs five (5) consecutive 1-Year Breaks in Service, the Vested portion of such Participant's Account attributable to pre-break service shall not be increased as a result of post-break service. In such case, separate accounts will be maintained as follows:

(1) one account for nonforfeitable benefits attributable to pre-break service; and

(2) one account representing the Participant's Employer-derived Account balance in the Plan attributable to post-break service.

(g) **Waiver of allocation or contribution conditions.** If the Employer elects in the Adoption Agreement to waive allocations or contributions due to retirement (early or normal retirement), then a Participant shall only be entitled to one such waiver. Accordingly, if a Participant retires and allocation or contribution conditions are waived, then the Plan will not waive the allocation or contribution conditions if the Participant is rehired and then retires again.

3.6 ELECTION NOT TO PARTICIPATE

An Employee may, subject to the approval of the Employer, elect voluntarily not to participate in any component of the Plan before the Employee first becomes eligible to participate in any qualified plan (subject to Code §401(a)), or any other plan or arrangement of the employer that is described in Code section 219(g)(5)(A) (whether or not terminated) maintained by the Employer. Such election must be made upon inception of the Plan or such other plan or arrangement or at any time prior to the time the Employee first becomes eligible to participate under any such plan maintained by the Employer. The election not to participate must be irrevocable and communicated to the Employer, in writing, within a reasonable period of time before the date the Employee would have otherwise entered the Plan. Notwithstanding anything in this Section to the contrary, if any prior Plan document of this Plan contained a provision permitting an Employee to make a revocable election not to participate and an Employee made such revocable election not to participate while that prior Plan document was in effect, then such Employee's waiver shall continue to be in effect.

3.7 OMISSION OF ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE; INCLUSION OF INELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE

If, in any Plan Year, any Employee who should be included as a Participant in the Plan is erroneously omitted and discovery of such omission is not made until after a contribution by the Employer for the year has been made and allocated, or any person who should not have been included as a Participant in the Plan is erroneously included, then the Employer may take corrective actions consistent with, the IRS Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System (i.e., Rev. Proc. 2018-52, Rev. Proc. 2019-19, or any subsequent guidance).

**ARTICLE IV
CONTRIBUTION AND ALLOCATION**

4.1 FORMULA FOR DETERMINING EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION

(a) **For a Money Purchase Plan.** All contributions made by the Employer will be made in cash. For each Plan Year, the Employer will contribute to the Plan the following:

- (1) The amount of any mandatory Employee contributions and after-tax voluntary Employee contributions made by Participants; plus
- (2) On behalf of each Participant eligible to share in allocations, for each year of such Participant's participation in this Plan, the Employer will contribute the amount specified in the Adoption Agreement; plus
- (3) If elected in the Adoption Agreement, a matching contribution equal to the amount specified in the Adoption Agreement of each Participant eligible to share in the allocations of the matching contribution, which amount shall be deemed an Employer matching contribution.

(b) **For a 401(a) Plan.** For each Plan Year, the Employer will (or may with respect to any discretionary contributions) contribute to the Plan:

- (1) The amount of any mandatory Employee contributions and after-tax voluntary Employee contributions; plus
- (2) If elected in the Adoption Agreement, a matching contribution equal to the amount specified in the Adoption Agreement of each Participant eligible to share in the allocations of the matching contribution, which amount shall be deemed an Employer matching contribution; plus
- (3) If elected in the Adoption Agreement, an Employer contribution equal to a specified contribution or a discretionary amount determined each year by the Employer.

(c) **Frozen Plans.** The Employer may designate that the Plan is a frozen Plan at the Contribution Types Section of the Adoption Agreement. As a frozen Plan, the Employer will not make any Employer contributions with respect to Compensation earned after the date the Plan is frozen. In addition, once a Plan is frozen, no additional Employees shall become Participants.

(d) **Union Employees.** Regardless of any provision in this Plan to the contrary, Employees whose employment is governed by a collective bargaining agreement between the Employer and "employee representatives" under which retirement benefits were the subject of good faith bargaining shall be eligible to participate in this Plan to the extent of employment covered by such agreement provided the agreement provides for coverage in the Plan. The benefits, including but not limited to, contributions, allocations and vesting, under this Plan shall be those set forth in the Adoption Agreement. For this purpose, the term "employee representatives" does not include any organization more than half of whose members are employees who are owners, officers, or executives of the Employer. If a Participant performs services both as a collectively bargained Employee and as a non-collectively bargained Employee, then the Participant's Hours of Service and Compensation in each respective category are treated separately for purposes of the Plan.

(e) **Social Security Replacement Plan.** The Employer may elect under the Adoption Agreement to indicate its intention to qualify this Plan as a Social Security Replacement Plan under Code §3121(b)(7)(F). If the Employer makes the election to qualify the Plan as a Social Security Replacement Plan, the Plan will allocate a minimum contribution amount (Employer and Employee Contributions) of seven and one-half percent (7.5%) of Compensation. The Plan will consider each Participant a member of a retirement system that provides benefits comparable to the benefits he or she would have received under Social Security. In the case of part-time, seasonal and temporary Employees, the benefit will be nonforfeitable.

4.2 TIME OF PAYMENT OF EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION

Unless otherwise provided by contract or law, the Employer may make its contribution to the Plan for a particular Plan Year at such time as the Employer, in its sole discretion, determines. If the Employer makes a contribution for a particular Plan Year after the close of that Plan Year, the Employer will designate to the Administrator the Plan Year for which the Employer is making its contribution.

4.3 ALLOCATION OF CONTRIBUTION, FORFEITURES AND EARNINGS

(a) **Separate accounting.** The Administrator shall establish and maintain an Account in the name of each Participant to which the Administrator shall credit as of each Anniversary Date, or other Valuation Date, all amounts allocated to each such Participant as set forth herein.

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(b) **Allocation of contributions.** The Employer shall provide the Administrator with all information required by the Administrator to make a proper allocation of the Employer's contribution, if any, for each Plan Year. Within a reasonable period of time after the date of receipt by the Administrator of such information, the Administrator shall allocate any contributions as follows:

(1) **Money Purchase Pension Plan.** For a Money Purchase Plan:

- (i) The Employer's contribution shall be allocated to each Participant's Account in the manner set forth in Section 4.1 herein and as specified in the Adoption Agreement.
- (ii) Notwithstanding the preceding provisions, a Participant shall only be eligible to share in the allocations of the Employer's contribution for the year if the Participant is an Eligible Employee at any time during the year and the conditions set forth in the Adoption Agreement are satisfied.

(2) **401(a) Plan.** For a 401(a) Plan (which is a profit sharing plan within the meaning of Code §401(a)):

- (i) The Employer's contribution shall be allocated to each Participant's Account in accordance with the allocation method that corresponds with the elections in the Adoption Agreement. The Employer shall provide the Administrator with all information required by the Administrator to make a proper allocation of the Employer's contribution for each Plan Year. Within a reasonable period of time after the date of receipt by the Administrator of such information, the allocation shall be made in accordance with the elections in the Adoption Agreement.
- (ii) Notwithstanding the preceding provision, a Participant shall only be eligible to share in the allocations of the Employer's contribution for the year if the Participant is an Eligible Employee at any time during the year and the conditions set forth in the Adoption Agreement are satisfied.

(c) **Gains or losses.** Except as otherwise provided in Section 4.10 with respect to Participant Directed Accounts, as of each Valuation Date, before allocation of any Employer contributions and Forfeitures, any earnings or losses (net appreciation or net depreciation) of the Trust Fund (exclusive of assets segregated for distribution) shall be allocated in accordance with such rules and procedures that are established by the Administrator and that are applied in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner based upon the investments of the Trust Fund and the Participants' accounts to which the net income is allocated. For purposes of this Section, the term "net income" means the net of any interest, dividends, unrealized appreciation and depreciation, capital gains and losses, and investment expenses of the Trust Fund determined on each Valuation Date. However, Participants' accounts which have been segregated for investment purposes (including any Participant Directed Accounts) will only have the net income earned thereon allocated thereto. Policy dividends or credits will be allocated to the Participant's Account for whose benefit the Policy is held.

Recapture account. The Administrator in its discretion may use a "Recapture Account" to pay non settlor Plan expenses and may allocate funds in the "Recapture Account" (or excess funds therein after payment of Plan expenses) as earnings or as otherwise permitted by applicable law. The Administrator will exercise its discretion in a reasonable, uniform and nondiscriminatory manner. A "Recapture Account" is an account designated to receive amounts which a Plan service provider receives in the form of 12b 1 fees, sub transfer agency fees, shareholder servicing fees or similar amounts (also known as "revenue sharing"), which are received by the service provider from a source other than the Plan and which the service provider may remit to the Plan.

Late trading and market timing settlement. In the event the Plan becomes entitled to a settlement from a mutual fund or other investment relating to late trading, market timing or other activities, the Administrator will allocate the settlement proceeds to Participants and Beneficiaries in accordance with Department of Labor Field Assistance Bulletin 2006-01 or other applicable law.

(d) **Contracts.** Participants' Accounts shall be debited for any insurance or annuity premiums paid, if any, and credited with any dividends or interest received on Contracts.

(e) **Forfeitures.** Forfeitures must be disposed of no later than the last day of the Plan Year following the Plan Year in which the Forfeiture occurs. The Employer may direct the Administrator to use Forfeitures to satisfy any contribution that may be required pursuant to Section 6.10 or to pay any Plan expenses. With respect to a Money Purchase Plan, any remaining Forfeitures will be disposed of in accordance with the elections in the Adoption Agreement. With respect to all other plans, the Employer must direct the Administrator to use any remaining Forfeitures in accordance with any combination of the following methods, including a different method based on the source of such Forfeitures. Forfeitures may be:

- (1) Added to any Employer discretionary contribution and allocated in the same manner
- (2) Used to reduce any Employer contribution
- (3) Added to any Employer matching contribution and allocated as an additional matching contribution
- (4) Allocated to all Participants in the same proportion that each Participant's Compensation for the Plan Year bears to the Compensation of all Participants for such year

If Forfeitures are allocated to Participants (rather than used to reduce Employer contributions) then the Employer must also direct the Administrator as to which Participants are eligible to share in such allocation.

(f) **Delay in processing transactions.** Notwithstanding anything in this Section to the contrary, all information necessary to properly reflect a given transaction may not be available until after the date specified herein for processing such transaction, in which case the transaction will be reflected when such information is received and processed. Subject to express limits that may be imposed under the Code, the processing of any contribution, distribution or other transaction may be delayed for any legitimate business reason (including, but not limited to, failure of systems or computer programs, failure of the means of the transmission of data, force majeure, the failure of a service provider to timely receive values or prices, and correction for errors or omissions or the errors or omissions of any service provider). The processing date of a transaction will be binding for all purposes of the Plan.

4.4 MAXIMUM ANNUAL ADDITIONS

(a) Calculation of "annual additions."

(1) If a Participant does not participate in, and has never participated in another qualified plan maintained by the "employer," or a welfare benefit fund (as defined in Code §419(e)) maintained by the "employer," or an individual medical benefit account (as defined in Code §415(l)(2)) maintained by the "employer," or a simplified employee pension (as defined in Code §408(k)) maintained by the "employer" which provides "annual additions," the amount of "annual additions" which may be credited to the Participant's Accounts for any Limitation Year shall not exceed the lesser of the "maximum permissible amount" or any other limitation contained in this Plan. If the "employer" contribution that would otherwise be contributed or allocated to the Participant's Accounts would cause the "annual additions" for the Limitation Year to exceed the "maximum permissible amount," the amount contributed or allocated will be reduced so that the "annual additions" for the Limitation Year will equal the "maximum permissible amount," and any amount in excess of the "maximum permissible amount" which would have been allocated to such Participant may be allocated to other Participants.

(2) Prior to determining the Participant's actual 415 Compensation for the Limitation Year, the "employer" may determine the "maximum permissible amount" for a Participant on the basis of a reasonable estimation of the Participant's 415 Compensation for the Limitation Year, uniformly determined for all Participants similarly situated.

(3) As soon as is administratively feasible after the end of the Limitation Year, the Administrator shall determine the "maximum permissible amount" for each Participant for such Limitation Year on the basis of the Participant's actual 415 Compensation for such Limitation Year.

(b) "Annual additions" if a Participant is in more than one plan.

(1) Except as provided in Subsection (c) below, this Subsection applies if, in addition to this Plan, a Participant is covered under another "employer" maintained qualified defined contribution plan, welfare benefit fund (as defined in Code §419(e)), individual medical benefit account (as defined in Code §415(l)(2)), or simplified employee pension (as defined in Code §408(k)), which provides "annual additions," during any Limitation Year. The "annual additions" which may be credited to a Participant's Accounts under this Plan for any such Limitation Year shall not exceed the "maximum permissible amount" reduced by the "annual additions" credited to a Participant's Accounts under the other plans and welfare benefit funds, individual medical benefit accounts, and simplified employee pensions for the same Limitation Year. If the "annual additions" with respect to the Participant under other defined contribution plans and welfare benefit funds maintained by the "employer" are less than the "maximum permissible amount" and the "employer" contribution that would otherwise be contributed or allocated to the Participant's Accounts under this Plan would cause the "annual additions" for the Limitation Year to exceed this limitation, the amount contributed or allocated will be reduced so that the "annual additions" under all such plans and welfare benefit funds for the Limitation Year will equal the "maximum permissible amount," and any amount in excess of the "maximum permissible amount" which would have been allocated to such Participant may be allocated to other Participants. If the "annual additions" with respect to the Participant under such other defined contribution plans, welfare benefit funds, individual medical benefit accounts and simplified employee pensions in the aggregate are equal to or greater than the "maximum permissible amount," no amount will be contributed or allocated to the Participant's Account under this Plan for the Limitation Year.

(2) Prior to determining the Participant's actual 415 Compensation for the Limitation Year, the "employer" may determine the "maximum permissible amount" for a Participant on the basis of a reasonable estimation of the Participant's 415 Compensation for the Limitation Year, uniformly determined for all Participants similarly situated.

(3) As soon as is administratively feasible after the end of the Limitation Year, the Administrator shall determine the "maximum permissible amount" for each Participant for such Limitation Year on the basis of the Participant's actual 415 Compensation for the Limitation Year.

(4) If, pursuant to Section 4.4(b)(2), a Participant's "annual additions" under this Plan and such other plans would result in an "excess amount" for a Limitation Year, the "excess amount" will be deemed to consist of the "annual additions" last allocated, except that "annual additions" attributable to a simplified employee pension will be deemed to have been allocated first,

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followed by "annual additions" to a welfare benefit fund or individual medical benefit account, and then by "annual additions" to a plan subject to Code §412, regardless of the actual allocation date.

(5) If an "excess amount" was allocated to a Participant on an allocation date of this Plan which coincides with an allocation date of another plan, the "excess amount" attributed to this Plan will be the product of:

- (i) the total "excess amount" allocated as of such date, times
- (ii) the ratio of (A) the "annual additions" allocated to the Participant for the Limitation Year as of such date under this Plan to (B) the total "annual additions" allocated to the Participant for the Limitation Year as of such date under this and all the other qualified defined contribution plans.

(c) **Coverage under another plan.** If the Participant is covered under another qualified defined contribution plan maintained by the "employer," "annual additions" which may be credited to the Participant's Accounts under this Plan for any Limitation Year will be limited in accordance with Section 4.4(b), unless the "employer" provides other limitations in Appendix A to the Adoption Agreement (Special Effective Dates and Other Permitted Elections).

(d) **Time when "annual additions" credited.** An "annual addition" is credited to the Account of a Participant for a particular Limitation Year if it is allocated to the Participant's Account under the Plan as of any date within that Limitation Year. However, an amount is not deemed allocated as of any date within a Limitation Year if such allocation is dependent upon participation in the Plan as of any date subsequent to such date.

For purposes of this subparagraph, "employer" contributions are treated as credited to a Participant's Account for a particular Limitation Year only if the contributions are actually made to the Plan no later than the 15th day of the tenth calendar month following the end of the calendar year or Fiscal Year (as applicable, depending on the basis on which the Employer keeps its books) with or within which the particular Limitation Year ends.

(e) **Definitions.** For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

(1) **"Annual additions"** means the sum credited to a Participant's Accounts for any Limitation Year of (a) "employer" contributions, (b) Employee contributions (except as provided below), (c) Forfeitures, (d) amounts allocated to an individual medical benefit account, as defined in Code §415(l)(2), which is part of a pension or annuity plan maintained by the "employer," (e) amounts derived from contributions paid or accrued which are attributable to post-retirement medical benefits allocated to the separate account of a key employee (as defined in Code §419A(d)(3)) under a welfare benefit fund (as defined in Code §419(e)) maintained by the "employer" and (f) allocations under a simplified employee pension. Except, however, the Compensation percentage limitation referred to in paragraph (e)(5)(ii) below shall not apply to: (1) any contribution for medical benefits (within the meaning of Code §419A(f)(2)) after separation from service which is otherwise treated as an "annual addition," or (2) any amount otherwise treated as an "annual addition" under Code §415(l)(1).

(i) **Restorative payments.** "Annual additions" for purposes of Code §415 and this Section shall not include restorative payments. A restorative payment is a payment made to restore losses to a Plan resulting from actions by a fiduciary for which there is reasonable risk of liability for breach of a fiduciary duty under applicable federal or state law, where Participants who are similarly situated are treated similarly with respect to the payments. Generally, payments are restorative payments only if the payments are made in order to restore some or all of the Plan's losses due to an action (or a failure to act) that creates a reasonable risk of liability for such a breach of fiduciary duty (other than a breach of fiduciary duty arising from failure to remit contributions to the Plan). Payments made to the Plan to make up for losses due merely to market fluctuations and other payments that are not made on account of a reasonable risk of liability for breach of a fiduciary duty are not restorative payments and generally constitute contributions that are considered "annual additions."

(ii) **Other amounts.** "Annual additions" for purposes of Code §415 and this Section shall not include: (A) The direct transfer of a benefit or employee contributions from a qualified plan to this Plan; (B) Rollover contributions (as described in Code §§401(a)(31), 402(c)(1), 403(a)(4), 403(b)(8), 408(d)(3), and 457(e)(16)); (C) Repayments of loans made to a Participant from the Plan; and (D) Repayments of amounts described in Code §411(a)(7)(B) (in accordance with Code §411(a)(7)(C)) and Code §411(a)(3)(D) or repayment of contributions to a governmental plan (as defined in Code §414(d)) as described in Code §415(k)(3), as well as Employer restorations of benefits that are required pursuant to such repayments.

(2) **"Defined contribution dollar limitation"** means \$56,000 (or the amount as adjusted under Code §415(d)).

(3) **"Employer"** means, for purposes of this Section, the Employer that adopts this Plan and all Affiliated Employers.

(4) **"Excess amount"** means the excess of the Participant's "annual additions" for the Limitation Year over the "maximum permissible amount."

(5) **"Maximum permissible amount"** means, except to the extent permitted under this Plan and Code §414(v), the maximum "annual addition" that may be contributed or allocated to a Participant's Accounts under the Plan for any Limitation Year, which shall not exceed the lesser of:

- (i) the "defined contribution dollar limitation," or
- (ii) one hundred percent (100%) of the Participant's 415 Compensation for the Limitation Year.

The 415 Compensation Limitation referred to in (ii) shall not apply to any contribution for medical benefits after separation from service (within the meaning of Code §§401(h) or 419A(f)(2)) which is otherwise treated as an "annual addition."

If a short Limitation Year is created because of an amendment changing the Limitation Year to a different twelve (12) consecutive month period, the "maximum permissible amount" will not exceed the "defined contribution dollar limitation" multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of months in the short Limitation Year and the denominator of which is twelve (12).

(f) **Special rules.**

(1) **Aggregation of plans.** For purposes of applying the limitations of Code §415, all defined contribution plans (without regard to whether a plan has been terminated) ever maintained by the "employer" (or a "predecessor employer") under which the Participant receives "annual additions" (including voluntary employee contribution accounts in a defined benefit plan, mandatory contributions to a defined benefit plan, individual medical benefit accounts under §401(h), key employee accounts under a welfare benefit plan described in §419, and simplified employee pensions under §408(k)) of the employer or a predecessor employer, whether or not terminated, will be treated as one defined contribution plan for purposes of the limitations under §415(c). Where the employer is a member of a controlled group of corporations or commonly controlled trades or businesses, or a member of an affiliated service group, within the meaning of §§414(b), (c) or (m) and §415(g) and (h), the plan must provide that all such employers are treated as a single employer for purposes of the Plan's application of the §415 limitations. Notwithstanding the preceding, multiemployer plans are not aggregated with other multiemployer plans for purposes of §415. For purposes of this Section:

- (i) A former "employer" is a "predecessor employer" with respect to a participant in a plan maintained by an "employer" if the "employer" maintains a plan under which the participant had accrued a benefit while performing services for the former "employer", but only if that benefit is provided under the plan maintained by the "employer". For this purpose, the "formerly affiliated plan" rules in Regulation §1.415(f)-1(b)(2) apply as if the "employer" and "predecessor employer" constituted a single employer under the rules described in Regulation §1.415(a)-1(f)(1) and (2) immediately prior to the "cessation of affiliation" (and as if they constituted two, unrelated employers under the rules described in Regulation §1.415(a)-1(f)(1) and (2) immediately after the "cessation of affiliation") and "cessation of affiliation" was the event that gives rise to the "predecessor employer" relationship, such as a transfer of benefits or plan sponsorship.
- (ii) With respect to an "employer" of a Participant, a former entity that antedates the "employer" is a "predecessor employer" with respect to the Participant if, under the facts and circumstances, the "employer" constitutes a continuation of all or a portion of the trade or business of the former entity.

(2) **Break-up of an affiliated employer or an affiliated service group.** For purposes of aggregating plans for Code §415, a "formerly affiliated plan" of an "employer" is taken into account for purposes of applying the Code §415 limitations to the "employer," but the "formerly affiliated plan" is treated as if it had terminated immediately prior to the "cessation of affiliation." For purposes of this paragraph, a "formerly affiliated plan" of an "employer" is a plan that, immediately prior to the "cessation of affiliation," was actually maintained by one or more of the entities that constitute the "employer" (as determined under the employer affiliation rules described in Regulation §1.415(a)-1(f)(1) and (2)), and immediately after the "cessation of affiliation," is not actually maintained by any of the entities that constitute the "employer" (as determined under the employer affiliation rules described in Regulation §1.415(a)-1(f)(1) and (2)). For purposes of this paragraph, a "cessation of affiliation" means the event that causes an entity to no longer be aggregated with one or more other entities as a single "employer" under the employer affiliation rules described in Regulation §1.415(a)-1(f)(1) and (2) (such as the sale of a subsidiary outside a controlled group), or that causes a plan to not actually be maintained by any of the entities that constitute the "employer" under the employer affiliation rules of Regulation §1.415(a)-1(f)(1) and (2) (such as a transfer of plan sponsorship outside of a controlled group).

(3) **Mid-year aggregation.** Two or more defined contribution plans that are not required to be aggregated pursuant to Code §415(f) and the Regulations thereunder as of the first day of a Limitation Year do not fail to satisfy the requirements of Code §415 with respect to a Participant for the Limitation Year merely because they are aggregated later in that Limitation Year, provided that no "annual additions" are credited to the Participant's Account after the date on which the plans are required to be aggregated.

4.5 ADJUSTMENT FOR EXCESS ANNUAL ADDITIONS

Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, if the "annual additions" (as defined in Section 4.4) are exceeded for any Participant, then the Plan may only correct such excess in accordance with the Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System (EPCRS) as set forth in Rev. Proc. 2018-52, Rev. Proc. 2019-19, or any superseding guidance.

4.6 ROLLOVERS

(a) **Acceptance of "rollovers" into the Plan.** If elected in the Adoption Agreement and with the consent of the Administrator, the Plan may accept a "rollover," provided the "rollover" will not jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the Plan or create adverse tax consequences for the Employer. The amounts rolled over shall be separately accounted for in a "Participant's Rollover Account." A Participant's Rollover Account shall be fully Vested at all times and shall not be subject to Forfeiture for any reason. For purposes of this Section, the term Participant shall include any Eligible Employee who is not yet a Participant, if, pursuant to the Adoption Agreement, "rollovers" are permitted to be accepted from Eligible Employees. In addition, for purposes of this Section the term Participant shall also include Former Employees elected in the Adoption Agreement. Regardless of whether new loans are permitted, if the Plan permits rollovers, the Administrator may, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, accept rollovers of loans into this Plan if the terms of such loans meet the requirements of being definite, have a reasonable rate of interest, and/or have a definite repayment period (e.g., an asset purchase acquisition whereby the Employer may choose to accept the rollover of Participant loans from a prior employer in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner).

(b) **Treatment of "rollovers" under the Plan.** Amounts in a Participant's Rollover Account shall be held by the Trustee (or Insurer) pursuant to the provisions of this Plan and may not be withdrawn by, or distributed to the Participant, in whole or in part, except as elected in the Adoption Agreement and Subsection (c) below. The Trustee (or Insurer) shall have no duty or responsibility to inquire as to the propriety of the amount, value or type of assets transferred, nor to conduct any due diligence with respect to such assets; provided, however, that such assets are otherwise eligible to be held by the Trustee (or Insurer) under the terms of this Plan.

(c) **Distribution of "rollovers."** At such time as the conditions set forth in the Adoption Agreement have been satisfied, the Administrator, at the election of the Participant, shall direct the distribution of up to the entire amount credited to the Rollover Account maintained on behalf of such Participant. Any distribution of amounts held in a Participant's Rollover Account shall be made in a manner which is consistent with and satisfies the provisions of Sections 6.5 and 6.6. Furthermore, unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, such amounts shall be considered to be part of a Participant's benefit in determining whether an involuntary cash-out of benefits may be made without Participant consent.

(d) **"Rollovers" maintained in a separate account.** The Administrator may direct that "rollovers" made after a Valuation Date be segregated into a separate account for each Participant until such time as the allocations pursuant to this Plan have been made, at which time they may remain segregated, invested as part of the general Trust Fund or, if elected in the Adoption Agreement, directed by the Participant.

(e) **Limits on accepting "rollovers."** Prior to accepting any "rollovers" to which this Section applies, the Administrator may require the Employee to establish (by providing opinion of counsel or otherwise) that the amounts to be rolled over to this Plan meet the requirements of this Section. The Employer may instruct the Administrator, operationally, to limit the source of "rollover" contributions that may be accepted by the Plan.

(f) **Definitions.** For purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) A "rollover" means: (i) amounts transferred to this Plan directly from another "eligible retirement plan;" (ii) distributions received by an Employee from other "eligible retirement plans" which are eligible for tax-free rollover to an "eligible retirement plan" and which are transferred by the Employee to this Plan within sixty (60) days following receipt thereof; and (iii) any other amounts which are eligible to be rolled over to this Plan pursuant to the Code or any other federally enacted legislation.

(2) An "eligible retirement plan" means an individual retirement account described in Code §408(a), an individual retirement annuity described in Code §408(b) (other than an endowment contract), a qualified trust (an employees' trust described in Code §401(a) which is exempt from tax under Code §501(a)), an annuity plan described in Code §403(a), an eligible deferred compensation plan described in Code §457(b) which is maintained by an eligible employer described in Code §457(e)(1)(A), and an annuity contract described in Code §403(b).

(g) **Pre-Participation Rollovers.** If an Eligible Employee makes a Rollover Contribution to the Plan prior to satisfying the Plan's eligibility conditions or prior to reaching his or her Entry Date, then the Administrator will treat the Employee as a limited Participant (as described in Rev. Rul. 96 48). A limited Participant does not share in the Plan's allocation of Employer Contributions nor Forfeitures until the Employee actually becomes a Participant in the Plan.

4.7 PLAN-TO-PLAN TRANSFERS FROM QUALIFIED PLANS

- (a) **Transfers into this Plan.** With the consent of the Administrator, amounts may be transferred (within the meaning of Code §414(l)) to this Plan from other tax qualified plans under Code §401(a), provided the plan from which such funds are transferred permits the transfer to be made and the transfer will not jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the Plan or Trust or create adverse tax consequences for the Employer. Prior to accepting any transfers to which this Section applies, the Administrator may require an opinion of counsel that the amounts to be transferred meet the requirements of this Section. The amounts transferred shall be set up in a separate account herein referred to as a "Participant's Transfer Account." Furthermore, for vesting purposes, the Participant's Transfer Account may be treated as a separate "Participant's Account."
- (b) **Accounting of transfers.** Amounts in a Participant's Transfer Account shall be held by the Trustee (or Insurer) pursuant to the provisions of this Plan and may not be withdrawn by, or distributed to the Participant, in whole or in part, except as elected in the Adoption Agreement and Subsection (d) below, provided the restrictions of Subsection (c) below and Section 6.16 are satisfied. The Trustee (or Insurer) shall have no duty or responsibility to inquire as to the propriety of the amount, value or type of assets transferred, nor to conduct any due diligence with respect to such assets; provided, however, that such assets are otherwise eligible to be held by the Trustee (or Insurer) under the terms of this Plan. Notwithstanding anything in this Section to the contrary, transferred amounts are not required to be separately accounted for and may be combined with the corresponding Account maintained in this Plan provided all rights, benefits and features and other attributes are identical with respect to each account, or are identical after the combination.
- (c) **Distribution of plan-to-plan transfer amounts.** At Normal Retirement Date, or such other date when the Participant or the Participant's Beneficiary shall be entitled to receive benefits, the Participant's Transfer Account shall be used to provide additional benefits to the Participant or the Participant's Beneficiary. Any distribution of amounts held in a Participant's Transfer Account shall be made in a manner which is consistent with and satisfies the provisions of Sections 6.5 and 6.6. Furthermore, such amounts shall be considered to be part of a Participant's benefit in determining whether an involuntary cash-out of benefits may be made without Participant consent.
- (d) **Segregation.** The Administrator may direct that Employee transfers made after a Valuation Date be segregated into a separate account for each Participant until such time as the allocations pursuant to this Plan have been made, at which time they may remain segregated, invested as part of the general Trust Fund or, if elected in the Adoption Agreement, directed by the Participant.
- (e) **Pre-Participation Transfers.** The Administrator has the discretion to accept a Transfer of plan assets on behalf of an Employee prior to the date the Employee satisfies the Plan's eligibility conditions or prior to reaching the Entry Date in a uniform and nondiscretionary manner. If the Plan accepts such a direct transfer of plan assets, then the Administrator will treat the Employee as a limited Participant pursuant to Section 4.6(g).

4.8 MANDATORY EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS

- (a) **Mandatory Employee contributions.** An Employer may elect in the Adoption Agreement to provide for mandatory Employee contributions. If the Employer elects to provide for such contributions, each Participant, will make a mandatory Employee contribution in the amount elected in the Adoption Agreement. Alternatively, the Employer may elect to provide a range of mandatory Employee contribution percentages from which the Participant may choose to contribute. Under this option, the Employee, if required as a condition of employment, must make an irrevocable election to contribute a percentage of his or her Compensation no later than his or her effective date of participation. If not required as a condition of employment, such mandatory Employee contribution election shall be made prior to participation in the Plan. During the period of the Participant's participation in the Plan, the Participant may not revoke the election and receive cash in lieu of the contribution, nor may the Participant change the amount of the mandatory Employee contribution. Amounts attributable to mandatory Employee contributions shall be fully Vested.
- (b) **Employer pick-up contribution.** Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, the Employer will "pick-up" the mandatory Employee contributions and will pay the mandatory Employee contributions to the Plan as an Employer contribution. This provision is effective only after the Employer provides for the treatment of the mandatory Employee contributions as described in this paragraph, through a person authorized to take such action, and evidenced in writing by minutes of a meeting, resolution, ordinance, or other formal action by the Employer, which will effectuate the "pick-up" provision. Furthermore, as of the date of the "pick-up," Participants are not permitted to opt-out of the "pick-up" or to receive the mandatory Employee contributions directly instead of having them paid to the Plan. Mandatory Employee contributions that are "picked-up" by the Employer are excludible from the Employee's gross income.

4.9 AFTER-TAX VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS

- (a) **After-tax voluntary Employee contributions.** If elected in the Adoption Agreement, each Participant may, in accordance with procedures established by the Administrator, elect to make after-tax voluntary Employee contributions to this Plan. Such contributions must generally be paid to the Trustee (or Insurer) within a reasonable period of time after being received by the Employer. An after-tax voluntary Employee contribution is any contribution made to the Plan by or on behalf of a Participant that is included in the Participant's gross income in the year in which made and that is separately accounted for under the Plan.

(b) **Full vesting.** The balance in each Participant's Voluntary Contribution Account shall be fully Vested at all times and shall not be subject to Forfeiture for any reason.

(c) **Distribution at any time.** A Participant may elect at any time to withdraw after-tax voluntary Employee contributions from such Participant's Voluntary Contribution Account and the actual earnings thereon in a manner which is consistent with and satisfies the provisions of Section 6.5. If the Administrator maintains sub-accounts with respect to after-tax voluntary Employee contributions (and earnings thereon) which were made on or before a specified date, a Participant shall be permitted to designate which sub-account shall be the source for the withdrawal. Forfeitures of Employer contributions shall not occur solely as a result of an Employee's withdrawal of after-tax voluntary Employee contributions.

(d) **Used to provide benefits.** At Normal Retirement Date, or such other date when the Participant or the Participant's Beneficiary is entitled to receive benefits, the Participant's Voluntary Contribution Account shall be used to provide additional benefits to the Participant or the Participant's Beneficiary.

4.10 PARTICIPANT DIRECTED INVESTMENTS

(a) **Directed investment options allowed.** If permitted by the Administrator and the terms of the Trust, Participants may direct the Trustee (or Insurer) as to the investment of all or a portion of their individual Account balances in accordance with the Plan's procedures. Participants may direct the Trustee (or Insurer), in writing (or in such other form which is acceptable to the Trustee (or Insurer)), to invest their accounts in specific assets, specific funds or other investments permitted under the Plan and the Participant Direction Procedures. That portion of the Account of any Participant that is subject to investment direction of such Participant will be considered a Participant Directed Account.

(b) **Establishment of Participant Direction Procedures.** The Administrator will establish Participant Direction Procedures, to be applied in a uniform manner, setting forth the permissible investment options under this Section, how often changes between investments may be made, and any other limitations and provisions that the Administrator may impose on a Participant's right to direct investments.

(c) **Administrative discretion.** The Administrator may, in its discretion, include or exclude by amendment or other action from the Participant Direction Procedures such instructions, guidelines or policies as it deems necessary or appropriate to ensure proper administration of the Plan, and may interpret the same accordingly.

(d) **Allocation of gains or losses.** As of each Valuation Date, all Participant Directed Accounts shall be charged or credited with the net earnings, gains, losses and expenses as well as any appreciation or depreciation in the market value using publicly listed fair market values when available or appropriate as follows:

(1) to the extent the assets in a Participant Directed Account are accounted for as pooled assets or investments, the allocation of earnings, gains and losses of each Participant's Account shall be based upon the total amount of funds so invested in a manner proportionate to the Participant's share of such pooled investment; and

(2) to the extent the assets in a Participant Directed Account are accounted for as segregated assets, the allocation of earnings, gains on and losses from such assets shall be made on a separate and distinct basis.

(e) **Plan will follow investment directions.** Investment directions will be processed as soon as administratively practicable after proper investment directions are received from the Participant. No guarantee is made by the Plan, Employer, Administrator or Trustee (or Insurer) that investment directions will be processed on a daily basis, and no guarantee is made in any respect regarding the processing time of an investment direction. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, the Employer, Administrator or Discretionary Trustee (or Insurer) reserves the right to not value an investment option on any given Valuation Date for any reason deemed appropriate by the Employer, Administrator or Discretionary Trustee (or Insurer). Furthermore, the processing of any investment transaction may be delayed for any legitimate business reason (including, but not limited to, failure of systems or computer programs, failure of the means of the transmission of data, the failure of a service provider to timely receive values or prices, and correction for errors or omissions or the errors or omissions of any service provider) or force majeure. The processing date of a transaction will be binding for all purposes of the Plan and considered the applicable Valuation Date for an investment transaction.

(f) **Other documents required by directed investments.** Any information regarding investments available under the Plan, to the extent not required to be described in the Participant Direction Procedures, may be provided to Participants in one or more documents (or in any other form, including, but not limited to, electronic media) which are separate from the Participant Direction Procedures and are not thereby incorporated by reference into this Plan.

4.11 QUALIFIED MILITARY SERVICE

(a) **USERRA.** Notwithstanding any provisions of this Plan to the contrary, contributions, benefits and service credit with respect to qualified military service will be provided in accordance with Code §414(u). Furthermore, loan repayments may be suspended under this Plan as permitted under Code §414(u)(4).

(b) **Benefit accrual.** If the Employer elects in the Adoption Agreement to apply this Subsection, then effective as of the date specified in the Adoption Agreement, for benefit accrual purposes, the Plan treats an individual who becomes Totally and Permanently disabled while performing "qualified military service" (as defined in Code §414(u)) with respect to the Employer as if the individual had resumed employment in accordance with the individual's reemployment rights under Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, as amended (USERRA), on the day preceding Total and Permanent Disability and terminated employment on the actual date of death or Total and Permanent Disability.

The Plan will determine the amount of after-tax voluntary Employee contributions of an individual treated as reemployed under this Section for purposes of applying paragraph Code §414(u)(8)(C) on the basis of the individual's average actual after-tax voluntary Employee contributions for the lesser of: (1) the 12-month period of service with the Employer immediately prior to "qualified military service" (as defined in Code §414(u)); or (2) the actual length of continuous service with the Employer.

(c) **Death benefits.** If a Participant dies while performing "qualified military service" (as defined in Code §414(u)), the Participant's Beneficiary is entitled to any additional benefits (other than benefit accruals relating to the period of "qualified military service" but including vesting credit for such period and any other ancillary life insurance or other survivor benefits) provided under the Plan as if the Participant had resumed employment and then terminated employment on account of death. Moreover, the Plan will credit the Participant's "qualified military service" as service for vesting purposes, as though the Participant had resumed employment under Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, as amended (USERRA) immediately prior to the Participant's death.

(d) **Military Differential Pay.** The following applies with respect to Military Differential Pay: (1) an individual receiving Military Differential Pay is treated as an Employee of the Employer making the payment; (2) the Military Differential Pay is treated as 415 Compensation (and Compensation unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement); and (3) the Plan is not treated as failing to meet the requirements of any provision described in Code §414(u)(1)(C) (or corresponding Plan provisions) by reason of any contribution or benefit which is based on the Military Differential Pay. The Administrator operationally may determine, for purposes of the provisions described in Code §414(u)(1)(C), whether to take into account any matching contributions, attributable to Military Differential Pay.

(e) **Deemed Severance.** Notwithstanding Subsection (b)(1) above, if elected in Appendix A to the Adoption Agreement (Special Effective Dates and Other Permitted Elections), a Participant who performs service in the uniformed services (as defined in Code §414(u)(12)(B)) on active duty for a period of more than thirty (30) days, the Participant will be deemed to have a severance from employment solely for purposes of eligibility for distribution of amounts not attributable to Employer contributions to a money purchase pension plan. However, the Plan will not distribute such a Participant's Account on account of this deemed severance unless the Participant specifically elects to receive a benefit distribution hereunder. If a Participant elects to receive a distribution on account of this deemed severance, then the individual may not make an after-tax voluntary Employee contribution during the six (6) month period beginning on the date of the distribution. If a Participant would be entitled to a distribution on account of a deemed severance, and a distribution on account of another Plan provision, then the other Plan provision will control and the six (6) month suspension will not apply.

4.12 INSTRUCTIONS TO ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTIFICATION TO PARTICIPANTS

For Plan Years beginning after the end of the Plan Year in which this document is first adopted, if a "Flexible Discretionary Match" contribution formula applies (i.e., a formula that provides an Employer with discretion regarding how to *allocate* a matching contribution to Participants) and the Employer makes a "Flexible Discretionary Match" to the Plan, the Employer must provide the Plan Administrator or Trustee written instructions describing (1) how the "Flexible Discretionary Match" formula will be allocated to Participants (e.g., a uniform percentage of Elective Deferrals or a flat dollar amount), (2) the computation period(s) to which the "Flexible Discretionary Match" formula applies, and (3) if applicable, a description of each business location or business classification subject to separate "Flexible Discretionary Match" allocation formulas. Such instructions must be provided no later than the date on which the "Flexible Discretionary Match" is made to the Plan. A summary of these instructions must be communicated to Participants who receive an allocation of the "Flexible Discretionary Match" no later than 60 days following the date on which the last "Flexible Discretionary Match" contribution is made to the Plan for the Plan Year.

Solely for purposes of this Section, a matching contribution is to be considered as being a "Flexible Discretionary Match" contribution unless the Employer has provided a definitely determinable allocation formula for the matching contribution on the Adoption Agreement. In order to be definitely determinable, then the components of the allocation formula described in the preceding sentence must be specified on the Adoption Agreement and cannot themselves be discretionary. Thus, regardless of whether the contribution formula for the matching contribution is fixed or discretionary, the provisions of the preceding paragraph apply unless the amount to be allocated to the Participant for the Plan Year can be determined without any discretion on the part of the Employer.

ARTICLE V VALUATIONS

5.1 VALUATION OF THE TRUST FUND

The Administrator shall direct the Trustee (or Insurer), as of each Valuation Date, to determine the net worth of the assets comprising the Trust Fund as it exists on the Valuation Date. In determining such net worth, the Trustee (or Insurer) shall value the assets comprising the Trust Fund at their fair market value as of the Valuation Date and may deduct all expenses for which the Trustee (or Insurer) has not yet been paid by the Employer or the Trust Fund. The Trustee (or Insurer), when determining the net worth of the assets, may update the value of any shares held in a Participant Directed Account by reference to the number of shares held on behalf of the Participant, priced at the market value as of the Valuation Date.

5.2 METHOD OF VALUATION

Except as otherwise provided in the Trust agreement, in determining the fair market value of securities held in the Trust Fund which are listed on a registered stock exchange, the Administrator shall direct the Trustee (or Insurer) to value the same at the prices they were last traded on such exchange preceding the close of business on the Valuation Date. If such securities were not traded on the Valuation Date, or if the exchange on which they are traded was not open for business on the Valuation Date, then the securities shall be valued at the prices at which they were last traded prior to the Valuation Date. Any unlisted security held in the Trust Fund shall be valued at its bid price next preceding the close of business on the Valuation Date, which bid price shall be obtained from a registered broker or an investment banker. In determining the fair market value of assets other than securities for which trading or bid prices can be obtained, the Trustee, the Administrator (if the Trustee is a directed Trustee), or Insurer may appraise such assets itself (assuming it has the appropriate expertise), or in its discretion, employ one or more appraisers for that purpose and rely on the values established by such appraiser or appraisers.

ARTICLE VI DETERMINATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS

6.1 DETERMINATION OF BENEFITS UPON RETIREMENT

Every Participant may terminate employment with the Employer and retire for purposes hereof on the Participant's Normal Retirement Date or Early Retirement Date. However, a Participant may postpone the severance of employment with the Employer to a later date, in which event the participation of such Participant in the Plan, including the right to receive allocations pursuant to Section 4.3, shall continue until such Participant's Retirement Date. Upon a Participant's Retirement Date, or if elected in the Adoption Agreement, the attainment of Normal Retirement Date without severance of employment with the Employer (subject to Section 6.11), or as soon thereafter as is practicable, the Administrator shall direct the distribution, at the election of the Participant (unless a distribution is mandatory under the other terms of the Plan), of the Participant's entire Vested interest in the Plan in accordance with Section 6.5.

6.2 DETERMINATION OF BENEFITS UPON DEATH

(a) **100% vesting on death.** Upon the death of a Participant before the Participant's Retirement Date or other severance of employment, all amounts credited to such Participant's Combined Account shall, if elected in the Adoption Agreement, become fully Vested. The Administrator shall direct, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 6.6 and 6.7, the distribution of the deceased Participant's Vested accounts to the Participant's Beneficiary.

(b) **Distribution upon death.** Upon the death of a Participant, the Administrator shall direct, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 6.6 and 6.7, the distribution of any remaining Vested amounts credited to the accounts of such deceased Participant to such Participant's Beneficiary.

(c) **Determination of death benefit by Administrator.** The Administrator may require such proper proof of death and such evidence of the right of any person to receive payment of the value of the account of a deceased Participant as the Administrator may deem desirable. The Administrator's determination of death and of the right of any person to receive payment shall be conclusive.

(d) **Beneficiary designation.** Each Participant must designate a Beneficiary on a form and in such manner as provided by the Administrator.

(e) **Spousal consent to alternative Beneficiary.** This Subsection applies if the Employer has elected in the Adoption Agreement either to apply the Joint and Survivor Annuity rules or to provide that a Participant's Spouse is the Beneficiary unless the Spouse consents to an alternative Beneficiary. Unless otherwise elected in the manner prescribed in Section 6.6, the Beneficiary of the Pre-Retirement Survivor Annuity (or if applicable, the entire death benefit) shall be the Participant's surviving Spouse. Except, however, the Participant may designate a Beneficiary other than the Spouse if:

- (1) the Participant and the Participant's Spouse have validly waived the Pre-Retirement Survivor Annuity in the manner prescribed in Section 6.6, and the Spouse has waived the right to be the Participant's Beneficiary,

- (2) the Participant is legally separated or has been abandoned (within the meaning of local law) and the Participant has a court order to such effect (and there is no "qualified domestic relations order" as defined in Code §414(p) which provides otherwise),
- (3) the Participant has no Spouse, or
- (4) the Spouse cannot be located.

In such event, the designation of a Beneficiary shall be made on a form satisfactory to the Administrator. A Participant may at any time revoke a designation of a Beneficiary or change a Beneficiary by filing written (or in such other form as permitted by the IRS) notice of such revocation or change with the Administrator. However, the Participant's Spouse must again consent in writing (or in such other form as permitted by the IRS) to any change in Beneficiary unless the original consent acknowledged that the Spouse had the right to limit consent only to a specific Beneficiary and that the Spouse voluntarily elected to relinquish such right.

(f) **Beneficiary if no Beneficiary elected by Participant.** In the event no valid designation of Beneficiary exists, or if the Beneficiary with respect to a portion of a Participant's death benefit is not alive at the time of the Participant's death and no contingent Beneficiary has been designated, then such portion of the death benefit will be paid in the following order of priority, unless the Employer specifies a different order of priority in Appendix A to the Adoption Agreement (Special Effective Dates and Other Permitted Elections), to:

- (1) The Participant's surviving Spouse;
- (2) The Participant's issue, per stirpes;
- (3) The Participant's surviving parents, in equal shares; or
- (4) The Participant's estate.

If the Beneficiary does not predecease the Participant, but dies prior to distribution of the death benefit, the death benefit will be paid to the Beneficiary's "designated Beneficiary" (or if there is no "designated Beneficiary," to the Beneficiary's estate). For purposes of these provisions, and with respect to any Beneficiary designations, adopted children shall be treated as children.

(g) **Divorce revokes spousal Beneficiary designation.** Notwithstanding anything in this Section to the contrary, unless otherwise elected in Appendix A to the Adoption Agreement (Special Effective Dates and Other Permitted Elections) or prohibited by applicable State law, if a Participant has designated the Spouse as a Beneficiary, then a divorce decree that relates to such Spouse shall revoke the Participant's designation of the Spouse as a Beneficiary unless the decree or a "qualified domestic relations order" (within the meaning of Code §414(p)) provides otherwise or a subsequent Beneficiary designation is made.

(h) **Insured death benefit.** If the Plan provides an insured death benefit and a Participant dies before any insurance coverage to which the Participant is entitled under the Plan is effected, the death benefit from such insurance coverage shall be limited to the premium which was or otherwise would have been used for such purpose.

(i) **Plan terms control.** In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Plan and the terms of any Contract issued hereunder, the Plan provisions shall control.

6.3 DETERMINATION OF BENEFITS IN EVENT OF DISABILITY

In the event of a Participant's Total and Permanent Disability prior to the Participant's Retirement Date or other severance of employment, all amounts credited to such Participant's Combined Account shall, if elected in the Adoption Agreement, become fully Vested. In the event of a Participant's Total and Permanent Disability, the Participant's entire Vested interest in the Plan will be distributable and may be distributed in accordance with the provisions of Sections 6.5 and 6.7.

6.4 DETERMINATION OF BENEFITS UPON TERMINATION

(a) **Payment on severance of employment.** If a Participant's employment with the Employer and any Affiliated Employer is severed for any reason other than death, Total and Permanent Disability, or attainment of the Participant's Retirement Date, then such Participant shall be entitled to such benefits as are provided herein.

Distribution of the funds due to a Terminated Participant shall be made on the occurrence of an event which would result in the distribution had the Terminated Participant remained in the employ of the Employer (upon the Participant's death, Total and Permanent Disability, Early or Normal Retirement). However, at the election of the Participant, the Administrator shall direct that the entire Vested portion of the Terminated Participant's Combined Account be payable to such Terminated Participant provided the

conditions, if any, set forth in the Adoption Agreement have been satisfied. Any distribution under this paragraph shall be made in a manner which is consistent with and satisfies the provisions of Section 6.5.

Regardless of whether distributions in kind are permitted, in the event the amount of the Vested portion of the Terminated Participant's Combined Account equals or exceeds the fair market value of any insurance Contracts, the Administrator may direct the Trustee (or Insurer), when agreed to by the Terminated Participant, to assign, transfer, and set over to such Terminated Participant all Contracts on such Terminated Participant's life in such form or with such endorsements, so that the settlement options and forms of payment are consistent with the provisions of Section 6.5. In the event that the Terminated Participant's Vested portion does not at least equal the fair market value of the Contracts, if any, the Terminated Participant may pay over to the Trustee (or Insurer) the sum needed to make the distribution equal to the value of the Contracts being assigned or transferred, or the Trustee (or Insurer), pursuant to the Participant's election, may borrow the cash value of the Contracts from the Insurer so that the value of the Contracts is equal to the Vested portion of the Terminated Participant's Combined Account and then assign the Contracts to the Terminated Participant.

Notwithstanding the above, unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, if the value of a Terminated Participant's Vested benefit derived from Employer and Employee contributions does not exceed \$5,000 (or such lower amount as elected in the Adoption Agreement), the Administrator shall direct that the entire Vested benefit be paid to such Participant in a single lump-sum as soon as practical without regard to the consent of the Participant, provided the conditions, if any, set forth in the Adoption Agreement have been satisfied. A Participant's Vested benefit shall not include (1) qualified voluntary employee contributions within the meaning of Code §72(o)(5)(B) and (2) if selected in the Conditions for Distributions Upon Severance of Employment Section of the Adoption Agreement, the Participant's Rollover Account. If a mandatory distribution is made pursuant to this paragraph and such distribution is greater than \$1,000 and the Participant does not elect to have such distribution paid directly to an "eligible retirement plan" specified by the Participant in a "direct rollover" in accordance with Section 6.14 or to receive the distribution directly, then the Administrator shall transfer such amount to an individual retirement account described in Code §408(a) or an individual retirement annuity described in Code §408(b) designated by the Administrator. However, if the Participant elects to receive or make a "direct rollover" of such amount, then the Administrator shall direct the Trustee (or Insurer) to cause the entire Vested benefit to be paid to such Participant in a single lump sum, or make a "direct rollover" pursuant to Section 6.14, provided the conditions, if any, set forth in the Adoption Agreement have been satisfied. The Administrator may establish a procedure as to whether a Participant who fails to make an affirmative election with respect to a mandatory distribution of \$1,000 or less is treated as having made or not made a "direct rollover" election. For purposes of determining whether the \$1,000 threshold set forth in this paragraph is met, the mandatory distribution includes amounts in a Participant's Rollover Account. For purposes of determining whether the \$5,000 threshold in this paragraph is met, a Participant's Rollover Account is taken into account unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement.

(b) **Vesting schedule.** The Vested portion of any Participant's Account shall be a percentage of such Participant's Account determined on the basis of the Participant's number of Years of Service (or Periods of Service if the elapsed time method is elected) according to the vesting schedule specified in the Adoption Agreement. However, a Participant's entire interest in the Plan shall be non-forfeitable upon the Participant's Normal Retirement Age (if the Participant is employed by the Employer on or after such date). In addition, Employee contributions (voluntary and mandatory) and contributions for sick leave/vacation leave conversions shall be fully Vested.

6.5 DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS

(a) **Forms of distributions.** Subject to the Joint and Survivor Annuity requirements in Subsection (c) below (if the Employer elects to apply such provisions), the Administrator, pursuant to the election of the Participant, shall direct the distribution to a Participant or Beneficiary any amount to which the Participant or Beneficiary is entitled under the Plan in one or more of the following methods which are permitted pursuant to the Adoption Agreement.

- (1) One lump-sum payment in cash or in property, provided that if a distribution of property is permitted, it shall be limited to property that is specifically allocated and identifiable with respect to such Participant.
- (2) Partial withdrawals.
- (3) Payments over a period certain in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual cash installments. The period over which such payment is to be made shall not extend beyond the earlier of the Participant's life expectancy (or the joint life expectancy of the Participant and the Participant's designated Beneficiary). Once payments have begun, a Participant may elect to accelerate the payments (reduce the term and increase payments).
- (4) Purchase of or providing an annuity. However, such annuity may not be in any form that will provide for payments over a period extending beyond either the life of the Participant (or the lives of the Participant and the Participant's designated Beneficiary) or the life expectancy of the Participant (or the life expectancy of the Participant and the Participant's designated Beneficiary).

(b) **Consent to distributions.** Benefits may not be paid without a Participant's consent if the value of the Participant's Accounts exceed the dollar threshold specified in the Adoption Agreement. If the value of the Participant's Accounts does not exceed such

threshold, then the Administrator may only distribute such benefit in a lump-sum. For purposes of this Subsection, the Participant's Accounts shall not include, if selected in the Conditions for Distributions Upon Severance of Employment Section of the Adoption Agreement, the Participant's Rollover Account.

(c) **Required minimum distributions (Code §401(a)(9)).** Notwithstanding any provision in the Plan to the contrary, the distribution of a Participant's benefits, whether under the Plan or through the purchase of an annuity Contract, shall be made in accordance with the requirements of Section 6.8.

(d) **Annuity Contracts.** All annuity Contracts under this Plan shall be non-transferable when distributed. Furthermore, the terms of any annuity Contract purchased and distributed to a Participant or Spouse shall comply with all of the requirements of this Plan.

(e) **Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity.**

(1) The provisions of this Subsection (e) apply if the Employer elects to apply the Joint and Survivor Annuity rules in the Adoption Agreement. A Participant who is married on the Annuity Starting Date and who does not die before the Annuity Starting Date shall receive the value of all Plan benefits in the form of a Joint and Survivor Annuity. The Joint and Survivor Annuity is an annuity that commences immediately and shall be equal in value to a single life annuity. Such joint and survivor benefits following the Participant's death shall continue to the Spouse during the Spouse's lifetime at a rate equal to either fifty percent (50%), seventy-five percent (75%) (or, sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) if the Insurer used to provide the annuity does not offer a joint and seventy-five percent (75%) survivor annuity), or one hundred percent (100%) of the rate at which such benefits were payable to the Participant. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, a joint and fifty percent (50%) survivor annuity shall be considered the designated qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity and the normal form of payment for the purposes of this Plan. However, the Participant may, without spousal consent, elect an alternative Joint and Survivor Annuity, which alternative shall be equal in value to the designated qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity. An unmarried Participant shall receive the value of such Participant's benefit in the form of a life annuity. Such unmarried Participant, however, may elect to waive the life annuity. The election must comply with the provisions of this Section as if it were an election to waive the Joint and Survivor Annuity by a married Participant, but without fulfilling the spousal consent requirement. The Participant may elect to have any annuity provided for in this Section distributed upon the attainment of the "earliest retirement age" under the Plan. The "earliest retirement age" is the earliest date on which, under the Plan, the Participant could elect to receive retirement benefits.

(2) Any election to waive the Joint and Survivor Annuity must be made by the Participant in writing (or in such other form as permitted by the IRS) during the election period and be consented to in writing (or in such other form as permitted by the IRS) by the Participant's Spouse. If the Spouse is legally incompetent to give consent, the Spouse's legal guardian, even if such guardian is the Participant, may give consent. Such election shall designate a Beneficiary (or a form of benefits) that may not be changed without spousal consent (unless the consent of the Spouse expressly permits designations by the Participant without the requirement of further consent by the Spouse). Such Spouse's consent shall be irrevocable and must acknowledge the effect of such election and be witnessed by a Plan representative or a notary public. Such consent shall not be required if it is established to the satisfaction of the Administrator that the required consent cannot be obtained because there is no Spouse, the Spouse cannot be located, or other circumstances that may be prescribed by Regulations. The election made by the Participant and consented to by such Participant's Spouse may be revoked by the Participant in writing (or in such other form as permitted by the IRS) without the consent of the Spouse at any time during the election period. A revocation of a prior election shall cause the Participant's benefits to be distributed as a Joint and Survivor Annuity. The number of revocations shall not be limited. Any new election must comply with the requirements of this paragraph. A former Spouse's waiver shall not be binding on a new Spouse.

(3) The election period to waive the Joint and Survivor Annuity shall be the one-hundred eighty (180) day period ending on the Annuity Starting Date.

(4) For purposes of this Section and Section 6.6, Spouse or surviving Spouse means the Spouse or surviving Spouse of the Participant, provided that a former Spouse will be treated as the Spouse or surviving Spouse and a current Spouse will not be treated as the Spouse or surviving Spouse to the extent provided under a "qualified domestic relations order" as described in Code §414(p).

(5) With regard to the election, except as otherwise provided herein, the Administrator shall, in accordance with Regulation §1.417(a)(3)-1, provide to the Participant no less than thirty (30) days and no more than one-hundred eighty (180) days before the Annuity Starting Date a written (or such other form as permitted by the IRS) explanation of:

- (i) the terms and conditions of the qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity and the "qualified optional survivor annuity" that is payable in lieu of the qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity,
- (ii) the Participant's right to make and the effect of an election to waive the Joint and Survivor Annuity,

- (iii) the right of the Participant's Spouse to consent to any election to waive the Joint and Survivor Annuity, and
 - (iv) the right of the Participant to revoke such election, and the effect of such revocation.
- (6) Any distribution provided for in this Section may commence less than thirty (30) days after the notice required by Code §417(a)(3) is given provided the following requirements are satisfied:
- (i) the Administrator clearly informs the Participant that the Participant has a right to a period of thirty (30) days after receiving the notice to consider whether to waive the Joint and Survivor Annuity and to elect (with spousal consent) a form of distribution other than a Joint and Survivor Annuity;
 - (ii) the Participant is permitted to revoke any affirmative distribution election at least until the Annuity Starting Date or, if later, at any time prior to the expiration of the seven (7) day period that begins the day after the explanation of the Joint and Survivor Annuity is provided to the Participant;
 - (iii) the Annuity Starting Date is after the time that the explanation of the Joint and Survivor Annuity is provided to the Participant. However, the Annuity Starting Date may be before the date that any affirmative distribution election is made by the Participant and before the date that the distribution is permitted to commence under (iv) below; and
 - (iv) distribution in accordance with the affirmative distribution election does not commence before the expiration of the seven (7) day period that begins the day after the explanation of the Joint and Survivor Annuity is provided to the Participant.
- (f) **Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity but not the normal form.** The provisions of this Section apply if the Employer has elected in the Adoption Agreement to apply the Joint and Survivor Annuity requirement to a Participant, but the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity is not the normal form of distribution.
- (1) The Joint and Survivor Annuity provisions of Section 6.5(e) shall not apply if a Participant does not elect an annuity form of distribution. Furthermore, Subsection (3) below shall not apply if a Participant elects an annuity form of distribution.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything in Sections 6.2 and 6.6 to the contrary, upon the death of a Participant, the automatic form of distribution will be a lump-sum rather than a Qualified Pre-Retirement Survivor Annuity. Furthermore, the Participant's Spouse will be the Beneficiary of the Participant's entire Vested interest in the Plan unless an election is made to waive the Spouse as Beneficiary. The other provisions in Section 6.2 shall be applied by treating the death benefit in this Subsection as though it is a Qualified Pre-Retirement Survivor Annuity.
- (3) Except to the extent otherwise provided in this Section, the provisions of Sections 6.2 and 6.5 regarding spousal consent shall be inoperative with respect to this Plan.
- (4) The distribution may commence less than thirty (30) days after the notice required under Regulation §1.411(a)-11(c) is given, provided:
- (1) the Administrator clearly informs the Participant that the Participant has a right to a period of at least thirty (30) days after the notice to consider the decision of whether or not to elect a distribution (and, if applicable, a particular distribution option), and
 - (2) the Participant, after receiving the notice, affirmatively elects a distribution.

6.6 DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS UPON DEATH

- (a) **Consent.** If the value of the death benefit derived from Employer and Employee contributions does not exceed \$5,000, the Administrator shall direct the distribution of such amount to the Participant's Beneficiary in a single lump-sum as soon as practicable. If the value exceeds \$5,000, an immediate distribution of the entire amount may be made to the Beneficiary, provided such Beneficiary consents to the distribution.
- (b) **Forms of distribution.** Death benefits may be paid to a Participant's Beneficiary in one of the following optional forms of benefits subject to the rules specified in Section 6.8 and the elections made in the Adoption Agreement. Such optional forms of distributions may be elected by the Participant. However, if no optional form of distribution was elected by the Participant prior to death, then the Participant's Beneficiary may elect the form of distribution.
- (1) One lump-sum payment in cash or in property that is allocated to the Accounts of the Participant at the time of the distribution.

- (2) Partial withdrawals.
- (3) Payment in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual cash installments over a period to be determined by the Participant or the Participant's Beneficiary. In order to provide such installment payments, the Administrator may (A) segregate the aggregate amount thereof in a separate, federally insured savings account, certificate of deposit in a bank or savings and loan association, money market certificate or other liquid short-term security or (B) purchase a nontransferable annuity Contract for a term certain (with no life contingencies) providing for such payment. After periodic installments commence, the Beneficiary shall have the right to reduce the period over which such periodic installments shall be made, and the cash amount of such periodic installments shall be adjusted accordingly.
- (4) In the form of an annuity over the life expectancy of the Beneficiary.
- (c) **Required minimum distributions (Code §401(a)(9)).** Notwithstanding any provision in the Plan to the contrary, distributions upon the death of a Participant shall comply with the requirements of Section 6.8.
- (d) **Payment to a child.** For purposes of this Section, any amount paid to a child of the Participant will be treated as if it had been paid to the surviving Spouse if the amount becomes payable to the surviving Spouse when the child reaches the age of majority.
- (e) **Voluntary Contribution Account.** In the event that less than one hundred percent (100%) of a Participant's interest in the Plan is distributed to such Participant's Spouse, the portion of the distribution attributable to the Participant's Voluntary Contribution Account shall be in the same proportion that the Participant's Voluntary Contribution Account bears to the Participant's total interest in the Plan.
- (f) **TEFRA 242(b)(2) election.** The provisions of this Section shall not apply to distributions made in accordance with Section 6.8(a)(4).

6.7 TIME OF DISTRIBUTION

Except as limited by Section 6.8, whenever a distribution is to be made, or a series of payments are to commence, the distribution or series of payments may be made or begun as soon as practicable. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, unless a Participant otherwise elects, payments of benefits under the Plan will be begun not later than the later of the sixtieth (60th) day after the close of the Plan Year in which the latest of the following events occurs: (a) the date on which the Participant attains the earlier of age 65 or the Normal Retirement Age specified herein; (b) the tenth (10th) anniversary of the year in which the Participant commenced participation in the Plan; or (c) the date the Participant terminates service with the Employer. The failure of a Participant to request a distribution shall be deemed to be an election to defer the commencement of payment of any benefit until the time otherwise permitted under the Plan.

6.8 REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS

(a) General rules

- (1) **Effective Date.** Subject to the good faith interpretation standard, the requirements of this Section shall apply to any distribution of a Participant's interest in the Plan and will take precedence over any inconsistent provisions of this Plan.
- (2) **Requirements of Treasury Regulations incorporated.** All distributions required under this Section will be determined and made in accordance with the Regulations under Code §401(a)(9) and the minimum distribution incidental benefit requirement of Code §401(a)(9)(G).
- (3) **Limits on distribution periods.** As of the first "distribution calendar year," distributions to a Participant may only be made in accordance with the selections made in the Form of Distributions Section of the Adoption Agreement. If such distributions are not made in a single-sum, then they may only be made over one of the following periods: (i) the life of the Participant, (ii) the joint lives of the Participant and a "designated Beneficiary," (iii) a period certain not extending beyond the "life expectancy" of the Participant, or (iv) a period certain not extending beyond the joint life and last survivor expectancy of the Participant and a "designated Beneficiary."
- (4) **TEFRA Section 242(b)(2) elections.**
 - (i) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section, other than the Spouse's right of consent afforded under the Plan, distributions may be made on behalf of any Participant, including a five percent (5%) owner, who has made a designation in accordance with Section 242(b)(2) of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) and in accordance with all of the following requirements (regardless of when such distribution commences):

- (A) The distribution by the Plan is one which would not have disqualified such Plan under Code §401(a)(9) as in effect prior to amendment by the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984.

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(B) The distribution is in accordance with a method of distribution designated by the Participant whose interest in the Plan is being distributed or, if the Participant is deceased, by a Beneficiary of such Participant.

(C) Such designation was in writing, was signed by the Participant or the Beneficiary, and was made before January 1, 1984.

(D) The Participant had accrued a benefit under the Plan as of December 31, 1983.

(E) The method of distribution designated by the Participant or the Beneficiary specifies the time at which distribution will commence, the period over which distributions will be made, and in the case of any distribution upon the Participant's death, the Beneficiaries of the Participant listed in order of priority.

(ii) A distribution upon death will not be covered by the transitional rule of this Subsection unless the information in the designation contains the required information described above with respect to the distributions to be made upon the death of the Participant.

(iii) For any distribution which commences before January 1, 1984, but continues after December 31, 1983, the Participant, or the Beneficiary, to whom such distribution is being made, will be presumed to have designated the method of distribution under which the distribution is being made if the method of distribution was specified in writing and the distribution satisfies the requirements in (i)(A) and (i)(E) of this Subsection.

(iv) If a designation is revoked, any subsequent distribution must satisfy the requirements of Code §401(a)(9) and the Regulations thereunder. If a designation is revoked subsequent to the date distributions are required to begin, the Plan must distribute by the end of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the revocation occurs the total amount not yet distributed which would have been required to have been distributed to satisfy Code §401(a)(9) and the Regulations thereunder, but for the Section 242(b)(2) election. For calendar years beginning after December 31, 1988, such distributions must meet the minimum distribution incidental benefit requirements. Any changes in the designation will be considered to be a revocation of the designation. However, the mere substitution or addition of another Beneficiary (one not named in the designation) under the designation will not be considered to be a revocation of the designation, so long as such substitution or addition does not alter the period over which distributions are to be made under the designation, directly or indirectly (for example, by altering the relevant measuring life).

(v) In the case in which an amount is transferred or rolled over from one plan to another plan, the rules in Regulation §1.401(a)(9)-8, Q&A-14 and Q&A-15, shall apply.

(5) **Good faith interpretation standard.** In applying any provision of this section, the Plan will apply a reasonable good faith interpretation of Code §401(a)(9).

(b) Time and manner of distribution

(1) **Required beginning date.** The Participant's entire interest will be distributed, or begin to be distributed, to the Participant no later than the Participant's "required beginning date."

(2) **Death of Participant before distributions begin.** If the Participant dies before distributions begin, the Participant's entire interest will be distributed, or begin to be distributed, no later than as follows as elected in the Distributions Upon Death Section of the Adoption Agreement (or if no election is made, then the Beneficiary may elect either the lifetime method or the five-year method and if the Beneficiary makes no election, the five-year method shall apply):

(i) **Lifetime method (Spouse).** If the Participant's surviving Spouse is the Participant's sole "designated Beneficiary," then, except as otherwise provided herein, distributions to the surviving Spouse will begin by December 31 of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the Participant died, or by December 31 of the calendar year in which the Participant would have attained age 70 1/2, if later.

(ii) **Lifetime method (non-Spouse).** If the Participant's surviving Spouse is not the Participant's sole "designated Beneficiary," then, except as provided in Section 6.8(b)(3) below, distributions to the "designated Beneficiary" will begin by December 31 of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the Participant died.

(iii) **Five-year method.** If there is no "designated Beneficiary" as of September 30 of the year following the year of the Participant's death or if otherwise elected pursuant to the Adoption Agreement with respect to a "designated Beneficiary," the Participant's entire interest will be distributed by December 31 of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the Participant's death.

(iv) **Death of Spouse.** If the Participant's surviving Spouse is the Participant's sole "designated Beneficiary" and the surviving Spouse dies after the Participant but before distributions to the surviving Spouse begin, this Section 6.8(b)(2), other than Section 6.8(b)(2)(i), will apply as if the surviving Spouse were the Participant.

For purposes of this Section 6.8(b)(2) and Section 6.8(b)(3), unless Section 6.8(b)(2)(iv) applies, distributions are considered to begin on the Participant's "required beginning date." If Section 6.8(b)(2)(iv) applies, distributions are considered to begin on the date distributions are required to begin to the surviving Spouse under Section 6.8(b)(2)(i). If distributions under an annuity purchased from an insurance company irrevocably commence to the Participant before the Participant's "required beginning date" (or to the Participant's surviving Spouse before the date distributions are required to begin to the surviving Spouse under Section 6.8(b)(2)(i)), the date distributions are considered to begin is the date distributions actually commence.

(3) **Forms of distribution.** Unless the Participant's interest is distributed in the form of an annuity purchased from an insurance company or in a single sum on or before the "required beginning date," as of the first "distribution calendar year" distributions will be made in accordance with Sections 6.8(c) and 6.8(d) and only in a form of distribution provided in Section 6.5 or 6.6, as applicable. If the Participant's interest is distributed in the form of an annuity purchased from an insurance company, distributions thereunder will be made in accordance with the requirements of Code §401(a)(9) and the Regulations thereunder.

(c) **Required minimum distributions during Participant's lifetime**

(1) **Amount of required minimum distribution for each "distribution calendar year."** During the Participant's lifetime, the minimum amount that will be distributed for each "distribution calendar year" is the lesser of the following:

- (i) the quotient obtained by dividing the "Participant's account balance" by the distribution period in the Uniform Lifetime Table set forth in Regulation §1.401(a)(9)-9, using the Participant's age as of the Participant's birthday in the "distribution calendar year"; or
- (ii) if the Participant's sole "designated Beneficiary" for the "distribution calendar year" is the Participant's Spouse, the quotient obtained by dividing the "Participant's account balance" by the number in the Joint and Last Survivor Table set forth in Regulation §1.401(a)(9)-9, using the Participant's and Spouse's attained ages as of the Participant's and Spouse's birthdays in the "distribution calendar year."

(2) **Lifetime required minimum distributions continue through year of Participant's death.** Required minimum distributions will be determined under this Section 6.8(c) beginning with the first "distribution calendar year" and up to and including the "distribution calendar year" that includes the Participant's date of death.

(d) **Required minimum distributions after Participant's death**

(1) **Death on or after date distributions begin.**

(i) **Participant survived by "designated Beneficiary."** If the Participant dies on or after the date distributions begin and there is a "designated Beneficiary," the minimum amount that will be distributed for each "distribution calendar year" after the year of the Participant's death is the quotient obtained by dividing the "Participant's account balance" by the longer of the remaining "life expectancy" of the Participant or the remaining "life expectancy" of the Participant's "designated Beneficiary," determined as follows:

(A) The Participant's remaining "life expectancy" is calculated using the age of the Participant in the year of death, reduced by one for each subsequent year.

(B) If the Participant's surviving Spouse is the Participant's sole "designated Beneficiary," the remaining "life expectancy" of the surviving Spouse is calculated for each "distribution calendar year" after the year of the Participant's death using the surviving Spouse's age as of the Spouse's birthday in that year. For "distribution calendar years" after the year of the surviving Spouse's death, the remaining "life expectancy" of the surviving Spouse is calculated using the age of the surviving Spouse as of the Spouse's birthday in the calendar year of the Spouse's death, reduced by one for each subsequent calendar year.

(C) If the Participant's surviving Spouse is not the Participant's sole "designated Beneficiary," the "designated Beneficiary's" remaining "life expectancy" is calculated using the age of the Beneficiary in the year following the year of the Participant's death, reduced by one for each subsequent year.

(ii) **No "designated Beneficiary."** If the Participant dies on or after the date distributions begin and there is no "designated Beneficiary" as of September 30 of the year after the year of the Participant's death, the minimum amount that will be distributed for each "distribution calendar year" after the year of the Participant's death is the quotient obtained by dividing the "Participant's account balance" by the Participant's remaining "life expectancy" calculated using the age of the Participant in the year of death, reduced by one for each subsequent year.

(2) **Death before date distributions begin.**

(i) **Participant survived by "designated Beneficiary."** Except as provided in Section 6.8(b)(3), if the Participant dies before the date distributions begin and there is a "designated Beneficiary," the minimum amount that will be distributed for each "distribution calendar year" after the year of the Participant's death is the quotient obtained by dividing the "Participant's account balance" by the remaining "life expectancy" of the Participant's "designated Beneficiary," determined as provided in Section 6.8(d)(1).

(ii) **No "designated Beneficiary."** If the Participant dies before the date distributions begin and there is no "designated Beneficiary" as of September 30 of the year following the year of the Participant's death, distribution of the Participant's entire interest will be completed by December 31 of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the Participant's death.

(iii) **Death of surviving Spouse before distributions to surviving Spouse are required to begin.** If the Participant dies before the date distributions begin, the Participant's surviving Spouse is the Participant's sole "designated Beneficiary," and the surviving Spouse dies before distributions are required to begin to the surviving Spouse under Section 6.8(b)(2)(i), this Section 6.8(d)(2) will apply as if the surviving Spouse were the Participant.

(c) **Definitions.** For purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Designated Beneficiary" means the individual who is designated as the Beneficiary under the Plan and is the "designated Beneficiary" under Code §401(a)(9) and Regulation §1.401(a)(9)-4.

(2) "Distribution calendar year" means a calendar year for which a minimum distribution is required. For distributions beginning before the Participant's death, the first "distribution calendar year" is the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year which contains the Participant's "required beginning date." For distributions beginning after the Participant's death, the first "distribution calendar year" is the calendar year in which distributions are required to begin under Section 6.8(b). The required minimum distribution for the Participant's first "distribution calendar year" will be made on or before the Participant's "required beginning date." The required minimum distribution for other "distribution calendar years," including the required minimum distribution for the "distribution calendar year" in which the Participant's "required beginning date" occurs, will be made on or before December 31 of that "distribution calendar year."

(3) "Life expectancy" means the life expectancy as computed by use of the Single Life Table in Regulation §1.401(a)(9)-9.

(4) "Participant's account balance" means the Participant's account balance as of the last Valuation Date in the calendar year immediately preceding the "distribution calendar year" (valuation calendar year) increased by the amount of any contributions made and allocated or Forfeitures allocated to the account balance as of the dates in the valuation calendar year after the Valuation Date and decreased by distributions made in the valuation calendar year after the Valuation Date. For this purpose, the Administrator may exclude contributions that are allocated to the account balance as of dates in the valuation calendar year after the Valuation Date, but that are not actually made during the valuation calendar year. The account balance for the valuation calendar year includes any amounts rolled over or transferred to the Plan either in the valuation calendar year or in the "distribution calendar year" if distributed or transferred in the valuation calendar year.

(a) **Reduction for QLACs.** A Participant's account balance is reduced by any QLACs (as defined below). This paragraph applies only to QLACs purchased on or after July 2, 2014.

(b) **Definition of QLAC.** A QLAC is qualifying longevity annuity contract as defined in A-17 of Regulation §1.401(a)(9)-6. Pursuant to such Regulation, a QLAC is an annuity contract that is purchased from an insurance company for a Participant and that, in accordance with the rules of application of paragraph (c) below, satisfies each of the following requirements:

(1) The premiums paid with respect to the contract on a date do not exceed the lesser of the following amounts, determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) of A-17 of Regulation §1.401(a)(9)-6.

(a) An amount equal to the excess of \$125,000 (as adjusted under paragraph (d)(2) of A-17 of Regulation §1.401(a)(9)-6), over the sum of the premiums paid before that date with respect to the contract, and the premiums paid on or before that date with respect to any other contract that is intended to be a QLAC and that is purchased for the Participant under the Plan, or any other plan, annuity, or account described in Code §401(a), 403(a), 403(b), or 408 or eligible governmental plan under §457(b).

(b) An amount equal to the excess of 25% of the Participant's account balance under the Plan (including the value of any QLAC held under the Plan for the Participant) as of that date, over the sum of the premiums paid before that date with respect to the contract, and the premiums paid on

or before that date with respect to any other contract that is intended to be a QLAC and that is held or was purchased for the Participant under the Plan.

- (2) The contract provides that distributions under the contract must commence not later than a specified annuity starting date that is no later than the first day of the month next following the eighty-fifth (85th) anniversary of the Employee's birth;
- (3) The contract provides that, after distributions under the contract commence, those distributions must satisfy the requirements of paragraph (c) of A-17 of Regulation §1.401(a)(9)-6 (other than the requirement that annuity payments commence on or before the required beginning date (RBD));
- (4) The contract does not make available any commutation benefit, cash surrender right, or other similar feature except as otherwise permitted under A-17 of Regulation §1.401(a)(9)-6;
- (5) No benefits are provided under the contract after the death of the employee other than the benefits described in paragraph (c) of A-17 of Regulation §1.401(a)(9)-6;
- (6) Except as otherwise permitted under A-17 of Regulation §1.401(a)(9)-6, when the contract is issued, the contract (or a rider or endorsement with respect to that contract) states that the contract is intended to be a QLAC; and
- (7) The contract is not a variable contract under Code §817, an indexed contract, or a similar contract, except to the extent provided by the Commissioner in revenue rulings, notices, or other guidance published in the Internal Revenue Bulletin.

(c) Rules of application relating to premiums.

(1) Reliance on representations. For purposes of the limitation on premiums described in paragraphs (b)(1) and (2) above, unless the Administrator has actual knowledge to the contrary, the Administrator may rely on an Employee's representation (made in writing or such other form as may be prescribed by the Commissioner) of the amount of the premiums described in such paragraphs, but only with respect to premiums that are not paid under a plan, annuity, or contract that is maintained by the Employer or an entity that is treated as a single employer with the Employer under Code §414(b), (c), (m), or (o).

(2) Consequences of excess premiums. If an annuity contract fails to be a QLAC solely because a premium for the contract exceeds the limits under paragraph (b)(1)(a) above, then the contract is not a QLAC beginning on the date that premium payment is made unless the excess premium is returned to the non-QLAC portion of the Participant's account in accordance with paragraph (d)(1)(ii)(B) of A-17 of Regulation §1.401(a)(9)-6. If the contract fails to be a QLAC, then the value of the contract may not be disregarded under paragraph (a) above as of the date on which the contract ceases to be a QLAC.

If the excess premium is returned (either in cash or in the form of a contract that is not intended to be a QLAC) to the non-QLAC portion of the Participant's account by the end of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the excess premium was originally paid, then the contract will not be treated as exceeding the limits under paragraph (b)(1)(a) above at any time, and the value of the contract will not be included in the employee's account balance under paragraph (a) above. If the excess premium (including the fair market value of an annuity contract that is not intended to be a QLAC, if applicable) is returned to the non-QLAC portion of the Participant's account after the last valuation date for the calendar year in which the excess premium was originally paid, then the Participant's account balance for that calendar year must be increased to reflect that excess premium in the same manner as a Participant's account balance is increased under Regulation §1.401(a)(9)-7, A-2 to reflect a rollover received after the last valuation date.

(3) Application of 25-percent limit. For purposes of the 25% limit under paragraph (b)(1)(b) above, a Participant's account balance on the date on which premiums for a contract are paid is the account balance as of the last valuation date preceding the date of the premium payment, adjusted as follows. The account balance is increased for contributions allocated to the account during the period that begins after the valuation date and ends before the date the premium is paid and decreased for distributions made from the account during that period.

(d) Dollar and age limitations subject to adjustments. In the case of calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, the \$125,000 amount under paragraph (b)(1)(a) will be adjusted at the same time and in the same manner as the limits are adjusted under Code §415(d), except that the base period shall be the calendar quarter beginning July 1, 2013, and any increase under this paragraph that is not a multiple of \$10,000 will be rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$10,000. The maximum age set forth in paragraph (b)(2) may be adjusted to reflect changes in mortality, with any such adjusted age to be prescribed by the Commissioner in revenue rulings, notices, or other guidance published in the Internal Revenue Bulletin and made available by the Superintendent of Documents.

If a contract fails to be a QLAC because it does not satisfy the dollar limitation in paragraph (b)(1)(a) or the age limitation in paragraph (b)(2), any subsequent adjustment that is made pursuant to this paragraph (d) will not cause the contract to become a QLAC.

(5) "Required beginning date" means, except as otherwise elected in Appendix A to the Adoption Agreement (Special Effective Dates and Other Permitted Elections), with respect to any Participant, April 1 of the calendar year following the later of the calendar year in which the Participant attains age 70 1/2 or the calendar year in which the Participant retires.

6.9 DISTRIBUTION FOR MINOR OR INCOMPETENT INDIVIDUAL

If, in the opinion of the Administrator, a Participant or Beneficiary entitled to a distribution is not able to care for his her affairs because of a mental condition, a physical condition, or by reason of age in the case of a minor, Administrator shall direct the distribution to the Participant's or Beneficiary's valid power of attorney, court appointed guardian, or any other person authorized under state law to receive the benefit (including a custodian under a Uniform Transfers or Gifts to Minors Act), upon furnishing evidence of such status satisfactory to the Administrator. The Administrator and the Trustee (or Insurer) do not have any liability with respect to payments so made and neither the Administrator nor the Trustee (or Insurer) has any duty to make inquiry as to the competence of any person entitled to receive payments under the Plan.

6.10 LOCATION OF PARTICIPANT OR BENEFICIARY UNKNOWN

In the event that all, or any portion, of the distribution payable to a Participant or Beneficiary hereunder shall, at the later of the Participant's attainment of age 62 or Normal Retirement Age, remain unpaid solely by reason of the inability of the Administrator to ascertain the whereabouts of such Participant or Beneficiary, the amount so distributable may, in the sole discretion of the Administrator, either be treated as a Forfeiture or be paid directly to an individual retirement account described in Code §408(a) or an individual retirement annuity described in Code §408(b). Before treating any Participant as being missing, the Administrator must conduct a reasonable and diligent search for the Participant, using one or more of search methods the Plan Administrator determines are appropriate under the circumstances, such as the methods suggested by DOL Field Assistance Bulletin 2014-01. Such search methods include:

- (1) provide a distribution notice to the lost Participant at the Participant's last known address by certified or registered mail;
- (2) check with the administrator of other employee benefit plans of the Employer that may have more up-to-date information regarding the Participant's whereabouts;
- (3) identify and contact the Participant's Designated Beneficiary;
- (4) use one or more free internet search tools;
- (5) attempt contact via email or telephone, or
- (6) use proprietary internet search tools, commercial locator services, credit reporting agencies, information brokers, or other search methods. Regarding search methods (2) and (3) above, if the Plan Administrator encounters privacy concerns, the Plan Administrator may request that the Employer or other plan fiduciary (under (2)), or the Designated Beneficiary (under (3)), contact the Participant or forward a letter requesting that the Participant contact the Plan Administrator.

In addition, if the Plan provides for mandatory distributions and the amount to be distributed to a Participant or Beneficiary does not exceed \$1,000, then the amount distributable may, in the sole discretion of the Administrator, either be treated as a Forfeiture, be paid directly to an individual retirement account described in Code §408(a) or an individual retirement annuity described in Code §408(b) or use the PBGC Missing Participant Program, or any successor program, at the time it is determined that the whereabouts of the Participant or the Participant's Beneficiary cannot be ascertained. In the event a Participant or Beneficiary is located subsequent to the Forfeiture and prior to the time the Plan has been terminated, such benefit shall be restored, first from Forfeitures, if any, and then from an additional Employer contribution if necessary. Upon Plan termination, the portion of the distributable amount that is an "eligible rollover distribution" as defined in Section 6.14(b)(1) may be paid directly to an individual retirement account described in Code §408(a) or an individual retirement annuity described in Code §408(b). However, regardless of the preceding, a benefit that is lost by reason of escheat under applicable state law is not treated as a Forfeiture for purposes of this Section nor as an impermissible forfeiture under the Code.

6.11 IN-SERVICE DISTRIBUTION

If elected in the Adoption Agreement, at such time as the conditions set forth in the Adoption Agreement have been satisfied, then the Administrator, at the election of a Participant who has not severed employment with the Employer, shall direct the distribution of up to the entire Vested amount then credited to the Accounts as elected in the Adoption Agreement maintained on behalf of such Participant. For purposes of this Section, a Participant shall include an Employee who has an Account balance in the Plan. In the event that the Administrator makes such a distribution, the Participant shall continue to be eligible to participate in the Plan on the same basis as any other Employee. Any distribution made pursuant to this Section shall be made in a manner consistent with Section 6.5. Furthermore, if an in-service distribution is permitted from more than one account type, the Administrator may determine any ordering of a Participant's in-service distribution from such accounts. The Administrator may adopt a policy imposing frequency limitations or other reasonable administrative conditions on in-service distributions made pursuant to this Section.

6.12 DISTRIBUTION FOR HARDSHIP

(a) **Hardship events.** If elected in the Adoption Agreement, the Administrator, at the election of the Participant, shall direct the distribution to any Participant in any one Plan Year to an amount necessary to satisfy the Participant's immediate and heavy financial need, determined in accordance with the remaining provisions of this Section. A hardship distribution may only be made on account of an immediate and heavy financial need of the Participant and where the distribution is necessary to satisfy the immediate and heavy financial need. Such distributions may also be made from those Accounts from which such distribution are authorized by the remaining provisions of this Section. For purposes of this Section, a Participant shall include an Employee who has an Account balance in the Plan. Any distribution made pursuant to this Section shall be deemed to be made as of the first day of the Plan Year or, if later, the Valuation Date immediately preceding the date of distribution, and the Account from which the distribution is made shall be reduced accordingly. Withdrawal under this Section shall be authorized only if the distribution is for an immediate and heavy financial need. The Administrator will determine whether there is an immediate and heavy financial need based on the facts and circumstances. An immediate and heavy financial need includes, but is not limited to, a distribution for one of the following:

- (1) Expenses for (or necessary to obtain) medical care (as defined in Code §213(d));
- (2) Costs directly related to the purchase (excluding mortgage payments) of a principal residence for the Participant;
- (3) Payments for burial or funeral expenses for the Participant's deceased parent, Spouse, children or dependents (as defined in Code §152, and without regard to Code §152(d)(1)(B));
- (4) Payment of tuition, related educational fees, and room and board expenses, for up to the next twelve (12) months of post-secondary education for the Participant, the Participant's Spouse, children, or dependents (as defined in Code §152, and without regard to Code §§152(b)(1), (b)(2), and (d)(1)(B));
- (5) Payments necessary to prevent the eviction of the Participant from the Participant's principal residence or foreclosure on the mortgage on that residence; or
- (6) Expenses for the repair of damage to the Participant's principal residence that would qualify for the casualty deduction under Code §165 (determined without regard to whether the loss exceeds 10% of adjusted gross income).

(b) **Beneficiary-based distribution.** If elected in the Adoption Agreement, then effective as of the date specified in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant's hardship event includes an immediate and heavy financial need of the Participant's "primary Beneficiary under the Plan," that would constitute a hardship event if it occurred with respect to the Participant's Spouse or dependent as defined under Code §152 (such hardship events being limited to educational expenses, funeral expenses and certain medical expenses). For purposes of this Section, a Participant's "primary Beneficiary under the Plan" is an individual who is named as a Beneficiary under the Plan (by the Participant or pursuant to Section 6.2(d)) and has an unconditional right to all or a portion of the Participant's Account balance under the Plan upon the Participant's death.

(c) **Other limits and conditions.** If elected in the Adoption Agreement, no distribution shall be made pursuant to this Section from the Participant's Account until such Account has become fully Vested. Furthermore, if a hardship distribution is permitted from more than one Account, the Administrator may determine any ordering of a Participant's hardship distribution from such Accounts.

(d) **Distribution rules apply.** Any distribution made pursuant to this Section shall be made in a manner which is consistent with and satisfies the provisions of Section 6.5.

6.13 QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDER DISTRIBUTION

All benefits provided to a Participant in this Plan shall be subject to the rights afforded to any Alternate Payee under a "qualified domestic relations order." Furthermore, unless otherwise elected in Appendix A to the Adoption Agreement (Special Effective Dates and Other Permitted Elections) a distribution to an Alternate Payee shall be permitted if such distribution is authorized by a "qualified domestic relations order," even if the affected Participant has not reached the "earliest retirement age." For the purposes of this Section, "qualified domestic relations order" and "earliest retirement age" shall have the meanings set forth under Code §414(p). For purposes of this Section, however, a distribution that is made pursuant to a domestic relations order which meets the requirements of Code §414(p)(1)(A)(i) will be treated as being made pursuant to a "qualified domestic relations order."

A domestic relations order that otherwise satisfies the requirements for a "qualified domestic relations order" will not fail to be a "qualified domestic relations order": (i) solely because the order is issued after, or revises, another domestic relations order or "qualified domestic relations order"; or (ii) solely because of the time at which the order is issued, including issuance after the Annuity Starting Date or after the Participant's death.

6.14 DIRECT ROLLOVERS

(a) **Right to direct rollover.** Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary that would otherwise limit a "distributee's" election under this Section, a "distributee" may elect, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the Administrator, to have an "eligible rollover distribution" paid directly to an "eligible retirement plan" specified by the "distributee" in a "direct rollover." However, if less than the entire amount of the "eligible rollover distribution" is being paid directly to an "eligible retirement plan," then the Administrator may require that the amount paid directly to such plan be at least \$500.

(b) **Definitions.** For purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) **Eligible rollover distribution.** An "eligible rollover distribution" means any distribution described in Code §402(c)(4) and generally includes any distribution of all or any portion of the balance to the credit of the "distributee," except that an "eligible rollover distribution" does not include: (a) any distribution that is one of a series of substantially equal periodic payments (not less frequently than annually) made for the life (or life expectancy) of the "distributee" or the joint lives (or joint life expectancies) of the "distributee" and the "distributee's" "designated Beneficiary," or for a specified period of ten (10) years or more; (b) any distribution to the extent such distribution is required under Code §401(a)(9); (c) any hardship distribution; (d) the portion of any other distribution(s) that is not includible in gross income (determined without regard to the exclusion for net unrealized appreciation with respect to employer securities); (e) any loans that are treated as deemed distributions under Code §72(p) which are not also an offset distribution; (f) the costs of life insurance coverage (P.S. 58 costs); (g) any other distributions described in Regulation §1.402(c)-2; and any other distribution reasonably expected to total less than \$200 during a year.

Notwithstanding the above, a portion of a distribution shall not fail to be an "eligible rollover distribution" merely because the portion consists of after-tax voluntary Employee contributions which are not includible in gross income. However, such portion may be transferred only to:

- (i) a traditional individual retirement account or annuity described in Code §408(a) or (b) (a "traditional IRA")
- (ii) for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006, a Roth individual account or annuity described in Code §408A (a "Roth IRA"), or
- (iii) a qualified defined contribution plan or an annuity contract described in Code §401(a) or Code §403(b), respectively, that agrees to separately account for amounts so transferred (and earnings thereon), including separately accounting for the portion of such distribution which is includible in gross income and the portion of such distribution which is not so includible.

(2) **Eligible retirement plan.** An "eligible retirement plan" is a "traditional IRA," a "Roth IRA," a qualified trust (an employees' trust) described in Code §401(a) which is exempt from tax under Code §501(a), an annuity plan described in Code §403(a), an eligible plan under Code §457(b) which is maintained by a state, political subdivision of a state, or any agency or instrumentality of a state or political subdivision and which agrees to separately account for amounts transferred into such plan from this Plan, and an annuity contract described in Code §403(b), and for distributions made after December 18, 2015, a SIMPLE IRA to the extent permitted under Code §408(p)(1)(B), that accepts the "distributee's" "eligible rollover distribution." The definition of "eligible retirement plan" shall also apply in the case of a distribution to a surviving Spouse, or to a Spouse or former Spouse who is an Alternate Payee. If any portion of an "eligible rollover distribution" is attributable to payments or distributions from a designated Roth account, an "eligible retirement plan" with respect to such portion shall include only another designated Roth account of the individual from whose account the payments or distributions were made, or a Roth IRA of such individual. In the case of a "distributee" who is a non-Spouse designated Beneficiary, (i) the "direct rollover" may be made only to a traditional or Roth individual retirement account or an annuity described in Code §408(b) ("IRA") that is established on behalf of the designated non-Spouse Beneficiary and that will be treated as an inherited IRA pursuant to the provisions of Code §402(c)(11), and (ii) the determination of any required minimum distribution required under Code §401(a)(9) that is ineligible for rollover shall be made in accordance with IRS Notice 2007-7, Q&A 17 and 18.

(3) **Distributee.** A "distributee" includes an Employee or Former Employee. In addition, the Employee's or Former Employee's surviving Spouse and the Employee's or Former Employee's Spouse or former Spouse who is the Alternate Payee, are "distributees" with regard to the interest of the Spouse or former Spouse.

(4) **Direct rollover.** A "direct rollover" is a payment by the Plan to the "eligible retirement plan" specified by the "distributee."

(c) **Participant notice.** A Participant entitled to an "eligible rollover distribution" must receive a written explanation of the right to a "direct rollover," the tax consequences of not making a "direct rollover," and, if applicable, any available special income tax elections. The notice must be provided no less than thirty (30) days and no more than one-hundred eighty (180) days before the Annuity Starting Date. The "direct rollover" notice must be provided to all Participants, unless the total amount the Participant will receive as a distribution during the calendar year is expected to be less than \$200.

(d) **Non-Spouse Beneficiary rollover right.** A non-Spouse Beneficiary who is a "designated Beneficiary" under Code §401(a)(9)(E) and the Regulations thereunder, by a direct trustee-to-trustee transfer ("direct rollover"), may roll over all or any portion an "eligible rollover distribution" to an IRA the Beneficiary establishes for purposes of receiving the distribution. If the Participant's named Beneficiary is a trust, the Plan may make a direct rollover to an IRA on behalf of the trust, provided the trust satisfies the requirements to be a "designated Beneficiary."

6.15 RESTRICTIONS ON DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS TRANSFERRED FROM A MONEY PURCHASE PLAN

Notwithstanding any provision of this Plan to the contrary, to the extent that any optional form of benefit under this Plan permits a distribution prior to the Employee's retirement, death, Total and Permanent Disability, or severance from employment, and prior to Plan termination, the optional form of benefit is not available with respect to benefits attributable to assets (including the post-transfer earnings thereon) and liabilities that are transferred, within the meaning of Code §414(l), to this Plan from a money purchase pension plan qualified under Code §401(a) (other than any portion of those assets and liabilities attributable to after-tax voluntary Employee contributions or to a direct or indirect rollover contribution). A Participant may not obtain an in-service distribution with respect to such transferred amounts prior to the earlier of the Participant's Normal Retirement Age or attainment of age 62.

6.16 CORRECTIVE DISTRIBUTIONS

Nothing in this Article shall preclude the Administrator from making a distribution to a Participant, to the extent such distribution is made to correct a qualification defect in accordance with the corrective procedures under the IRS' Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System or any other voluntary compliance programs established by the IRS.

6.17 SERVICE CREDIT PURCHASES

The Administrator, upon Participant request, may direct the transfer of all or a portion of the Participant's Account to a governmental defined benefit plan (as defined in Code §414(d)) in which he or she participates for the purchase of permissive service credit (as defined in Code §415(n)(3)(A)).

6.18 UNCASHED CHECKS

Subject to the provisions of Section 6.10, the Plan Administrator operationally may dispose of an uncashed distribution from the Plan to a lost Participant at the time and in the manner described in this Section). Prior to doing so, the Plan Administrator must make reasonable and diligent efforts to contact the lost Participant, including using such search methods the Plan Administrator determines are appropriate under the circumstances. At the discretion of the Administrator, Plan distributions that remain uncashed, and which the Administrator chooses not to reinvest in the Plan may be: (1) voluntarily remitted to a State unclaimed property department, but no sooner than the appropriate state dormancy period has expired; or (2) deposited for the benefit of the lost Participant either to a: (a) bank account, or (b) individual retirement account if the original distribution was an eligible rollover distribution.

For purposes of this Section 6.18, a distribution is "uncashed" if it remains uncashed by the "cash-by" date on the check or in an accompanying notice, e.g., a date prescribed by the bank or the Plan. This "cash-by" date must be at least forty-five (45) days after the check is issued. If there is no prescribed "cash-by" date, then the amount is considered uncashed if it is not cashed by the check's stale date.

6.19 HEALTH INSURANCE PAYMENTS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS

An "eligible retired public safety officer" may elect annually for that taxable year to have the Plan deduct an amount from a distribution which the "eligible retired public safety officer" otherwise would receive and include in income. The Plan will pay such deducted amounts directly to pay "qualified health insurance premiums" as defined in Code §402(l). Any election made under this Plan must conform to the requirements of Code §402(l). A "qualified retired public safety officer" is a public safety officer (as defined in §1204(9)(A) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C 3796b(9)(A)) who, by reason of disability or attainment of Normal Retirement Age, is separated from service as a public safety officer with the Employer. "Qualified health insurance premiums" means the premiums for coverage for the "eligible retired public safety officer," his or her Spouse, and dependents (as defined in Code §152), by an accident or health plan or qualified long-term care insurance contract (as defined in Code §7702B(b)).

ARTICLE VII TRUSTEE AND CUSTODIAN

7.1 CONFLICT WITH PLAN

In the event of any conflicts between the provisions of this Plan and the Trust agreement, the provisions of this Plan control.

7.2 POWERS AND DUTIES OF CUSTODIAN

Subject to the terms of the Trust agreement, the Employer may appoint a Custodian of the Plan assets. The duties of the Custodian are those set forth in the agreement with the Custodian. Any reference in the Plan to a Trustee also is a reference to a Custodian unless the Employer has appointed a Custodian separate from the Trustee or the context of the Plan indicates otherwise.

7.3 LIFE INSURANCE

(a) **Permitted insurance.** To the extent not prohibited under the terms of the Trust agreement, the Trustee (or Insurer), in accordance with operational procedures of the Administrator, shall ratably apply for, own, and pay all premiums on Contracts on the lives of the Participants or, in the case of a 401(a) Plan, on the life of a member of the Participant's family or on the joint lives of a Participant and a member of the Participant's family. Furthermore, if a Contract is purchased on the joint lives of the Participant and another person and such other person predeceases the Participant, then the Contract may not be maintained under this Plan. Any initial or additional Contract purchased on behalf of a Participant shall have a face amount of not less than \$1,000, an amount set forth in the Administrator's procedures, or the limitation of the Insurer, whichever is greater. If a life insurance Contract is to be purchased for a Participant, then the aggregate premium for ordinary life insurance for each Participant must be less than 50% of the aggregate contributions and Forfeitures allocated to the Participant's Combined Account. For purposes of this limitation, ordinary life insurance Contracts are Contracts with both non-decreasing death benefits and non-increasing premiums. If term insurance or universal life insurance is purchased, then the aggregate premium must be 25% or less of the aggregate contributions and Forfeitures allocated to the Participant's Combined Account. If both term insurance and ordinary life insurance are purchased, then the premium for term insurance plus one-half of the premium for ordinary life insurance may not in the aggregate exceed 25% of the aggregate Employer contributions and Forfeitures allocated to the Participant's Combined Account. Notwithstanding the preceding, the limitations imposed herein with respect to the purchase of life insurance shall not apply, in the case of a 401(a) Plan, to the portion of the Participant's Account that has accumulated for at least two (2) Plan Years or to the entire Participant's Account if the Participant has been a Participant in the Plan for at least five (5) years. In addition, amounts transferred to this Plan in accordance with Section 4.6(f)(1)(ii) or (iii) and a Participant's Voluntary Contribution Account may be used to purchase Contracts without limitation. Thus, amounts that are not subject to the limitations contained herein may be used to purchase life insurance on any person in whom a Participant has an insurable interest or on the joint lives of a Participant and any person in whom the Participant has an insurable interest, and without regard to the amount of premiums paid to purchase any life insurance hereunder.

(b) **Contract conversion at retirement.** The Administrator must direct the Trustee (or Insurer) to distribute any Contracts to the Participant or convert the entire value of the Contracts at or before retirement into cash or provide for a periodic income so that no portion of such value may be used to continue life insurance protection beyond the Participant's actual retirement date.

(c) **Limitations on purchase.** No life insurance Contracts shall be required to be obtained on an individual's life if, for any reason (other than the nonpayment of premiums) the Insurer will not issue a Contract on such individual's life.

(d) **Proceeds payable to plan.** The Trustee (or Insurer) must be the owner of any life insurance Contract purchased under the terms of this Plan. The Contract must provide that the proceeds will be payable to the Trustee (or Insurer); however, the Trustee (or Insurer) shall be required to pay over all proceeds of the Contract to the Participant's "designated Beneficiary" in accordance with the distribution provisions of Article VI as directed by the Administrator. A Participant's Spouse will be the "designated Beneficiary" pursuant to Section 6.2, unless a qualified election has been made in accordance with Sections 6.5 and 6.6 of the Plan, if applicable. Under no circumstances shall the Trust retain any part of the proceeds that are in excess of the cash surrender value immediately prior to death. However, the Trustee (or Insurer) shall not pay the proceeds in a method that would violate the requirements of the Retirement Equity Act of 1984, as stated in Article VI of the Plan, or Code §401(a)(9) and the Regulations thereunder. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Plan and the terms of any insurance Contract purchased hereunder, the Plan provisions shall control.

(e) **No responsibility for act of Insurer.** The Employer, the Administrator and the Trustee shall not be responsible for the validity of the provisions under a Contract issued hereunder or for the failure or refusal by the Insurer to provide benefits under such Contract. The Employer, Administrator and the Trustee are also not responsible for any action or failure to act by the Insurer or any other person which results in the delay of a payment under the Contract or which renders the Contract invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part.

7.4 LOANS TO PARTICIPANTS

(a) **Permitted Loans.** To the extent not prohibited under the terms of the Trust agreement, the Administrator may, in the Administrator's sole discretion, make loans to Participants. If loans are permitted, then the following shall apply: (1) loans shall be made available to all Participants on a reasonably equivalent basis; (2) loans shall bear a reasonable rate of interest; (3) loans shall be adequately secured; and (4) loans shall provide for periodic repayment over a reasonable period of time. Furthermore, no Participant loan shall exceed the Participant's Vested interest in the Plan. For purposes of this Section, the term Participant shall include any Eligible Employee who is not yet a Participant, if, pursuant to the Adoption Agreement, "rollovers" are permitted to be accepted from Eligible Employees.

(b) **Loan program.** The Administrator shall be authorized to establish a Participant loan program to provide for loans under the Plan. In order for the Administrator to implement such loan program, a separate written document forming a part of this Plan must be adopted, which document shall specifically include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- (1) the identity of the person or positions authorized to administer the Participant loan program;
- (2) a procedure for applying for loans;
- (3) the basis on which loans will be approved or denied;
- (4) limitations, if any, on the types and amounts of loans offered;
- (5) the procedure under the program for determining a reasonable rate of interest;
- (6) the types of collateral which may secure a Participant loan; and
- (7) the events constituting default and the steps that will be taken to preserve Plan assets in the event such default.

(c) **Loan default.** Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, if a Participant or Beneficiary defaults on a loan made pursuant to this Section that is secured by the Participant's interest in the Plan, then a Participant's interest may be offset by the amount subject to the security to the extent there is a distributable event permitted by the Code or Regulations. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan's loan policy to the contrary, if a loan is accelerated due to a Participant's termination of employment, then the Plan may direct that the loan note be transferred or directly rolled over to another plan that will accept the transfer or rollover of the note.

(d) **Loans subject to Plan terms.** Notwithstanding anything in this Section to the contrary, if this is an amendment and restatement of an existing Plan, any loans made prior to the date this amendment and restatement is adopted shall be subject to the terms of the Plan in effect at the time such loan was made.

7.5 PLAN TO PLAN TRANSFERS

Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this Plan and to the extent not prohibited under the terms of the Trust agreement, the Administrator may direct the Trustee to transfer the interest, if any, of a Participant to another trust forming part of a pension, profit sharing, or stock bonus plan that meets the requirements of Code §401(a), provided that the trust to which such transfers are made permits the transfer to be made and further provided that the terms of the transferee plan properly allocates the funds in each account to a transferee account that preserves all the required features and restrictions applicable to such account under this Plan. However, the transfer of amounts from this Plan to a nonqualified foreign trust is treated as a distribution and the transfer of assets and liabilities from this Plan to a plan that satisfies Section 1165 of the Puerto Rico Code is also treated as distribution from the transferor plan.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENT, TERMINATION AND MERGERS

8.1 AMENDMENT

(a) **General rule on Employer amendment.** The Employer shall have the right at any time to amend this Plan subject to the limitations of this Section. However, any amendment that affects the rights, duties or responsibilities of the Trustee (or Insurer) or Administrator may only be made with the Trustee's (or Insurer's) or Administrator's written consent. Any such amendment shall become effective as provided therein upon its execution. The Trustee (or Insurer) shall not be required to execute any such amendment unless the amendment affects the duties of the Trustee (or Insurer) hereunder.

(b) **Permissible amendments.** The Employer amend the Plan to accomplish any of the following items without affecting reliance on the opinion letter: (1) change the choice of options in the Adoption Agreement or Appendix A to the Adoption Agreement (Special Effective Dates and Other Permitted Elections), (2) add certain sample or model amendments published by the Internal Revenue Service or other required good-faith amendments where the IRS has provided that their adoption will not cause the Plan to be treated as an individually designed plan, (3) add a list of any protected benefits" which must be preserved, (4) adjust the limitations under Code §§415, 402(g), 401(a)(17) and 414(q)(1)(B) to reflect annual cost-of-living increases, and (5) change the pre-approved plan Provider's name. "Provider" pursuant to this Section 8 means the entity that contracts with the mass submitter to provide the Basic Plan Document and Adoption Agreement for use by the Employer or, in the alternative, the mass submitter that provides such documents directly to its clients. An Employer that amends the Plan for any other reason, including a waiver of the minimum funding requirement under Code §412(c), will no longer participate in this pre-approved plan and this Plan will be considered to be an individually designed plan for purposes of reliance. A Plan amendment does not include an amendment or substitution of the Trust.

(c) **Provider amendments.** The Employer (and every Participating Employer) expressly delegates authority to the Provider, the right to amend the Plan by submitting a copy of the amendment to each Employer (and Participating Employer) who has adopted

this pre-approved plan, after first having received a ruling or favorable determination from the Internal Revenue Service that the pre-approved Plan as amended qualifies under Code §401(a) (unless a ruling or determination is not required by the IRS). The Provider will amend the Plan Documents from time to time in accordance with this Section 8.1(c). For purposes of this Section, the mass submitter shall be recognized as the agent of the Provider. If the Provider does not adopt any amendment made by the mass submitter, it will no longer be identical to, or a minor modifier of, the mass submitter plan.

(d) **Impermissible amendments.** No amendment to the Plan shall be effective if it authorizes or permits any part of the Trust Fund (other than such part as is required to pay taxes 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 Trust Fund to revert to or become property of the Employer.

8.2 TERMINATION

(a) **Termination of Plan.** The Employer shall have the right at any time to terminate the Plan by delivering to the Trustee (or Insurer) and Administrator written notice of such termination. The Employer has no obligation or liability whatsoever to maintain the Plan for any specific length of time and may terminate the Plan or discontinue contributions under the Plan at any time without liability hereunder for any such discontinuance. Upon any full or partial termination or upon the complete discontinuance of the Employer's Contributions to the Plan (in the case of a Profit Sharing Plan), all amounts credited to the affected Participants' Combined Accounts shall become 100% Vested and shall not thereafter be subject to Forfeiture.

(b) **Distribution of assets.** Upon the full termination of the Plan, the Employer shall direct the distribution of the assets to Participants in a manner that is consistent with and satisfies the provisions of Section 6.5. Distributions to a Participant shall be made in cash (or in property if permitted in the Adoption Agreement) or through the purchase of irrevocable nontransferable deferred commitments from the Insurer.

8.3 MERGER, CONSOLIDATION OR TRANSFER OF ASSETS

This Plan may be merged or consolidated with, or its assets and/or liabilities may be transferred to any other plan provided the benefits which would be received by a Participant of this Plan, in the event of a termination of the plan immediately after such transfer, merger or consolidation, are at least equal to the benefits the Participant would have received if the Plan had terminated immediately before the transfer, merger or consolidation.

ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS

9.1 EMPLOYER ADOPTIONS

(a) **Method of adoption.** Any organization may become the Employer hereunder by executing the Adoption Agreement.

(b) **Separate affiliation.** Except as otherwise provided in this Plan, the affiliation of the Employer and the participation of its Participants shall be separate and apart from that of any other employer and its participants hereunder.

9.2 PARTICIPANT'S 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 or Employee. Nothing contained in this Plan shall be deemed to give any Participant or Employee the right to be retained in the service of the Employer or to interfere with the right of the Employer to discharge any Participant or Employee at any time regardless of the effect which such discharge shall have upon the Employee as a Participant of this Plan.

9.3 ALIENATION

(a) **General rule.** Subject to the exceptions provided below and as otherwise permitted by the Code, no benefit which shall be payable to any person (including a Participant or the Participant's 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 it 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.

(b) **Exception for loans.** Subsection (a) shall not apply to the extent a Participant or Beneficiary is indebted to the Plan by reason of a loan made pursuant to Section 7.4. At the time a distribution is to be made to or for a Participant's or Beneficiary's benefit, such portion of the amount to be distributed as shall equal such indebtedness shall be paid to the Plan, to apply against or discharge such indebtedness. Prior to making a payment, however, the Participant or Beneficiary must be given notice by the Administrator that such indebtedness is to be so paid in whole or part from the Participant's interest in the Plan. If the Participant or Beneficiary does not agree that the indebtedness is a valid claim against the Participant's interest in the Plan, the Participant or Beneficiary shall be entitled to a review of the validity of the claim in accordance with procedures provided in Section 2.10.

(c) **Exception for QDRO.** Subsection (a) shall not apply to a "qualified domestic relations order" defined in Code §414(p), and those other domestic relations orders permitted to be so treated by the Administrator under the provisions of the Retirement Equity Act of 1984.

9.4 PLAN COMMUNICATIONS, INTERPRETATION AND CONSTRUCTION

(a) **Applicable law.** This Plan shall be construed and enforced according to the Code, and the laws of the state or commonwealth in which the Employer's principal office is located (unless otherwise designated in Appendix A to the Adoption Agreement (Special Effective Dates and Other Permitted Elections), other than its laws respecting choice of law, to the extent not pre-empted by federal law.

(b) **Administrator's discretion.** The Administrator has total and complete discretion to interpret and construe the Plan and to determine all questions arising in the administration, interpretation and application of the Plan. Any determination the Administrator makes under the Plan is final and binding upon any affected person. The Administrator must exercise all of its Plan powers and discretion, and perform all of its duties, in a uniform manner.

(c) **Communications.** All Participant or Beneficiary notices, designations, elections, consents or waivers must be made in a form the Administrator (or, as applicable, the Trustee or Insurer) specifies or otherwise approves. Any person entitled to notice under the Plan may waive the notice or shorten the notice period unless such actions are contrary to applicable law.

(d) **Evidence.** Anyone, including the Employer, required to give data, statements or other information relevant under the terms of the Plan ("evidence") may do so by certificate, affidavit, document or other form which the person to act in reliance may consider pertinent, reliable and genuine, and to have been signed, made or presented by the proper party or parties. The Administrator, Trustee and Insurer are protected fully in acting and relying upon any evidence described under the immediately preceding sentence.

(e) **Plan terms binding.** The Plan is binding upon all parties, including but not limited to, the Employer, Trustee, Insurer, Administrator, Participants and Beneficiaries.

(f) **Parties to litigation.** Except as otherwise provided by applicable law, a Participant or a Beneficiary is not a necessary party or required to receive notice of process in any court proceeding involving the Plan, the Trust or any fiduciary. Any final judgment (not subject to further appeal) entered in any such proceeding will be binding upon all parties, including the Employer, the Administrator, Trustee, Insurer, Participants and Beneficiaries.

(g) **Fiduciaries not insurers.** The Trustee, Administrator and the Employer in no way guarantee the Plan assets from loss or depreciation. The Employer does not guarantee the payment of any money which may be or becomes due to any person from the Plan. The liability of the Employer, the Administrator and the Trustee to make any distribution from the Trust at any time and all times is limited to the then available assets of the Trust.

(h) **Construction/severability.** The Plan, the Adoption Agreement, the Trust and all other documents to which they refer, will be interpreted consistent with and to preserve tax qualification of the Plan under Code §401(a) and tax exemption of the Trust under Code §501(a) and also consistent with other applicable law. To the extent permissible under applicable law, any provision which a court (or other entity with binding authority to interpret the Plan) determines to be inconsistent with such construction and interpretation, is deemed severed and is of no force or effect, and the remaining Plan terms will remain in full force and effect.

(i) **Uniformity.** All provisions of this Plan shall be interpreted and applied in a uniform manner.

(j) **Headings.** The headings and subheadings of this Plan have been inserted for convenience of reference and are to be ignored in any construction of the provisions hereof.

9.5 GENDER, NUMBER AND TENSE

Wherever any words are used herein in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, they shall be construed as though they were also used in another gender in all cases where they would so apply; whenever any words are used herein in the singular or plural form, they shall be construed as though they were also used in the other form in all cases where they would so apply; and whenever any words are used herein in the past or present tense, they shall be construed as though they were also used in the other form in all cases where they would so apply.

9.6 LEGAL ACTION

In the event any claim, suit, or proceeding is brought regarding the Trust and/or Plan established hereunder to which the Trustee (or Insurer), the Employer or the Administrator may be a party, and such claim, suit, or proceeding is resolved in favor of the Trustee (or Insurer), the Employer or the Administrator, they shall be entitled to be reimbursed from the Trust Fund for any and all costs, attorney's fees, and other expenses pertaining thereto incurred by them for which they shall have become liable.

9.7 PROHIBITION AGAINST DIVERSION OF FUNDS

(a) **General rule.** Except as provided below and otherwise specifically permitted by law, it shall be impossible by operation of the Plan or of the Trust, by termination of either, by power of revocation or amendment, by the happening of any contingency, by collateral arrangement or by any other means, for any part of the corpus or income of any Trust Fund maintained pursuant to the Plan or any funds contributed thereto to be used for, or diverted to, purposes other than the exclusive benefit of Participants or their Beneficiaries.

(b) **Mistake of fact.** In the event the Employer shall make a contribution under a mistake of fact, the Employer may demand repayment of such contribution at any time within one (1) year following the time of payment and the Trustee (or Insurer) shall return such amount to the Employer within the one (1) year period. Earnings of the Plan attributable to the contributions may not be returned to the Employer but any losses attributable thereto must reduce the amount so returned.

9.8 EMPLOYER'S AND TRUSTEE'S PROTECTIVE CLAUSE

The Employer, Administrator and Trustee, and their successors, shall not be responsible for the validity of any Contract issued hereunder or for the failure on the part of the Insurer to make payments provided by any such Contract, or for the action of any person which may delay payment or render a Contract null and void or unenforceable in whole or in part.

9.9 INSURER'S PROTECTIVE CLAUSE

Except as otherwise agreed upon in writing between the Employer and the Insurer, an Insurer which issues any Contracts hereunder shall not have any responsibility for the validity of this Plan or for the tax or legal aspects of this Plan. The Insurer shall be protected and held harmless in acting in accordance with any written direction of the Administrator or Trustee and shall have no duty to see to the application of any funds paid to the Trustee, nor be required to question any actions directed by the Administrator or Trustee. Regardless of any provision of this Plan, the Insurer shall not be required to take or permit any action or allow any benefit or privilege contrary to the terms of any Contract which it issues hereunder, or the rules of the Insurer.

9.10 RECEIPT AND RELEASE FOR PAYMENTS

Any payment to any Participant, the Participant's legal representative, Beneficiary, or to any guardian or committee appointed for such Participant or Beneficiary in accordance with the provisions of this Plan, including those referenced in Section 6.9, shall, to the extent thereof, be in full satisfaction of all claims hereunder against the Trustee (or Insurer) and the Employer.

9.11 ACTION BY THE EMPLOYER

Whenever the Employer under the terms of the Plan is permitted or required to do or perform any act or matter or thing, it shall be done and performed by a person duly authorized by its legally constituted authority.

9.12 APPROVAL BY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if, pursuant to an application for qualification is made by the time prescribed by law or such later date as the Secretary of Treasury may prescribe, the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service or the Commissioner's delegate should determine that the Plan does not initially qualify as a tax-exempt plan under Code §§401 and 501, and such determination is not contested, or if contested, is finally upheld, then if the Plan is a new plan, it shall be void ab initio and all amounts contributed to the Plan, by the Employer, less expenses paid, shall be returned within one (1) year and the Plan shall terminate, and the Trustee (or Insurer) shall be discharged from all further obligations. If the disqualification relates to a Plan amendment, then the Plan shall operate as if it had not been amended. If the Employer's Plan fails to attain or retain qualification, such Plan will no longer participate in this pre-approved plan and will be considered an individually designed plan.

9.13 PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, benefits under this Plan shall be paid, subject to Sections 6.11 and 6.12, only upon death, Total and Permanent Disability, normal or early retirement, severance of employment, or termination of the Plan.

9.14 ELECTRONIC MEDIA

The Administrator may use any electronic medium to give or receive any Plan notice, communicate any Plan policy, conduct any written Plan communication, satisfy any Plan filing or other compliance requirement and conduct any other Plan transaction to the extent permissible under applicable law. A Participant or a Participant's Spouse, to the extent authorized by the Administrator, may use any electronic medium to make or provide any Beneficiary designation, election, notice, consent or waiver under the Plan, to the extent permissible under applicable law. Any reference in this Plan to a "form," a "notice," an "election," a "consent," a "waiver," a "designation," a "policy" or to any other Plan-related communication includes an electronic version thereof as permitted under applicable law.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Participant or Beneficiary notices and consent that are required pursuant to the Code must satisfy Regulation §1.401(a)-21.

9.15 PLAN CORRECTION

The Administrator in conjunction with the Employer may undertake such correction of Plan errors as the Administrator deems necessary, including correction to preserve tax qualification of the Plan under Code §401(a) or to correct a fiduciary breach under state or local law. Without limiting the Administrator's authority under the prior sentence, the Administrator, as it determines to be reasonable and appropriate, may undertake correction of Plan document, operational, demographic and Employer eligibility failures under a method described in the Plan or under the IRS Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System ("EPCRS") or any successor program to EPCRS. Furthermore, the Employer may make corrective contributions pursuant to this Section regardless of whether the Plan otherwise permits such contribution source. In addition, the Plan is authorized to recover benefits from Participants or Beneficiaries that have been improperly distributed.

9.16 NONTRUSTEED PLANS

If the Plan is funded solely with Contracts, then notwithstanding Sections 9.7 and 9.12, no Contract will be purchased under the Plan unless such Contract or a separate definite written agreement between the Employer and the Insurer provides that no value under Contracts providing benefits under the Plan or credits determined by the Insurer (on account of dividends, earnings, or other experience rating credits, or surrender or cancellation credits) with respect to such Contracts may be paid or returned to the Employer or diverted to or used for other than the exclusive benefit of the Participants or their Beneficiaries. However, any contribution made by the Employer because of a mistake of fact must be returned to the Employer within one year of the contribution.

If this Plan is funded by individual Contracts that provide a Participant's benefit under the Plan, such individual Contracts shall constitute the Participant's Account balance. If this Plan is funded by group Contracts, under the group annuity or group insurance Contract, premiums or other consideration received by the Insurer must be allocated to Participants' Accounts under the Plan.

ARTICLE X PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS

10.1 ELECTION TO BECOME A PARTICIPATING EMPLOYER

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, with the consent of the Employer, any Employer may adopt the Employer's Plan and all of the provisions hereof, and participate herein and be known as a Participating Employer, by a properly executed document evidencing said intent and will of such Participating Employer (a participation agreement). In the event a Participating Employer is not an Affiliated Employer, then the provisions of Article XI shall apply rather than the provision of this Article XI.

10.2 REQUIREMENTS OF PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS

(a) **Permissible variations of participation agreement.** The participation agreement must identify the Participating Employer and the covered Employees and provide for the Participating Employer's signature. In addition, in the participation agreement, the Employer shall specify which elections, if any, the Participating Employer can modify, and any restrictions on the modifications. Any such modification shall apply only to the Employees of that Participating Employer. The Participating Employer shall make any such modification by selecting the appropriate option on its participation agreement to the Employer's Adoption Agreement. To the extent that the participation agreement does not permit modification of an election, any attempt by a Participating Employer to modify the election shall have no effect on the Plan and the Participating Employer is bound by the Plan terms as selected by the Employer. If a Participating Employer does not make any permissible participation agreement election modifications, then with regard to any election, the Participating Employer is bound by the Adoption Agreement terms as completed by the "lead Employer."

(b) **Holding and investing assets.** The Trustee (or Insurer) may, but shall not be required to, commingle, hold and invest as one Trust Fund all contributions made by Participating Employers, as well as all increments thereof. However, the assets of the Plan shall, on an ongoing basis, be available to pay benefits to all Participants and Beneficiaries under the Plan without regard to the Employer or Participating Employer who contributed such assets.

(c) **Payment of expenses.** Unless the Employer otherwise directs, any expenses of the Plan which are to be paid by the Employer or borne by the Trust Fund shall be paid by each Participating Employer in the same proportion that the total amount standing to the credit of all Participants employed by such Employer bears to the total standing to the credit of all Participants.

10.3 DESIGNATION OF AGENT

Each Participating Employer shall be deemed to be a part of this Plan; provided, however, that with respect to all of its relations with the Trustee (or Insurer) and Administrator for purposes of this Plan, each Participating Employer shall be deemed to have designated irrevocably the Employer as its agent. Unless the context of the Plan clearly indicates otherwise, the word "Employer" shall be deemed to include each Participating Employer as related to its adoption of the Plan.

10.4 EMPLOYEE TRANSFERS

In the event an Employee is transferred between Participating Employers, accumulated service and eligibility shall be carried with the Employee involved. No such transfer shall effect a severance of employment hereunder, and the Participating Employer to which the Employee is transferred shall thereupon become obligated hereunder with respect to such Employee in the same manner as was the Participating Employer from whom the Employee was transferred.

10.5 PARTICIPATING EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION AND FORFEITURES

Any contribution and/or Forfeiture subject to allocation during each Plan Year shall be determined and allocated separately by each Participating Employer and shall be allocated only among the Participants eligible to share in the contribution and Forfeiture allocation of the Employer or Participating Employer making the contribution or by which the forfeiting Participant was employed.

On the basis of the information furnished by the Administrator, the Trustee (or Insurer) shall keep separate books and records concerning the affairs of each Participating Employer hereunder and as to the accounts and credits of the Employees of each Participating Employer. The Trustee (or Insurer) may, but need not, register Contracts so as to evidence that a particular Participating Employer is the interested Employer hereunder, but in the event of an Employee transfer from one Participating Employer to another, the employing Employer shall immediately notify the Trustee (or Insurer) thereof.

10.6 AMENDMENT

Any Participating Employer hereby authorizes the Employer to make amendments on its behalf, unless otherwise agreed among all affected parties. Any such amendment is effective and binding upon existing Participating Employers.

10.7 DISCONTINUANCE OF PARTICIPATION

Any Participating Employer that is an Affiliated Employer shall be permitted to discontinue or revoke its participation in the Plan at any time. At the time of any such discontinuance or revocation, satisfactory evidence thereof and of any applicable conditions imposed shall be delivered to the Trustee (or Insurer). The Trustee (or Insurer) shall thereafter transfer, deliver and assign Contracts and other Trust Fund assets allocable to the Participants of such Participating Employer to such new trustee (or insurer) or custodian as shall have been designated by such Participating Employer, in the event that it has established a separate qualified retirement plan for its employees. If no successor is designated, the Trustee (or Insurer) shall retain such assets for the Employees of said Participating Employer pursuant to the provisions of Article VII hereof. In no such event shall any part of the corpus or income of the Trust Fund as it relates to such Participating Employer be used for or diverted to purposes other than for the exclusive benefit of the Employees of such Participating Employer.

10.8 ADMINISTRATOR'S AUTHORITY

The Administrator shall have authority to make any and all necessary rules or regulations, binding upon all Participating Employers and all Participants, to effectuate the purpose of this Article.

ARTICLE XI MULTIPLE EMPLOYER PROVISIONS

11.1 ELECTION AND OVERRIDING EFFECT

If a Participating Employer that is not an Affiliated Employer adopts this Plan, then the provisions of this Article XI shall apply to each Participating Employer as of the Effective Date specified in its participation agreement and supersede any contrary provisions in the basic Plan document or the Adoption Agreement. If this Article XI applies, then the Plan shall be a multiple employer plan as described in Code §413(c). In this case, the Employer and each Participating Employer acknowledge that the Plan is a multiple employer plan subject to the rules of Code §413(c) and the Regulations thereunder, and specific annual reporting requirements.

11.2 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply to this Article XI and shall supersede any conflicting definitions in the Plan:

(a) **Employee.** "Employee" means any common law employee, Leased Employee or other person the Code treats as an employee of a Participating Employer for purposes of the Participating Employer's qualified plan. Either the Adoption Agreement or a participation agreement to the Adoption Agreement may designate any Employee, or class of Employees, as not eligible to participate in the Plan.

(b) **Lead Employer.** "Lead Employer" means the signatory Employer to the Adoption Agreement execution page, and does not include any Affiliated Employer or Participating Employer. The "lead Employer" has the same meaning as the Employer for purposes of making Plan amendments and other purposes regardless of whether the "lead Employer" is also a Participating Employer under this Article XI. The "lead Employer" may execute a Participation Agreement setting forth elections which are specific to the "lead Employer".

11.3 PARTICIPATING EMPLOYER ELECTIONS

The participation agreement must identify the Participating Employer and the covered Employees and provide for the Participating Employer's signature. In addition, in the participation agreement, the "lead Employer" shall specify which elections, if any, the Participating Employer can modify, and any restrictions on the modifications. Any such modification shall apply only to the employees of that Participating Employer. The Participating Employer shall make any such modification by selecting the appropriate option on its participation agreement to the "lead Employer's" Adoption Agreement. To the extent that the Adoption Agreement does not permit modification of an election, any attempt by a Participating Employer to modify the election shall have no effect on the Plan and the Participating Employer is bound by the Plan terms as selected by the "lead Employer." If a Participating Employer does not make any permissible participation agreement election modifications, then with regard to any election, the Participating Employer is bound by the Adoption Agreement terms as completed by the "lead Employer."

11.4 TESTING

The Administrator shall apply the Code §415 limitation in Section 4.4 for the Plan as a whole.

11.5 COMPENSATION

(a) **Separate determination.** A Participant's Compensation shall be determined separately for each Participating Employer for purposes of allocations under Article IV.

(b) **Joint status.** For all Plan purposes, including but not limited to determining the Code §415 limits in Section 4.4, Compensation includes all Compensation paid by or for any Participating Employer.

11.6 SERVICE

An Employee's service includes all Hours of Service and Years of Service with any and all Participating Employers. An Employee who terminates employment with one Participating Employer and immediately commences employment with another Participating Employer has not separated from service or had a severance from employment.

11.7 COOPERATION AND INDEMNIFICATION

(a) **Cooperation.** Each Participating Employer agrees to timely provide all information the Administrator deems necessary to insure the Plan is operated in accordance with the requirements of the Code and will cooperate fully with the "lead Employer," the Plan, the Plan fiduciaries and other proper representatives in maintaining the qualified status of the Plan. Such cooperation will include payment of such amounts into the Plan, to be allocated to employees of the Participating Employer, which are reasonably required to maintain the tax-qualified status of the Plan.

(b) **Indemnity.** Each Participating Employer will indemnify and hold harmless the Administrator, the "lead Employer" and its subsidiaries; officers, directors, shareholders, employees, and agents of the "lead Employer"; the Plan; the Trustees, Participants and Beneficiaries of the Plan, as well as their respective successors and assigns, against any cause of action, loss, liability, damage, cost, or expense of any nature whatsoever (including, but not limited to, attorney's fees and costs, whether or not suit is brought, as well as IRS plan disqualifications, other sanctions or compliance fees and penalties) arising out of or relating to the Participating Employer's noncompliance with any of the Plan's terms or requirements; any intentional or negligent act or omission the Participating Employer commits with regard to the Plan; and any omission or provision of incorrect information with regard to the Plan which causes the Plan to fail to satisfy the requirements of a tax-qualified plan. This indemnity provision shall continue to apply to a Participating Employer with respect to the period such entity was a Participating Employer, even if the Participating Employer withdraws or is removed pursuant to Sections 11.8 or 11.9.

11.8 INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION

Unless the "lead Employer" provides otherwise in an addendum hereto, the "lead Employer" shall have the power to terminate the participation of any Participating Employer (hereafter "Terminated Employer") in this Plan. If and when the "lead Employer" wishes to exercise this power, the following shall occur:

(a) **Notice.** The "lead Employer" shall give the "Terminated Employer" a notice of the "lead Employer's" intent to terminate the "Terminated Employer's" status as a Participating Employer of the Plan. The "lead Employer" will provide such notice not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of termination unless the "lead Employer" determines that the interest of Plan Participants requires earlier termination.

(b) **Spin-off.** The "lead Employer" shall establish a new defined contribution plan, using the provisions of this Plan with any modifications contained in the "Terminated Employer's" participation agreement, as a guide to establish a new defined contribution plan (the "spin-off plan"). The "lead Employer" will direct the Trustee to transfer (in accordance with the rules of Code §414(l) and the provisions of Section 8.3) the Accounts of the Employees of the "Terminated Employer" to the "spin-off plan." The "Terminated

Employer" shall be the Employer, Administrator, and sponsor of the "spin-off plan." The Trustee of the "spin-off plan" shall be the person or entity designated by the "Terminated Employer." However, the "lead Employer" shall have the option to designate an appropriate financial institution as Trustee instead if necessary to protect the interest of the Participants. The "lead Employer" shall have the authority to charge the "Terminated Employer" or the Accounts of the Employees of the "Terminated Employer" a reasonable fee to pay the expenses of establishing the "spin-off plan."

(c) **Alternatives.** The "Terminated Employer," in lieu of creation of the "spin-off plan" under (b) above, has the option to elect a transfer alternative in accordance with this Subsection (c).

(1) **Election.** To exercise the option described in this Subsection, the "Terminated Employer" must inform the "lead Employer" of its choice and must supply any reasonably required documentation as soon as practical. If the "lead Employer" has not received notice of a "Terminated Employer's" exercise of this option within ten (10) days prior to the stated date of termination, the "lead Employer" can choose to disregard the exercise and proceed with the Spin-off.

(2) **Transfer.** If the "Terminated Employer" selects this option, the Administrator shall transfer (in accordance with the rules of Code §414(l) and the provisions of Section 8.3) the Accounts of the Employees of the "Terminated Employer" to a qualified plan the "Terminated Employer" maintains. To exercise this option, the "Terminated Employer" must deliver to the "lead Employer" or Administrator in writing the name and other relevant information of the transferee plan and must provide such assurances that the Administrator shall reasonably require to demonstrate that the transferee plan is a qualified plan.

(d) **Participants.** The Employees of the "Terminated Employer" shall cease to be eligible to accrue additional benefits under the Plan with respect to Compensation paid by the "Terminated Employer," effective as of the date of termination. To the extent that these Employees have accrued but unpaid contributions as of the date of termination, the "Terminated Employer" shall pay such amounts to the Plan or the "spin-off plan" no later than thirty (30) days after the date of termination, unless the "Terminated Employer" effectively selects the Transfer option under Subsection (c)(2) above.

(e) **Consent.** By its signature on the participation agreement, the "Terminated Employer" specifically consents to the provisions of this Article and agrees to perform its responsibilities with regard to the "spin-off plan," if necessary.

11.9 VOLUNTARY TERMINATION

A Participating Employer (hereafter "withdrawing employer") may voluntarily withdraw from participation in this Plan at any time. If and when a "withdrawing employer" wishes to withdraw, the following shall occur:

(a) **Notice.** The "withdrawing employer" shall inform the "lead Employer" and the Administrator of its intention to withdraw from the Plan. The "withdrawing employer" must give the notice not less than thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of its withdrawal.

(b) **Procedure.** The "withdrawing employer" and the "lead Employer" shall agree upon procedures for the orderly withdrawal of the "withdrawing employer" from the plan. Such procedures may include any of the optional spin-off or transfer options described in Section 11.8.

(c) **Costs.** The "withdrawing employer" shall bear all reasonable costs associated with withdrawal and transfer under this Section.

(d) **Participants.** The Employees of the "withdrawing employer" shall cease to be eligible to accrue additional benefits under the Plan as to Compensation paid by the "withdrawing employer," effective as of the effective date of withdrawal. To the extent that such Employees have accrued but unpaid contributions as of the effective date of withdrawal, the "withdrawing employer" shall contribute such amounts to the Plan or the "spin-off plan" promptly after the effective date of withdrawal, unless the accounts are transferred to a qualified plan the "withdrawing employer" maintains.

11.10 DESIGNATION OF AGENT

Each Participating Employer shall be deemed to be a part of this Plan; provided, however, that with respect to all its relations with the Trustee (or Insurer) and Administrator for purposes of this Plan, each Participating Employer shall be deemed to have designated irrevocably the Employer as its agent. Unless the context of the Plan clearly indicates otherwise, the word "Employer" shall be deemed to include each Participating Employer as related to its adoption of the Plan.

MODIFICATIONS TO FIS Capital Markets US LLC'S Non-Standardized Governmental 401(a).

ST. LOUIS HOUSING AUTHORITY RETIREMENT PLAN

FIS CAPITAL MARKETS US LLC NON-STANDARDIZED GOVERNMENTAL 401(A) MODIFICATIONS
ST. LOUIS HOUSING AUTHORITY RETIREMENT PLAN

The enclosed Plan is being submitted for expedited review as a Volume Submitter Plan.

No modifications from the approved specimen plan have been made to this Plan.

ADOPTION AGREEMENT FOR ELIGIBLE GOVERNMENTAL 457 PLAN

The undersigned Employer, by executing this Adoption Agreement, establishes an Eligible 457 Plan ("Plan"). The Employer, subject to the Employer's Adoption Agreement elections, adopts fully the Plan provisions. This Adoption Agreement, the basic plan document and any attached Appendices, amendments, or agreements permitted or referenced therein, constitute the Employer's entire plan document. All "Election" references within this Adoption Agreement or the basic plan document are Adoption Agreement Elections. All "Article" or "Section" references are basic plan document references. Numbers in parentheses which follow election numbers are basic plan document references. Where an Adoption Agreement election calls for the Employer to supply text, the Employer may lengthen any space or line, or create additional tiers. When Employer-supplied text uses terms substantially similar to existing printed options, all clarifications and caveats applicable to the printed options apply to the Employer-supplied text unless the context requires otherwise. The Employer makes the following elections granted under the corresponding provisions of the basic plan document.

1. **EMPLOYER (1.11).**

Name: St. Louis Housing Authority

Address: 3520 Page Blvd. Street

St. Louis City Missouri State 63106 Zip

Telephone: (314) 286-4211

Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN): 43-6003254

2. **PLAN NAME.**

Name: St. Louis Housing Authority 457 Deferred Compensation Plan

3. **PLAN YEAR (1.25).** Plan Year means the 12 consecutive month period (except for a short Plan Year) ending every (Choose one of a. or b. and choose c. if applicable): [Note: Complete any applicable blanks under Election c. with a specific date, e.g., "June 30" OR "the last day of February" OR "the first Tuesday in January." In the case of a Short Plan Year or a Short Limitation Year, include the year, e.g., "May 1, 2013."]

- a. ☒ **December 31.**
- b. ☐ **Plan Year:** ending: _____.
- c. ☐ **Short Plan Year:** commencing: _____ and ending: _____.

4. **EFFECTIVE DATE (1.08).** The Employer's adoption of the Plan is a (Choose one of a. or b. Complete c. if new plan OR complete c. and d. if an amendment and restatement. Choose e. if applicable):

- a. ☐ **New Plan.**
- b. ☒ **Restated Plan.** The Plan is a substitution and amendment of an existing 457 plan.

Initial Effective Date of Plan

c. ☒ May 3, 2004 (enter month day, year; hereinafter called the "Effective Date" unless 4d is entered below)

Restatement Effective Date (If this is an amendment and restatement, enter effective date of the restatement.)

d. ☒ October 1, 2025 (enter month day, year)

Special Effective Dates: (optional)

e. ☐ **Describe:** _____.

5. **CONTRIBUTION TYPES.** (If this is a frozen Plan (i.e., all contributions have ceased), choose a. only):

Frozen Plan

- a. ☐ **Contributions cease.** All Contributions have ceased or will cease (Plan is frozen).
1. **Effective date of freeze:** _____ [Note: Effective date is optional unless this is the amendment or restatement to freeze the Plan.]

Contributions. The Employer and/or Participants, in accordance with the Plan terms, make the following Contribution Types to the Plan (Choose one or more of b. through d. if applicable):

- b. ☒ **Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals.** The dollar or percentage amount by which each Participant has elected to reduce his/her Compensation, as provided in the Participant's Salary Reduction Agreement (Choose one or more as applicable.):

And will **Roth Elective Deferrals** be made?

1. ☒ **Yes.** [Note: The Employer may not limit Deferrals to Roth Deferrals only.]

2. ☐ **No.**

And will Matching Contributions be made with respect to Elective Deferrals?

3. ☐ **Yes.** See Question 16.

4. ☒ **No.**

- c. ☐ **Nonelective Contributions.** See Question 17.

- d. ☒ **Rollover Contributions.** See Question 30.

6. **EXCLUDED EMPLOYEES (1.10).** The following Employees are Excluded Employees and are not eligible to participate in the Plan (Choose one of a. or b.):

- a. ☒ **No exclusions.** All Employees are eligible to participate.

- b. ☐ **Exclusions.** The following Employees are Excluded Employees (Choose one or more of 1. through 9.):

1. ☐ **Part-time Employees.** Employees who normally work less than _____ hours per week.

2. ☐ **Part-Time, Seasonal, and Temporary Employees as defined in Treas. Reg. §31.3121(b)(7)-2(d)(2)(iii).** [This exclusion is sometimes used in FICA replacement plans.]

3. ☐ **Hourly-paid Employees.**

4. ☐ **Salaried Employees.**

5. ☐ **Nonresident aliens as defined in Code §410(b)(3)(C).**

6. ☐ **Employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement unless the agreement provides otherwise.**

7. ☐ **Employees in an appointed or elected position.**

8. ☐ **Leased Employees.** The Plan excludes Leased Employees.

9. ☐ **Specify:** _____.

7. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR (1.16).** The Plan (Choose one of a., b. or c.):

- a. ☐ **Participate.** Permits Independent Contractors to participate in the Plan.

- b. ☒ **Not Participate.** Does not permit Independent Contractors to participate in the Plan.

- c. ☐ **Specified Independent Contractors.** Permits the following specified Independent Contractors to participate:

_____.

[Note: If the Employer elects to permit any or all Independent Contractors to participate in the Plan, the term Employee as used in the Plan includes such participating Independent Contractors.]

8. **COMPENSATION (1.05).** Subject to the following elections, Compensation for purposes of allocation of Deferral Contributions means:

Base Definition (Choose one of a., b., c. or d.):

- a. ☒ Wages, tips and other compensation on Form W-2.

- b. ☐ Code §3401(a) wages (wages for withholding purposes).

- c. ☐ 415 safe harbor compensation.

- d. ☐ Alternative (general) 415 Compensation.

[Note: The Plan provides that the base definition of Compensation includes amounts that are not included in income due to Code §§401(k), 125, 132(f)(4), 403(b), SEP, 414(h)(2), & 457. Compensation for an Independent Contractor means the amounts the Employer pays to the Independent Contractor for services, except as the Employer otherwise specifies below. The base definition of Compensation is used to determine Includible Compensation.]

Modifications to Compensation definition. The Employer elects to modify the Compensation definition as follows (*Choose one of e. or f.*):

- e. ☐ **No modifications.** The Plan makes no modifications to the definition.
- f. ☒ **Modifications** (*Choose one or more of 1. through 9.*):
 - 1. ☒ **Fringe benefits.** The Plan excludes all reimbursements or other expense allowances, fringe benefits (cash and noncash), moving expenses, deferred compensation and welfare benefits.
 - 2. ☐ **Elective Contributions.** [1.05(E)] The Plan excludes a Participant's Elective Contributions.
 - 3. ☐ **Bonuses.** The Plan excludes bonuses.
 - 4. ☐ **Overtime.** The Plan excludes overtime.
 - 5. ☐ **Excess Compensation.** The Plan excludes Compensation in excess of _____ (enter definitely determinable amount, such as "\$100,000," or "the compensation limit under Code §401(a)(17)").
 - 6. ☐ **Shift differentials.** The Plan excludes shift differential pay.
 - 7. ☐ **Differential wage payments.** The Plan excludes differential wage payments described in Code §3401(h)(2).
 - 8. ☐ **Union exclusions.** The Plan excludes such categories of a Participant's Compensation as are provided for exclusion in the collective-bargaining agreement which applies to the Participant.
 - 9. ☒ **Specify:** exclude deductions for absences, shift differential, and other forms of nonrecurring compensation.

Compensation taken into account. For the Plan Year in which an Employee first becomes a Participant, the Plan Administrator will determine the allocation of matching and nonelective contributions by taking into account (*Choose one of g. or h.*):

- g. ☐ **Plan Year.** The Employee's Compensation for the entire Plan Year. (*N/A if no matching or nonelective contributions*)
- h. ☐ **Compensation while a Participant.** The Employee's Compensation only for the portion of the Plan Year in which the Employee actually is a Participant. (*N/A if no matching or nonelective contributions*)

9. POST-SEVERANCE COMPENSATION (1.05(F)).

Includible Compensation (post-severance compensation adjustments) (*select all that apply at a.; leave blank if none apply*)

NOTE: Unless otherwise elected under a. below, the following defaults apply: 415 Compensation will **include** (to the extent provided in Plan Section 1.05(B)(3)), post-severance regular pay, leave cash-outs and payments from nonqualified unfunded deferred compensation plans.

- a. ☒ The defaults listed above apply except for the following (*select one or more*):
 - 1. ☒ Leave cash-outs will be **excluded**
 - 2. ☒ Nonqualified unfunded deferred compensation will be **excluded**
 - 3. ☐ Disability continuation payments will be **included** for all Participants and the salary continuation will continue for the following fixed or determinable period: _____
 - 4. ☐ Other: (must be definitely determinable): _____

Plan Compensation (post-severance compensation adjustments)

- b. ☐ **Defaults apply.** Compensation will **include** (to the extent provided in Plan Section 1.05 and to the extent such amounts would be included in Compensation if paid prior to severance of employment) post-severance regular pay, leave cash-outs, and payments from nonqualified unfunded deferred compensation plans. (skip to Question 10)
- c. ☐ **Exclude all post-severance compensation.** Exclude all post-severance compensation for allocation purposes.
- d. ☒ **Post-severance adjustments.** The defaults listed at b. apply except for the following (*select one or more*):
 - 1. ☐ Regular pay will be **excluded**
 - 2. ☒ Leave cash-outs will be **excluded**
 - 3. ☒ Nonqualified unfunded deferred compensation will be **excluded**
 - 4. ☐ Disability continuation payments will be **included** for all Participants and the salary continuation will continue for the following fixed or determinable period: _____
- e. ☐ Other: (must be definitely determinable) _____

10. NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE (1.20). A Participant attains Normal Retirement Age under the Plan (*Choose one of a., b. or c.*):

- a. ☐ **Plan designation.** [Plan Section 3.05(B)] When the Participant attains age _____. [*Note: The age may not exceed age 70 1/2. The age may not be less than age 65, or, if earlier, the age at which a Participant may retire and receive benefits under the Employer's pension plan, if any.*]

- b. ☒ **Participant designation.** [Plan Section 3.05(B) and (B)(1)] When the Participant attains the age the Participant designates, which may not be earlier than age 65 and may not be later than age 70. [Note: The age may not exceed age 70 1/2.]
- c. ☐ **Pension Benefit Age.** The Pension Benefit Age defined in Plan Section 1.20.

Special Provisions for Police or Fire Department Employees (Choose d. and/or e. as applicable):

- d. ☐ **Police department employees.** [Plan Section 3.05(B)(3)] (Choose 1., 2. or 3.):
1. ☐ **Plan designation.** [Plan Section 3.05(B)] When the Participant attains age _____. [Note: The age may not exceed age 70 1/2 and may not be less than age 40.]
 2. ☐ **Participant designation.** [Plan Section 3.05(B) and (B)(1)] When the Participant attains the age the Participant designates, which may not be earlier than age _____ (no earlier than age 40) and may not be later than age _____. [Note: The age may not exceed age 70 1/2.]
 3. ☐ **Pension Benefit Age.** The Pension Benefit Age defined in Plan Section 1.20.
- e. ☐ **Fire department employees.** [Plan Section 3.05(B)(3)] (Choose 1., 2. or 3.):
1. ☐ **Plan designation.** [Plan Section 3.05(B)] When the Participant attains age _____. [Note: The age may not exceed age 70 1/2 and may not be less than age 40.]
 2. ☐ **Participant designation.** [Plan Section 3.05(B) and (B)(1)] When the Participant attains the age the Participant designates, which may not be earlier than age _____ (no earlier than age 40) and may not be later than age _____. [Note: The age may not exceed age 70 1/2.]
 3. ☐ **Pension Benefit Age.** The Pension Benefit Age defined in Plan Section 1.20.

11. **ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS (2.01).** (Choose one of a. or b.):

- a. ☒ **No eligibility conditions.** The Employee is eligible to participate in the Plan as of his/her first day of employment with the employer.
- b. ☐ **Eligibility conditions.** To become a Participant in the Plan, an Eligible Employee must satisfy the following eligibility conditions (Choose one or more of 1., 2. or 3.):
1. ☐ **Age.** Attainment of age _____.
 2. ☐ **Service.** Service requirement (Choose one of a. or b.):
 - a. ☐ **Year of Service.** One year of Continuous Service.
 - b. ☐ **Months of Service.** _____ month(s) of Continuous Service.
 3. ☐ **Specify:** _____.

12. **PLAN ENTRY DATE (1.24).** "Plan Entry Date" means the Effective Date and (Choose one of a. through g. The Employee will enter on the Entry Date which immediately follows the date the employee satisfies the eligibility conditions, unless h. is selected. See 6.03(B) regarding the timing of deferral elections.):

- a. ☐ **Annual.** The first day of the Plan Year coinciding with or next following the Employee's satisfaction of the Plan's eligibility conditions, if any.
- b. ☐ **Semi-annual.** The first day of the first month and of the seventh month of the Plan Year.
- c. ☐ **Quarterly.** The first day of each Plan Year quarter.
- d. ☒ **Monthly.** The first day of each month.
- e. ☐ **Date of hire.** The Employee's employment commencement date with the Employer.
- f. ☐ **Immediate.** The Employee's employment commencement date with the Employer, or, if later, upon satisfaction of eligibility conditions.
- g. ☐ **Specify:** _____.
- h. ☐ **Immediately following or coincident with.** The Employee will enter on the Entry Date immediately following or coincident with the date the Employee satisfies the eligibility conditions.

13. **SALARY REDUCTION CONTRIBUTIONS (1.30).** A Participant's Salary Reduction Contributions under Election 5b. are subject to the following limitation(s) in addition to those imposed by the Code (Choose one of a. or b.):

- a. ☒ **No limitations.**
- b. ☐ **Limitations.** (Choose one or more of 1., 2. or 3.):
 - 1. ☐ **Maximum deferral amount.** A Participant's Salary Reductions may not exceed: _____ (specify dollar amount or percentage of Compensation).
 - 2. ☐ **Minimum deferral amount.** A Participant's Salary Reductions may not be less than: _____ (specify dollar amount or percentage of Compensation).
 - 3. ☐ **Specify:** _____.

[Note: Any limitation the Employer elects in b.1. through b.3. will apply on a payroll basis unless the Employer otherwise specifies in b.3.]

Special NRA Catch-Up Contributions (3.05). The Plan (Choose one of c. or d.):

- c. ☒ **Permits.** Participants may make NRA catch-up contributions.
- d. ☐ **Does not permit.** Participants may not make NRA catch-up contributions.

Age 50 Catch-Up Contributions (3.06). The Plan (Choose one of e. or f.):

- e. ☒ **Permits.** Participants may make age 50 catch-up contributions.
- f. ☐ **Does not permit.** Participants may not make age 50 catch-up contributions.

14. **SICK, VACATION AND BACK PAY (3.02(A)).** The Plan (Choose one of a. or b.):

- a. ☒ **Permits.** Participants may make Salary Reduction Contributions from accumulated sick pay, from accumulated vacation pay or from back pay.
- b. ☐ **Does Not Permit.** Participants may not make Salary Reduction Contributions from accumulated sick pay, from accumulated vacation pay or from back pay.

15. **AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT (3.02(B)).** Does the Plan provide for Automatic Deferrals? (Choose one of the following) [Note: if Eligible Automatic Contribution Arrangement (EACA), select 15c and complete Questions 31 & 32]:

- a. ☒ **Does not apply.** Does not apply the Plan's automatic enrollment provisions.
- b. ☐ **Applies.** The Plan applies the Automatic Deferrals provisions described in election 31 effective as of _____. The Plan is not an EACA.
- c. ☐ **EACA.** The Plan will provide an Eligible Automatic Contribution Arrangement (EACA) effective as of _____. Complete Questions 31 & 32.

16. **MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS (3.03(A)).** The Employer Matching Contributions under Election 5.b.1. are made as follows (Choose one or more of a. through d.):

- a. ☐ **Fixed formula.** An amount equal to (Choose one of 1. through 3.):
 - 1. ☐ **Deferral percentage.** _____% of each Participant's Salary Reduction Contributions.
 - 2. ☐ **Flat dollar.** \$_____ if the Participant's Salary Reduction Contributions are at least _____ (Enter percentage of compensation or dollar amount).
 - 3. ☐ **Contract.** The contribution determined pursuant to the Participant's employment contract or the collective-bargaining agreement which applies to the Participant.
- b. ☐ **Discretionary formula.** An amount (or additional amount) equal to a matching percentage the Employer from time to time may deem advisable of each Participant's Salary Reduction Contributions.

- c. ☐ **Tiered formula.** The Employer will make matching contributions equal to a uniform percentage of each tier of each Participant's Salary Reduction Contributions, determined as follows:

NOTE: Fill in only percentages or dollar amounts, but not both. If percentages are used, each tier represents the amount of the Participant's applicable contributions that equals the specified percentage of the Participant's Compensation (add additional tiers if necessary):

Tiers of Contributions (indicate \$ or %)	Matching Percentage
First _____	_____ %
Next _____	_____ %
Next _____	_____ %
Next _____	_____ %

- d. ☐ **Specify:** _____.

Time Period for Matching Contributions. The Employer will determine its Matching Contribution based on Salary Reduction Contributions made during each (*Choose one of e. through i.*):

- e. ☐ **Plan Year.**

- f. ☐ **Plan Year quarter.**

- g. ☐ **Calendar month.**

- h. ☐ **Payroll period.**

- i. ☐ **Specify:** _____.

Percentage Limit on Salary Reduction Contributions Taken into Account. In determining a Participant's Salary Reduction Contributions taken into account for the above-specified time period under the Matching Contribution formula, the following limitations apply (*Choose one of j. through m.*):

- j. ☐ **All Salary Reduction Contributions.** The Plan Administrator will take into account all Salary Reduction Contributions.

- k. ☐ **Percentage limitation.** The Plan Administrator will disregard Salary Reduction Contributions exceeding _____% of the Participant's Compensation.

- l. ☐ **Discretionary percentage.** The Plan Administrator will take into account the Salary Reduction Contributions as a percentage of the Participant's Compensation as the Employer determines.

- m. ☐ **Specify:** _____.

Salary Reduction Contributions Disregarded. In determining a Participant's Salary Reduction Contributions taken into account for the above-specified time period under the Matching Contribution formula, all Salary Reduction Contributions will be taken into account other than those specified below (*Check all that apply*):

- n. ☐ **Age 50 Catch-Up Contributions.**

- o. ☐ **Special NRA Catch-Up Contributions.**

- p. ☐ **Specify:** _____.

Allocation Conditions. To receive an allocation of Matching Contributions, a Participant must satisfy the following allocation condition(s) (*Choose one of q. or r.*):

- q. ☐ **No allocation conditions.**

- r. ☐ **Conditions.** The following allocation conditions apply to Matching Contributions (*Choose one or more of 1. through 4.*):

1. ☐ **Service condition.** The Participant must complete the following number of months of Continuous Service during the Plan Year: _____.

2. ☐ **Employment condition.** The Participant must be employed by the Employer on the last day of the Plan Year.

3. ☐ **Limited Severance Exception.** Any condition specified in 1. or 2. does not apply if the Participant incurs a Severance from Employment during the Plan Year on account of the following event or events in the current Plan Year or a prior Plan Year. (*Check all that apply*):

- a. ☐ **Death.**

- b. ☐ **Disability.**

- c. ☐ **Attainment of Normal Retirement Age.**

4. ☐ **Specify:** _____.

17. **NONELECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS (3.03(B))**. The Nonelective Contributions under Election 5.c. are made as follows: (Choose one):

- a. ☐ **Discretionary - Pro-Rata**. An amount the Employer in its sole discretion may determine.
- b. ☐ **Fixed**. (Choose one of 1. through 3.)
 - 1. ☐ **Percentage**. _____ % of Compensation.
 - 2. ☐ **Flat dollar**. \$_____.
 - 3. ☐ **Contract**. The contribution determined pursuant to the Participant's employment contract or the collective-bargaining agreement which applies to the Participant.
- c. ☐ **Other**. A Nonelective Contribution may be made as follows: _____.

Allocation Conditions. (3.08). To receive an allocation of Nonelective Contributions, a Participant must satisfy the following allocation condition(s) (Choose one of d. or e.):

- d. ☐ **No allocation conditions**.
- e. ☐ **Conditions**. The following allocation conditions apply to Nonelective Contributions (Choose one or more of 1. through 4.):
 - 1. ☐ **Service condition**. The Participant must complete the following number of months of Continuous Service during the Plan Year: _____.
 - 2. ☐ **Employment condition**. The Participant must be employed by the Employer on the last day of the Plan Year.
 - 3. ☐ **Limited Severance Exception**. Any condition specified in 1. or 2. does not apply if the Participant incurs a Severance from Employment during the Plan Year on account of the following event or events in the current Plan Year or a prior Plan Year (Check all that apply):
 - a. ☐ **Death**.
 - b. ☐ **Disability**.
 - c. ☐ **Attainment of Normal Retirement Age**.
 - 4. ☐ **Specify**: _____.

Time Period for Nonelective Contributions. The Employer will determine its Nonelective Contributions based on employment and Compensation during each (Choose one of f. through j.):

- f. ☐ **Plan Year**.
- g. ☐ **Plan Year quarter**.
- h. ☐ **Calendar month**.
- i. ☐ **Payroll period**.
- j. ☐ **Specify**: _____.

18. **TIME AND METHOD OF PAYMENT OF ACCOUNT (4.02)**. The Plan will distribute to a Participant who incurs a Severance from Employment his/her Vested Account as follows:

Timing. The Plan, in the absence of a permissible Participant election to commence payment later, will pay the Participant's Account (Choose one of a. through e.):

- a. ☐ **Specified Date**. _____ days after the Participant's Severance from Employment.
- b. ☒ **Immediate**. As soon as administratively practicable following the Participant's Severance from Employment.
- c. ☐ **Designated Plan Year**. As soon as administratively practicable in the _____ Plan Year beginning after the Participant's Severance from Employment.
- d. ☐ **Normal Retirement Age**. As soon as administratively practicable after the close of the Plan Year in which the Participant attains Normal Retirement Age.
- e. ☐ **Specify**: _____.

Method. The Plan, in the absence of a permissible Participant election, will distribute the Participant's Account under one of the following method(s) of distribution (Choose one or more of f. through k. as applicable):

- f. ☒ **Lump sum**. A single payment.
- g. ☒ **Installments**. Multiple payments made as follows: monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual cash installments.
- h. ☐ **Installments for required minimum distributions only**. Annual payments, as necessary under Plan Section 4.03.
- i. ☐ **Annuity distribution as available pursuant to the policies and options determined in the discretion of the Plan Administrator**.

- j. ☒ **Partial distributions**, provided the minimum withdrawal is \$_____ (leave blank if no minimum). See Section 4.02(D).
- k. ☐ **Specify:** _____.

Participant Election. [Plan Sections 4.02(A) and (B)] The Plan (*Choose one of l., m. or n.*):

- l. ☒ **Permits.** Permits a Participant, with Plan Administrator approval of the election, to elect to postpone distribution beyond the time the Employer has elected in a. through e. and also to elect the method of distribution (including a method not described in f. through k. above).
- m. ☐ **Does not permit.** Does not permit a Participant to elect the timing and method of Account distribution.
- n. ☐ **Specify:** _____.

Mandatory Distributions. Notwithstanding any other distribution election, following Severance from Employment (*Choose o. or p.*):

- o. ☐ **No Mandatory Distributions.** The Plan will not make a Mandatory Distribution.
- p. ☒ **Mandatory Distribution.** If the Participant's Vested Account is not in excess of \$7,000 (unless a different amount selected below) as of the date of distribution, the Plan will make a Mandatory Distribution following Severance from Employment.
1. ☒ **Mandatory Distribution.** If the Participant's Vested Account is not in excess of \$ 1,000 as of the date of distribution, the Plan will make a Mandatory Distribution following Severance from Employment.

Qualified Health Insurance Premiums.

- q. ☒ **Payment permitted.** The plan permits payment of qualified health insurance premiums for Eligible Retired Public Safety Officers, as set forth in Section 4.08.

Rollovers in determination of \$7,000 threshold. Unless otherwise elected below, amounts attributable to rollover contributions (if any) will be **included** in determining the \$7,000 threshold for timing of distributions, form of distributions or consent rules.

- r. ☐ **Exclude rollovers** (rollover contributions will be **excluded** in determining the \$7,000 threshold)

NOTE: Regardless of the above election, if the Participant consent threshold is \$1,000 or less, then the Administrator must include amounts attributable to rollovers for such purpose. In such case, an election to exclude rollovers above will apply for purposes of the timing and form of distributions.

19. **BENEFICIARY DISTRIBUTION ELECTIONS.** Distributions following a Participant's death will be made as follows (*Choose one of a. through d.*):

- a. ☐ **Immediate.** As soon as practical following the Participant's death.
- b. ☐ **Next Calendar Year.** At such time as the Beneficiary may elect, but in any event on or before the last day of the calendar year which next follows the calendar year of the Participant's death. (*N/A if participant is restricted*)
- c. ☒ **As Beneficiary elects.** At such time as the Beneficiary may elect, consistent with Section 4.03. (*N/A if participant is restricted*)
- d. ☐ **Describe:** _____.

[*Note: The Employer under Election 19d. may describe an alternative distribution timing or afford the Beneficiary an election which is narrower than that permitted under Election 19c., or include special provisions related to certain beneficiaries, (e.g., a surviving spouse). However, any election under Election 19d. must require distribution to commence no later than the Section 4.03 required date.*]

20. **DISTRIBUTIONS PRIOR TO SEVERANCE FROM EMPLOYMENT (4.05).** A Participant prior to Severance from Employment may elect to receive a distribution of his/her Vested Account under the following distribution options (*Choose one of a. or b.*):

- a. ☐ **None.** A Participant may not receive a distribution prior to Severance from Employment.
- b. ☒ **Distributions.** Prior to Severance from Employment are permitted as follows (*Choose one or more of 1. through 4.*):
1. ☒ **Unforeseeable emergency.** A Participant may elect a distribution from his/her Account in accordance with Plan Section 4.05(A) (for the Participant, spouse, dependents or beneficiaries)
2. ☒ **De minimis exception.** [Plan Section 4.05(B)] If the Participant: (i) has an Account that does not exceed \$7,000; (ii) has not made or received an allocation of any Deferral Contributions under the Plan during the two-year period ending on the date of distribution; and (iii) has not received a prior Plan distribution under this de minimis exception, then (*Choose one of a., b. or c.*):
- a. ☐ **Participant election.** The Participant may elect to receive all or any portion of his/her Account.
- b. ☒ **Mandatory distribution.** The Plan Administrator will distribute the Participant's entire Account.
- c. ☐ **Hybrid.** The Plan Administrator will distribute a Participant's Account that does not exceed \$_____ and the Participant may elect to receive all or any portion of his/her Account that exceeds \$_____ but that does not exceed \$7,000.

3. ☒ **Age.** A Participant who attains age 59 1/2 (Enter age not less than 59 1/2 and not greater than 73) may elect distribution of any or all of his/her Account. The Plan can operationally permit distributions as early as January 1 of the calendar year the Participant attains such age.

4. ☐ **Specify:** _____.

[Note: An Employer need not permit any in-service distributions. Any election must comply with the distribution restrictions of Code Section 457(d).]

21. **QDRO (4.06).** The QDRO provisions (Choose one of a., b. or c.):

- a. ☒ **Apply.**
- b. ☐ **Do not apply.**
- c. ☐ **Specify:** _____.

22. **ALLOCATION OF EARNINGS (5.07(B)).** The Plan allocates Earnings using the following method (Choose one or more of a. through f.):

- a. ☒ **Daily.** See Section 5.07(B)(4)(a).
- b. ☐ **Balance forward.** See Section 5.07(B)(4)(b).
- c. ☐ **Balance forward with adjustment.** See Section 5.07(B)(4)(c). Allocate pursuant to the balance forward method, except treat as part of the relevant Account at the beginning of the Valuation Period _____% of the contributions made during the following Valuation Period: _____.
- d. ☐ **Weighted average.** See Section 5.07(B)(4)(d). If not a monthly weighting period, the weighting period is _____.
- e. ☐ **Directed Account method.** See Section 5.07(B)(4)(e).
- f. ☐ **Describe Earnings allocation method:** _____.

[Note: The Employer under Election 22f. may describe Earnings allocation methods from the elections available under Election 22 and/or a combination thereof as to any: (i) Participant group (e.g., Daily applies to Division A Employees OR to Employees hired after "x" date. Balance forward applies to Division B Employees OR to Employees hired on/before "x" date.); (ii) Contribution Type (e.g., Daily applies as to Discretionary Nonelective Contribution Accounts. Participant-Directed Account applies to Fixed Nonelective Contribution Accounts); (iii) investment type, investment vendor or Account type (e.g., Balance forward applies to investments placed with vendor A and Participant-Directed Account applies to investments placed with vendor B OR Daily applies to Participant-Directed Accounts and balance forward applies to pooled Accounts).]

23. **HEART ACT PROVISIONS (1.31(C)(3)/3.13).** The Employer elects to (Choose one of a. or b. and c. or d.):

Continued Benefit Accruals.

- a. ☒ **Not apply the benefit accrual provisions of Section 3.13.**
- b. ☐ **Apply the benefit accrual provisions of Section 3.13.**

Distributions for deemed severance of employment (1.31(C)(3))

- c. ☐ **The Plan does NOT permit distributions for deemed severance of employment.**
- d. ☒ **The Plan Administrator may by policy permit distributions for deemed severance of employment.**

24. **VESTING/SUBSTANTIAL RISK OF FORFEITURE (5.11).** A Participant's Deferral Contributions are [Note: If a Participant incurs a Severance from Employment before the specified events or conditions, the Plan will forfeit the Participant's non-vested Account. Caution: if a Deferral is subject to vesting schedule or other substantial risk of forfeiture, it does not count as a deferral for purposes of the annual deferral limit until the year it is fully vested.] (Choose all that apply of a. through d.):

- a. ☒ **100% Vested/No Risk of Forfeiture.** Immediately Vested without regard to additional Service and no Substantial Risk of Forfeiture. The following contributions are 100% Vested:
1. ☒ **All Contributions.** (skip to 25.)
 2. ☐ **Only the following contributions.** (select all that apply):
 - a. ☐ **Salary Reduction Contributions.**
 - b. ☐ **Nonelective Contributions.**
 - c. ☐ **Matching Contributions.**
- b. ☐ **Forfeiture under Vesting Schedule.** Vested according to the following:
- Contributions affected.** The following contributions are subject to the vesting schedule (Choose one or more of 1., 2. or 3.):
1. ☐ **Salary Reduction Contributions.**

2. ☐ **Nonelective Contributions.**

3. ☐ **Matching Contributions.**

Vesting Schedule:

4. ☐ **Vesting Schedule.**

Years of Service	Vested Percentage
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %

For vesting purposes, a "Year of Service" means:

5. _____.

[Note: It is extremely rare to apply a vesting schedule to Salary Reduction Contributions.]

c. ☐ **Substantial Risk of Forfeiture.** Vested only when no longer subject to the following Substantial Risk of Forfeiture as follows:

Contributions affected. The following contributions are subject to the substantial risk of forfeiture under c. (Choose one or more of 1., 2. or 3.):

1. ☐ **Salary Reduction Contributions.**

2. ☐ **Nonelective Contributions.**

3. ☐ **Matching Contributions.**

Risk Provisions: Vested only when no longer subject to the following Substantial Risk of Forfeiture as follows (Choose one of 4. or 5.):

4. ☐ The Participant must remain employed by the Employer until _____, unless earlier Severance from Employment occurs on account of death or disability, as the Plan Administrator shall establish.

5. ☐ **Specify:** _____.

Additional Provisions (Choose d. if applicable)

d. ☐ **Specify:** _____.

FORFEITURE ALLOCATION. [Plan Sections 5.11(A) and 5.14] The Plan Administrator will allocate any Plan forfeitures as selected below. The Employer has the option to use forfeitures to pay plan expenses first and then allocate the remaining forfeitures in accordance with the selections below: (Choose one of the following):

e. ☐ **Additional Contributions.** As the following contribution type (Choose one of 1. or 2.):

1. ☐ **Nonelective.** As an additional Nonelective Contribution.

2. ☐ **Matching.** As an additional Matching Contribution.

f. ☐ **Reduce Fixed Contributions.** To reduce the following fixed contribution (Choose one of 1. or 2.):

1. ☐ **Nonelective.** To reduce the Employer's fixed Nonelective Contribution.

2. ☐ **Matching.** To reduce the Employer's fixed Matching Contribution.

g. ☐ **Specify:** _____.

25. **TRUST PROVISIONS.** The following provisions apply to Article VIII of the Plan (Choose as applicable; leave blank if not applicable):

a. ☐ **Modifications.** The Employer modifies the Article VIII Trust provisions as follows: _____. The remaining Article VIII provisions apply.

b. ☐ **Substitution.** The Employer replaces the Trust with the Trust Agreement attached to the Plan.

26. **CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT/ANNUITY CONTRACT (8.16).** Instead of holding all of the Deferred Compensation in the Trust established in Article VIII, the Employer will hold all or part of the Deferred Compensation in one or more custodial accounts or annuity contracts which satisfy the requirements of Code §457(g) if (a.) is selected.

a. ☒ **Custodial account(s) or annuity contract(s).**

b. ☐ **Specify (Optional):** _____.

[Note: The Employer under b. may wish to identify the custodial accounts or annuity contracts or to designate a portion of the Deferred Compensation to be held in such vehicles versus held in the Trust.]

27. **VALUATION.** In addition to the last day of the Plan Year, the Trustee (or Plan Administrator as applicable) must value the Trust Fund (or Accounts) on the following Valuation Date(s) (Choose one of a. or b.):

a. ☐ **No additional Valuation Dates.**

b. ☒ **Additional Valuation Dates.** (Choose one or more of 1., 2. or 3.):

1. ☒ **Daily Valuation Dates.** Each business day of the Plan Year on which Plan assets for which there is an established market are valued and the Trustee or Employer is conducting business.

2. ☐ **Last day of a specified period.** The last day of each _____ of the Plan Year.

3. ☐ **Specified Valuation Dates:** _____.

[Note: The Employer under Election 26b.3. may describe Valuation Dates from the elections available under Election 26b. and/or a combination thereof as to any: (i) Participant group (e.g., No additional Valuation Dates apply to Division A Employees OR to Employees hired after "x" date. Daily Valuation Dates apply to Division B Employees OR to Employees hired on/before "x" date.); (ii) Contribution Type (e.g., No additional Valuation Dates apply as to Discretionary Nonelective Contribution Accounts. The last day of each Plan Year quarter applies to Fixed Nonelective Contribution Accounts); (iii) investment type, investment vendor or Account type (e.g., No additional Valuation Dates apply to investments placed with vendor A and Daily Valuation Dates apply to investments placed with vendor B OR Daily Valuation Dates apply to Participant-Directed Accounts and no additional Valuation Dates apply to pooled Accounts).]

28. **TRUSTEE** (Select all that apply; leave blank if not applicable.):

a. ☐ Individual Trustee(s) who serve as Trustee(s) over assets not subject to control by a corporate Trustee. (Add additional Trustees as necessary.)

Name(s)

Title(s)

Address and Telephone number (Choose one of 1. or 2.):

1. ☐ Use Employer address and telephone number.

2. ☐ Use address and telephone number below:

Address: _____
Street

City State Zip

Telephone: _____

b. ☐ Corporate Trustee

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street

City State Zip

Telephone: _____

AND, the Corporate Trustee shall serve as:

c. ☐ a Directed (nondiscretionary) Trustee over all Plan assets except for the following:

d. ☐ a Discretionary Trustee over all Plan assets except for the following:

29. **PLAN LOANS (5.02(A)).** The Plan permits or does not permit Participant Loans (Choose one of a. or b.):

a. ☐ **Does not permit.**

b. ☒ **Permitted pursuant to the Loan Policy.**

30. **ROLLOVER CONTRIBUTIONS (3.09).** The Rollover Contributions under Election 5.d. are made as follows, subject to any additional limitations which may be provided by policy pursuant to Plan Section 3.09(A):

Who may roll over (*Choose one of a. or b.*):

- a. ☐ **Participants only.**
- b. ☒ **Eligible Employees or Participants.**

Sources/Types. The Plan will accept a Rollover Contribution (*Choose one of c. or d.*):

- c. ☒ **All.** From any Eligible Retirement Plan and as to all Contribution Types eligible to be rolled into this Plan.
- d. ☐ **Limited.** Only from the following types of Eligible Retirement Plans and/or as to the following Contribution Types:

Distribution of Rollover Contributions (*Choose one of e., f. or g.*):

- e. ☒ **Distribution without restrictions.** May elect distribution of his/her Rollover Contributions Account in accordance with Plan Section 4.05(C) at any time.
- f. ☐ **No distribution.** May not elect to receive distribution of his/her Rollover Contributions Account until the Plan has a distributable event under Plan Section 4.01.
- g. ☐ **Specify:** _____

31. **AUTOMATIC DEFERRAL PROVISIONS (3.02(B), 3.14).** (*Leave blank if 15a. is selected.*)

Participants subject to the Automatic Deferral Provisions. The Automatic Deferral Provisions apply to Employees who become Participants after the Effective Date of Automatic Deferrals (except as provided in d. below). Employees who became Participants prior to such Effective Date are subject to the following (a. – d. are optional):

- a. ☐ **All Participants.** All Participants, regardless of any prior Salary Reduction Agreement, unless and until a Participant makes an Affirmative Election after the Effective Date of Automatic Deferrals.
- b. ☐ **Election of at least Automatic Deferral amount.** All Participants, except those who, on the Effective Date of Automatic Deferrals, are deferring an amount which is at least equal to the Automatic Deferral Percentage.
- c. ☐ **No existing Salary Reduction Agreement.** All Participants, except those who have in effect a Salary Reduction Agreement on the effective date of Automatic Deferrals regardless of the Salary Reduction Contribution amount under the Agreement.
- d. ☐ **Describe:** _____

Automatic Deferral Percentage. Unless a Participant makes an Affirmative Election, the Employer will withhold the following Automatic Deferral Percentage (*select e. or f.*):

- e. ☐ **Constant.** The Employer will withhold _____% of Compensation each payroll period.

Escalation of deferral percentage (*select one or leave blank if not applicable*)

- 1. ☐ **Scheduled increases.** This initial percentage will increase by _____% of Compensation per year up to a maximum of _____% of Compensation.
- 2. ☐ **Other** (described Automatic Deferral Percentage): _____

Automatic Deferral Optional Election

- f. ☐ **Optional election** (*leave blank if not applicable*)

Suspended Salary Reduction Contributions. If a Participant's Salary Reduction Contributions are suspended pursuant to a provision of the Plan (e.g., distribution due to military leave covered by the HEART Act), then a Participant's Affirmative Election will expire on the date the period of suspension begins unless otherwise elected below.

- 1. ☐ A Participant's Affirmative Election will resume after the suspension period.

32. **In-Plan Roth Rollover Contributions from otherwise distributable amounts (IRR)**

- a. ☒ **Yes, allowed.**

Effective Date (*enter date*)

- 1. ☒ IRR Effective Date: October 1, 2025.

33. **In-Plan Roth Rollover Contributions from otherwise nondistributable amounts (IRT)**

- a. ☒ **Yes, allowed.**

Effective Date (*enter date*)

- 1. ☒ IRT Effective Date: October 1, 2025.

34. Is spousal consent required for non-spouse beneficiary designations by married participants (6.01(A))?
- a. ☐ Yes.
 - b. ☒ No.

This Plan is executed on the date(s) specified below:

Use of Adoption Agreement. Failure to complete properly the elections in this Adoption Agreement may result in disqualification of the Employer's Plan. The Employer only may use this Adoption Agreement only in conjunction with the corresponding basic plan document.

EMPLOYER: St. Louis Housing Authority

By: _____

DATE SIGNED

ELIGIBLE 457 PLAN

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1.01 **"Account"** means the separate Account(s) which the Plan Administrator or the Trustee maintains under the Plan for a Participant's Deferred Compensation. The Plan Administrator or Trustee may establish separate Accounts for multiple Beneficiaries of a Participant to facilitate required minimum distributions under Section 4.03 based on each Beneficiary's life expectancy.

1.02 **"Accounting Date"** means the last day of the Plan Year. The Plan Administrator will allocate Employer contributions and forfeitures for a particular Plan Year as of the Accounting Date of that Plan Year, and on such other dates, if any, as the Plan Administrator determines, consistent with the Plan's allocation conditions and other provisions.

1.03 **"Beneficiary"** means a person who the Plan or a Participant designates and who is or may become entitled to a Participant's Account upon the Participant's death. A Beneficiary who becomes entitled to a benefit under the Plan remains a Beneficiary under the Plan until the Plan Administrator or Trustee has fully distributed to the Beneficiary his or her Plan benefit. A Beneficiary's right to (and the Plan Administrator's or a Trustee's duty to provide to the Beneficiary) information or data concerning the Plan does not arise until the Beneficiary first becomes entitled to receive a benefit under the Plan.

1.04 **"Code"** means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

1.05 **"Compensation"**

(A) Uses and Context. Any reference in the Plan to Compensation is a reference to the definition in this Section 1.05, unless the Plan reference, or the Employer in the Adoption Agreement, modifies this definition. Except as the Plan otherwise specifically provides, the Plan Administrator will take into account only Compensation actually paid during (or as permitted under the Code, paid for) the relevant period. A Compensation payment includes Compensation paid by the Employer through another person under the common paymaster provisions in Code §§3121 and 3306. In the case of an Independent Contractor, Compensation means the amounts the Employer pays to the Independent Contractor for services, except as the Employer otherwise specifies in the Adoption Agreement. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement may elect to allocate contributions based on a Compensation within specified 12 month period which ends within a Plan Year.

(B) Base Definitions and Modifications. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement must elect one of the following base definitions of Compensation: W-2 Wages, Code §3401(a) Wages, or 415 Compensation. The Employer may elect a different base definition as to different Contribution Types. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement may specify any modifications thereto, for purposes of contribution allocations under Article III. If the Employer fails to elect one of the above-referenced definitions, the Employer is deemed to have elected the W-2 Wages definition.

(1) W-2 Wages. W-2 Wages means wages for federal income tax withholding purposes, as defined under Code §3401(a), plus all other payments to an Employee in the course of the Employer's trade or business, for which the Employer must furnish the Employee a written statement under Code §§6041, 6051, and 6052, but determined without regard to any rules that limit the remuneration included in wages based on the nature or location of the employment or services performed (such as the exception for agricultural labor in Code §3401(a)(2)).

(2) Code §3401(a) Wages (income tax wage withholding). Code §3401(a) Wages means wages within the meaning of Code §3401(a) for the purposes of income tax withholding at the source, but determined without regard to any rules that limit the remuneration included in wages based on the nature or the location of the employment or the services performed (such as the exception for agricultural labor in Code §3401(a)(2)).

(3) Code §415 Compensation (current income definition/simplified compensation under Treas. Reg. §1.415(c)-2(d)(2)). Code §415 Compensation means the Employee's wages, salaries, fees for professional service and other amounts received (without regard to whether or not an amount is paid in cash) for personal services actually rendered in the course of employment with the Employer maintaining the Plan to the extent that the amounts are includible in gross income (including, but not limited to, commissions paid salespersons, compensation for services on the basis of a percentage of profits, commissions on insurance premiums, tips, bonuses, fringe benefits and reimbursements or other expense allowances under a nonaccountable plan as described in Treas. Reg. §1.62-2(c)).

Code §415 Compensation does not include:

(a) Deferred compensation/SEP/SIMPLE. Employer contributions (other than Elective Deferrals) to a plan of deferred compensation (including a simplified employee pension plan under Code §408(k) or to a simple retirement account under Code §408(p)) to the extent the contributions are not included in the gross income of the Employee for the Taxable Year in which contributed, and any distributions from a plan of deferred compensation (whether or not qualified), regardless of whether such amounts are includible in the gross income of the Employee when distributed.

(b) Option exercise. Amounts realized from the exercise of a non-qualified stock option (an option other than a statutory option under Treas. Reg. §1.421-1(b)), or when restricted stock or other property held by an Employee either becomes freely transferable or is no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture under Code §83.

(c) Sale of option stock. Amounts realized from the sale, exchange or other disposition of stock acquired under a statutory stock option as defined under Treas. Reg. §1.421-1(b).

(d) Other amounts that receive special tax benefits. Other amounts that receive special tax benefits, such as premiums for group term life insurance (but only to the extent that the premiums are not includible in the gross income of the Employee and are not salary reduction amounts under Code §125).

(e) Other similar items. Other items of remuneration which are similar to any of the items in Sections 1.11(B)(3)(a) through (d).

(4) Alternative (general) 415 Compensation. Under this definition, Compensation means as defined in Section 1.05(B)(3) but with the addition of: (a) amounts described in Code §§104(a)(3), 105(a), or 105(h) but only to the extent that these amounts are includible in Employee's gross income; (b) amounts paid or reimbursed by the Employer for moving expenses incurred by the Employee, but only to the extent that at the time of payment it is reasonable to believe these amounts are not deductible by the Employee under Code §217; (c) the value of a nonstatutory option (an option other than a statutory option under Treas. Reg. §1.421-1(b)) granted by the Employer to the an Employee, but only to the extent that the value of the option is includible in the Employee's gross income for the Taxable Year of the grant; (d) the amount includible in the Employee's gross income upon the Employee's making of an election under Code §83(b); and (e) amounts that are includible in the Employee's gross income under Code §409A or Code §457(f)(1)(A) or because the amounts are constructively received by the Participant. [Note if the Plan's definition of Compensation is W-2 Wages or Code §3401(a) Wages, then Compensation already includes the amounts described in clause (e).]

(C) Deemed 125 Compensation. Deemed 125 Compensation means, in the case of any definition of Compensation which includes a reference to Code §125, amounts under a Code §125 plan of the Employer that are not available to a Participant in cash in lieu of group health coverage, because the Participant is unable to certify that he/she has other health coverage.

(D) Modification to Compensation. The Employer must specify in the Adoption Agreement the Compensation the Plan Administrator is to take into account in allocating Deferral Contributions to a Participant's Account. For all Plan Years other than the Plan Year in which the Employee first becomes a Participant, the Plan Administrator will take into account only the Compensation determined for the portion of the Plan Year in which the Employee actually is a Participant.

(E) Elective Contributions. Compensation under Section 1.05 includes Elective Contributions unless the Employer in the Adoption Agreement elects to exclude Elective Contributions. "Elective Contributions" are amounts excludible from the Employee's gross income under Code §§125, 132(f)(4), 402(e)(3), 402(h)(1)(B), 403(b), 408(p) or 457, and contributed by the Employer, at the Employee's election, to a cafeteria plan, a qualified transportation fringe benefit plan, a 401(k) arrangement, a SARSEP, a tax-sheltered annuity, a SIMPLE plan or a Code §457 plan.

(F) Post-Severance Compensation. Compensation includes Post-Severance Compensation to the extent the Employer elects in the Adoption Agreement or as the Plan otherwise provides. Post-Severance Compensation is Compensation paid after a Participant's Severance from Employment from the Employer, as further described in this Section 1.05(F). As the Employer elects, Post-Severance Compensation may include any or all of regular pay, leave cash-outs, or deferred compensation paid within the time period described in Section 1.05(F)(1), and may also include salary continuation for disabled Participants, all as defined below. Any other payment paid after Severance from Employment that is not described in this Section 1.05(F) is not Compensation even if payment is made within the time period described below. Post-Severance Compensation does not include severance pay, parachute payments under Code §280G(b)(2) or payments under a nonqualified unfunded deferred compensation plan unless the payments would have been paid at that time without regard to Severance from Employment.

(1) Timing. Post-Severance Compensation includes regular pay, leave cashouts, or deferred compensation only to the extent the Employer pays such amounts by the later of 2 1/2 months after Severance from Employment or by the end of the Limitation Year that includes the date of such Severance from Employment.

(a) Regular pay. Regular pay means the payment of regular Compensation for services during the Participant's regular working hours, or Compensation for services outside the Participant's regular working hours (such as overtime or shift differential), commissions, bonuses, or other similar payments, but only if the payment would have been paid to the Participant prior to a Severance from Employment if the Participant had continued in employment with the Employer.

(b) Leave cash-outs. Leave cash-outs means payments for unused accrued bona fide sick, vacation, or other leave, but only if the Employee would have been able to use the leave if employment had continued and if Compensation would have included those amounts if they were paid prior to the Participant's Severance from Employment.

(c) Deferred compensation. As used in this Section 1.05(F), deferred compensation means the payment of deferred compensation pursuant to an unfunded deferred compensation plan, if Compensation would have included the Deferred Compensation if it had been paid prior to the Participant's Severance from Employment, but only if the payment would have been paid at the same time if the Participant had continued in employment with the Employer and only to the extent that the payment is includible in the Participant's gross income.

(2) Salary continuation for disabled Participants. Salary continuation for disabled Participants means Compensation paid to a Participant who is permanently and totally disabled (as defined in Code §22(e)(3)).

(3) Differential Wage Payments. An individual receiving a Differential Wage Payment, as defined by Code §3401(h)(2), shall be treated as an employee of the employer making the payment and the Differential Wage Payment shall be treated as compensation for purposes of Code §457(b) and any other Internal Revenue Code section that references the definition of compensation under Code §415, including the definition of Includible Compensation as provided in Section 1.15.

1.06 **"Deferral Contributions"** means as the Employer elects on the Adoption Agreement, Salary Reduction Contributions, Nonelective Contributions and Matching Contributions. The Plan Administrator in applying the Code §457(b) limit will take into account Deferral Contributions in the Taxable Year in which deferred, or if later, in the Taxable Year in which the Deferral Contributions are no longer subject to a Substantial Risk of Forfeiture. The Plan Administrator in determining the amount of a Participant's Deferral Contributions disregards the net income, gain and loss attributable to Deferral Contributions unless the Deferral Contributions are subject to a Substantial Risk of Forfeiture. If a Deferral Contribution is subject to a Substantial Risk of Forfeiture, the Plan Administrator takes into the Deferral Contribution as adjusted for allocable net income, gain or loss in the Taxable Year in which the Substantial Risk of Forfeiture lapses.

1.07 **"Deferred Compensation"** means as to a Participant the amount of Deferral Contributions, Rollover Contributions and Transfers adjusted for allocable net income, gain or loss, in the Participant's Account.

1.08 **"Effective Date"** of this Plan is the date the Employer specifies in the Adoption Agreement. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement may elect special effective dates for Plan provisions the Employer specifies provided any such date(s) are permitted by the Code, by Treasury regulations, or by other applicable guidance.

1.09 **"Elective Deferrals"** means a contribution the Employer makes to the Plan pursuant to a Participant's Salary Reduction Agreement, as described in Section 3.02. The term "Elective Deferrals" includes Pre Tax Elective Deferrals and Roth Elective Deferrals.

1.10 **"Employee"** means an individual who provides services for the Employer, as a common law employee of the Employer. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement must elect or specify any Employee, or class of Employees, not eligible to participate in the Plan (an "Excluded Employee"). See Section 1.16 regarding potential treatment of an Independent Contractor as an Employee.

1.11 **"Employer"** means the entity specified in the Adoption Agreement, any successor which shall maintain this Plan; and any predecessor which has maintained this Plan. In addition, where appropriate, the term Employer shall include any Participating Employer.

1.12 **"Employer Contribution"** means Nonelective Contributions or Matching Contributions.

1.13 **"ERISA"** means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

1.14 **"Excess Deferrals"** means Deferral Contributions to an Eligible 457 Plan for a Participant that exceed the Taxable Year maximum limitation of Code §§457(b) and (e)(18).

1.15 **"Includible Compensation"** means, for the Employee's Taxable Year, the Employee's total Compensation within the meaning of Code §415(c)(3) paid to an Employee for services rendered to the Employer. Includible Compensation includes Deferral Contributions under the Plan, compensation deferred under any other plan described in Code §457, and any amount excludible from the Employee's gross income under Code §§401(k), 403(b), 125 or 132(f)(4) or any other amount excludible from the Employee's gross income for Federal income tax purposes. The Employer will determine Includible Compensation without regard to community property laws.

1.16 **"Independent Contractor"** means any individual who performs service for the Employer and who the Employer does not treat as an Employee or a Leased Employee. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement may elect to permit Independent Contractors to participate in the Plan. To the extent that the Employer permits Independent Contractor participation, references to Employee in the Plan include Independent Contractors and Compensation means the amounts the Employer pays to the Independent Contractor for services, except as the Employer otherwise specifies in the Adoption Agreement.

1.17 **"Leased Employee"** means an Employee within the meaning of Code §414(n).

1.18 **"Matching Contribution"** means an Employer fixed or discretionary contribution made or forfeiture allocated on account of Salary Reduction Contributions.

1.19 **"Nonelective Contribution"** means an Employer fixed or discretionary contribution not made as a result of a Salary Reduction Agreement and which is not a Matching Contribution.

1.20 **"Normal Retirement Age"** means the age the Employer specifies in the Adoption Agreement consistent with Section 3.05(B). If the Adoption Agreement specifies that the Normal Retirement Age is the "Pension Benefit Age," then the Normal Retirement Age is the age at which participants have the right to retire and receive, under the basic defined benefit pension plan of the Employer (or a money purchase pension plan in which the participant also participates if the participant is not eligible to participate in a defined benefit plan), immediate retirement benefits without actuarial or similar reduction because of retirement before some later specified age.

1.21 **"Participant"** is an Employee other than an Excluded Employee who becomes a Participant in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.01. Once an individual has become a Participant, he or she will remain a Participant so long as the individual has an Account in the Plan.

1.22 **"Plan"** means the 457 plan established or continued by the Employer in the form of this basic Plan and (if applicable) Trust Agreement, including the Adoption Agreement. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement must designate the name of the Plan. All section references within the Plan are Plan section references unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

1.23 **"Plan Administrator"** is the Employer unless the Employer designates another person to hold the position of Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator may be a Participant.

1.24 **"Plan Entry Date"** means the dates the Employer elects in Adoption Agreement.

1.25 **"Plan Year"** means the consecutive 12-month period the Employer elects in the Adoption Agreement.

1.26 **"Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals" or "Pre-Tax Deferrals"** means a Participant's Salary Reduction Contributions which are not includible in the Participant's gross income at the time deferred and have been irrevocably designated as Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals by the Participant in his or her Salary Reduction Agreement. A Participant's Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals will be separately accounted for, as will gains and losses attributable to those Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals.

1.27 **"Rollover Contribution"** means the amount of cash or property which an eligible retirement plan described in Code §402(c)(8)(B) distributes to an eligible Employee or to a Participant in an eligible rollover distribution under Code §402(c)(4) and which the eligible Employee or Participant transfers directly or indirectly to a Governmental Eligible 457 Plan. A Rollover Contribution includes net income, gain or loss attributable to the Rollover Contribution. A Rollover Contribution excludes after-tax Employee contributions, as adjusted for net income, gain or loss.

1.28 **"Roth Elective Deferrals" or "Roth Deferrals"** means a Participant's Salary Reduction Contributions that are includible in the Participant's gross income at the time deferred and have been irrevocably designated as Roth Elective Deferrals by the Participant in his or her Salary Reduction Agreement. A Participant's Roth Elective Deferrals will be separately accounted for, as will gains and losses attributable to those Roth Elective Deferrals. However, forfeitures may not be allocated to such account. The Plan must also maintain a record of a Participant's investment in the contract (i.e., designated Roth contributions that have not been distributed) and the year in which the Participant first made a Roth Elective Deferral.

1.29 **"Salary Reduction Agreement"** means a written agreement between a Participant and the Employer, by which the Employer reduces the Participant's Compensation for Compensation not available as of the date of the election and contributes the amount as a Salary Reduction Contribution to the Participant's Account.

1.30 **"Salary Reduction Contribution"** means a contribution the Employer makes to the Plan pursuant to a Participant's Salary Reduction Agreement.

1.31 **"Service"** means any period of time the Employee is in the employ of the Employer. In the case of an Independent Contractor, Service means any period of time the Independent Contractor performs services for the Employer on an independent contractor basis. An Employee or Independent Contractor terminates Service upon incurring a Severance from Employment.

(A) Qualified Military Service. Service includes any qualified military service the Plan must credit for contributions and benefits in order to satisfy the crediting of Service requirements of Code §414(u). A Participant whose employment is interrupted by qualified military service under Code §414(u) or who is on a leave of absence for qualified military service under Code §414(u) may elect to make additional Salary Reduction Contributions upon resumption of employment with the Employer equal to the maximum Deferral Contributions that the Participant could have elected during that period if the Participant's employment with the Employer had continued (at the same level of Compensation) without the interruption of leave, reduced by the Deferral Contributions, if any, actually made for the Participant during the period of the interruption or leave. This right applies for five years following the resumption of employment (or, if sooner, for a period equal to three times the period of the interruption or leave). The Employer shall make appropriate make-up Nonelective Contributions and Matching Contributions for such a Participant as required under Code §414(u). The Plan shall apply limitations of Article III to all Deferral Contributions under this paragraph with respect to the year to which the Deferral Contribution relates.

(B) "Continuous Service" as the Adoption Agreement describes means Service with the Employer during which the Employee does not incur a Severance from Employment.

(C) "Severance from Employment"

(1) Employee. An Employee has a Severance from Employment when the Employee ceases to be an Employee of the Employer. A Participant does not incur a Severance from Employment if, in connection with a change in employment, the Participant's new employer continues or assumes sponsorship of the Plan or accepts a Transfer of Plan assets as to the Participant.

(2) Independent Contractor. An Independent Contractor has a Severance from Employment when the contract(s) under which the Independent Contractor performs services for the Employer expires (or otherwise terminates), unless the Employer anticipates a renewal of the contractual relationship or the Independent Contractor becoming an Employee. The Employer anticipates renewal if it intends to contract for the services provided under the expired contract and neither the Employer nor the Independent Contractor has eliminated the Independent Contractor as a potential provider of such services under the new contract. Further, the Employer intends to contract for services conditioned only upon the Employer's need for the services provided under the expired contract or the Employer's availability of funds. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this Section 1.31, the Plan Administrator will consider an Independent Contractor to have incurred a Severance from Employment: (a) if the Plan Administrator or Trustee will not pay any Deferred Compensation to an Independent Contractor who is a Participant before a date which is at least twelve months after the expiration of the Independent Contractor's contract (or the last to expire of such contracts) to render Services to the Employer; and (b) if before the applicable twelve-month payment date, the Independent Contractor performs Service as an Independent Contractor or as an Employee, the Plan Administrator or Trustee will not pay to the Independent Contractor his or her Deferred Compensation on the applicable date.

(3) Deemed Severance. Notwithstanding Section 1.05(F), if the Employer elects in the Adoption Agreement, then if a Participant performs service in the uniformed services (as defined in Code §414(u)(12)(B)) on active duty for a period of more than 30 days, the Participant will be deemed to have a severance from employment solely for purposes of eligibility for distribution of amounts not subject to Code §412. However, the Plan will not distribute such a Participant's Account on account of this deemed severance unless the Participant specifically elects to receive a benefit distribution hereunder. If a Participant elects to receive a distribution on account of this deemed severance, then no Deferral Contributions may be made for the Participant during the 6-month period beginning on the date of the distribution. If a Participant would be entitled

to a distribution on account of a deemed severance, and a distribution on account of another Plan provision, then the other Plan provision will control and the 6-month suspension will not apply.

1.32 **"State"** means (a) one of the 50 states of the United States or the District of Columbia, or (b) a political subdivision of a State, or any agency or instrumentality of a State or its political subdivision. A State does not include the federal government or any agency or instrumentality thereof.

1.33 **"Substantial Risk of Forfeiture"** exists if the Plan expressly conditions a Participant's right to Deferred Compensation upon the Participant's future performance of substantial Service for the Employer.

1.34 **RESERVED**

1.35 **"Taxable Year"** means the calendar year or other taxable year of a Participant.

1.36 **"Transfer"** means a transfer of Eligible 457 Plan assets to another Eligible 457 Plan which is not a Rollover Contribution and which is made in accordance with Section 9.03.

1.37 **"Trust"** means the Trust created under the adopting Employer's Plan. The Trust is subject to Article VIII.

1.38 **"Trustee"** means the person or persons who as Trustee execute the Employer's Adoption Agreement, or any successor in office who in writing accepts the position of Trustee.

1.39 **Type of 457 Plan.** This Plan is an Eligible 457 Plan, which is a plan which satisfies the requirements of Code §457(b) and Treas. Reg. §§1.457-3 through -10. The Plan is a "Governmental Eligible 457 Plan," an Eligible 457 Plan established by a State.

1.40 **"Vested"** means a Participant's Deferral Contributions that are not subject to a Substantial Risk of Forfeiture, including a vesting schedule.

ARTICLE II ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

2.01 **ELIGIBILITY.** Each Employee who is not an Excluded Employee becomes a Participant in the Plan in accordance with the eligibility conditions and as of the Plan Entry Date the Employer elects in the Adoption Agreement. If this Plan is a restated Plan, each Employee who was a Participant in the Plan on the day before the Effective Date continues as a Participant in the Plan, irrespective of whether he/she satisfies the eligibility conditions in the restated Plan, unless the Employer indicates otherwise in the Adoption Agreement.

2.02 **PARTICIPATION UPON RE-EMPLOYMENT.** A Participant who incurs a Severance from Employment will re-enter the Plan as a Participant on the date of his or her re-employment. An Employee who satisfies the Plan's eligibility conditions but who incurs a Severance from Employment prior to becoming a Participant will become a Participant on the later of the Plan Entry Date on which he/she would have entered the Plan had he/she not incurred a Severance from Employment or the date of his or her re-employment. Any Employee who incurs a Severance from Employment prior to satisfying the Plan's eligibility conditions becomes a Participant in accordance with the Adoption Agreement.

2.03 **CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS.** If a Participant has not incurred a Severance from Employment but ceases to be eligible to participate in the Plan, by reason of becoming an Excluded Employee, the Plan Administrator must treat the Participant as an Excluded Employee during the period such a Participant is subject to the Adoption Agreement exclusion. The Plan Administrator determines a Participant's sharing in the allocation of Employer Contributions by disregarding his or her Compensation paid by the Employer for services rendered in his or her capacity as an Excluded Employee. However, during such period of exclusion, the Participant, without regard to employment classification, continues to share fully in Plan income allocations under Section 5.07 and to accrue vesting service if applicable.

ARTICLE III DEFERRAL CONTRIBUTIONS/LIMITATIONS

3.01 **AMOUNT.**

(A) Contribution Formula. For each Plan Year, or other period the Employer specifies in the Adoption Agreement, the Employer will contribute to the Plan the type and amount of Deferral Contributions the Employer elects in the Adoption Agreement.

(B) Return of Contributions. The Employer contributes to this Plan on the condition its contribution is not due to a mistake of fact. If the Plan has a Trust, the Trustee, upon written request from the Employer, must return to the Employer the amount of the Employer's contribution (adjusted for losses) made by the Employer on account of a mistake of fact. The Trustee will not return any portion of the Employer's contribution under the provisions of this paragraph more than one year after the Employer made the contribution on account of a mistake of fact. In addition, if any Participant Salary Reduction Contribution is due to a mistake of fact, the Employer or the Trustee upon written request from the Employer shall return the Participant's contribution (adjusted for net income, gain or loss), within one year after payment of the contribution.

The Trustee will decrease the Employer contribution returnable for any losses attributable to it. The Trustee may require the Employer to furnish it whatever evidence the Trustee deems necessary to enable the Trustee to confirm the amount the Employer has requested be returned is properly returnable.

(C) Time of Payment of Contribution. If the Plan has a Trust, the Employer may pay its contributions for each Plan Year to the Trust in one or more installments and at such time(s) as the Employer determines, without interest. The Employer shall deposit

Salary Reduction Contributions to the Trust within a period that is not longer than is reasonable for the administration of Participant Accounts.

3.02 SALARY REDUCTION CONTRIBUTIONS. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement must elect whether the Plan permits Salary Reduction Contributions, and may also specify the Plan limitations, if any, which apply to Salary Reduction Contributions. Unless the Employer elects otherwise in the Adoption Agreement, all such limitations apply on a payroll basis. The Plan Administrator in the Plan's Salary Reduction Agreement form, or in a Salary Reduction Agreement policy will specify additional rules and restrictions applicable to a Participant's Salary Reduction Agreement, including but not limited to those regarding the timing, frequency and mechanics of changing or revoking a Salary Reduction Agreement. Any such rules and restrictions must be consistent with the Plan. If a Participant is making both Pre-Tax and Roth Deferrals, the Salary Reduction Agreement policy may establish reasonable, uniform conventions for determining whether an automatic escalation of a participant's deferrals will result in an increase in Pre-Tax Deferrals or Roth Deferrals. The Plan Administrator may provide more than one Salary Reduction Agreement form for use in specific situations, such as a form limited to bonuses.

(A) Deferral from Sick, Vacation and Back Pay. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement must elect whether to permit Participants to make Salary Reduction Contributions from accumulated sick pay, from accumulated vacation pay or from back pay.

(B) Automatic Enrollment. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement may provide for automatic Salary Reduction Contributions (Automatic Deferrals) of a specified amount, subject to giving notice to affected Participants of the automatic election and of their right to make a contrary election.

The Plan may elect to provide an Eligible Automatic Contribution Arrangement ("EACA"). See Section 3.14.

(C) Application to Leave of Absence and Disability. Unless a Participant in his or her Salary Reduction Agreement elects otherwise, the Participant's Salary Reduction Agreement shall continue to apply during the Participant's leave of absence or the Participant's disability (as the Plan Administrator shall establish), if the Participant has Compensation other than imputed compensation or disability benefits.

(D) Post-severance deferrals limited to Post-Severance Compensation. Deferrals are permitted from an amount received following Severance from Employment only if the amount is Post-Severance Compensation.

(E) Limitations. The Employer may elect a Plan limit in its Adoption Agreement, but if the Employer does not so elect, the Plan Administrator may establish a Plan limit on Elective Deferrals. The Plan Administrator may also establish a limit applying only to bonuses. Such limits may be established or changed from time to time by providing notice to the Participants. Any such limit change made during a Plan Year applies only prospectively and applies until the Plan Administrator changes or revokes the limit.

3.03 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS.

(A) Matching Contributions. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement must elect whether the Plan permits Matching Contributions and, if so, the type(s) of Matching Contributions, the time period applicable to any Matching Contribution formula, and as applicable, the amount of Matching Contributions and the Plan limitations, if any, which apply to Matching Contributions. Any Matching Contributions apply to age 50 catch-up contributions, if any, and to any Normal Retirement Age catch-up contributions unless the Employer elects otherwise in the Adoption Agreement.

(B) Nonelective Contributions. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement must elect whether the Plan permits Nonelective Contributions and, if so, the contribution formula and related timing and the allocation conditions. Unless otherwise specified (such as an amount determined under contract or a fixed dollar amount), such contributions will be allocated pro rata based on compensation.

3.04 NORMAL LIMITATION. Except as provided in Sections 3.05 and 3.06, a Participant's maximum Deferral Contributions (excluding Rollover Contributions and Transfers) under this Plan for a Taxable Year may not exceed the lesser of:

(a) The applicable dollar amount as specified under Code §457(e)(15) (or such larger amount as the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue may prescribe), or

(b) 100% of the Participant's Includible Compensation for the Taxable Year.

3.05 NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE CATCH-UP CONTRIBUTION. If selected in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant may elect to make this catch-up election. For one or more of the Participant's last three Taxable Years ending before the Taxable Year in which the Participant attains Normal Retirement Age, the Participant's maximum Deferral Contributions may not exceed the lesser of:

(a) Twice the dollar amount under Section 3.04(a) Normal Limitation, or (b) the underutilized limitation.

(A) Underutilized Limitation. A Participant's underutilized limitation is equal to the sum of: (i) the normal limitation for the Taxable Year, and (ii) the normal limitation for each of the prior Taxable Years of the Participant commencing after 1978 during which the Participant was eligible to participate in the Plan and the Participant's Deferral Contributions were subject to the Normal Limitation or any other Code §457(b) limit, less the amount of Deferral Contributions for each such prior Taxable Year, excluding age 50 catch-up contributions.

(B) Normal Retirement Age. Normal Retirement Age is the age the Employer specifies in the Adoption Agreement provided that the age may not be: (i) earlier than the earliest of age 65 or the age at which Participants have the right to retire and receive under the Employer's defined benefit plan (or money purchase plan if the Participant is not eligible to participate in a defined benefit plan) immediate retirement benefits without actuarial or other reduction because of retirement before a later specified age; or (ii) later than age 70 1/2.

(1) Participant Designation. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement may permit a Participant to designate his or her Normal Retirement Age as any age including or between the foregoing ages.

(2) Multiple 457 Plans. If the Employer maintains more than one Eligible 457 Plan, the Plans may not permit any Participant to have more than one Normal Retirement Age under the Plans.

(3) Police and Firefighters. In a Plan with qualified police or firefighter Participants within the meaning of Code §415(b)(2)(H)(ii)(I), the Employer in the Adoption Agreement may elect (or permit the qualified Participants to elect) a Normal Retirement Age as early as age 40 and as late as age 70 1/2.

(C) Pre-2002 Coordination. In determining a Participant's underutilized limitation, the Plan Administrator, in accordance with Treas. Reg. §1.457-4(c)(3)(iv), must apply the coordination rule in effect under now repealed Code §457(c)(2). The Plan Administrator also must determine the Normal Limitation for pre-2002 Taxable Years in accordance with Code §457(b)(2) as then in effect.

3.06 AGE 50 CATCH-UP CONTRIBUTION. The Employer must specify in the Adoption Agreement whether the Participants are eligible to make age 50 catch-up contributions.

If an Employer elects to permit age 50 catch-up contributions, all Employees who are eligible to make Salary Reduction Contributions under this Plan and who have attained age 50 before the close of the Taxable Year are eligible to make age 50 catch-up contributions for that Taxable Year in accordance with, and subject to the limitations of, Code §414(v). Such catch-up contributions are not taken into account for purposes of the provisions of the Plan implementing the required limitations of Code §457. If, for a Taxable Year, an Employee makes a catch-up contribution under Section 3.05, the Employee is not eligible to make age 50 catch-up contributions under this Section 3.06. A catch-up eligible Participant in each Taxable Year is entitled to the greater of the amount determined under Section 3.05 or Section 3.06 Catch-Up Amount plus the Section 3.04 Normal Limitation.

3.07 CONTRIBUTION ALLOCATION. The Plan Administrator will allocate to each Participant's Account his or her Deferral Contributions. The Employer will allocate Employer Nonelective and Matching Contributions to the Account of each Participant who satisfies the allocation conditions in the Adoption Agreement in the following manner:

(a) Fixed match. To the extent the Employer makes Matching Contributions under a fixed Adoption Agreement formula, the Plan Administrator will allocate the Matching Contribution to the Account of the Participant on whose behalf the Employer makes that contribution. A fixed Matching Contribution formula is a formula under which the Employer contributes a specified percentage or dollar amount on behalf of a Participant based on that Participant's Salary Reduction Contributions.

(b) Discretionary match. To the extent the Employer makes Matching Contributions under a discretionary Adoption Agreement formula, the Plan Administrator will allocate the Matching Contributions to a Participant's Account in the same proportion that each Participant's Salary Reduction Contributions taken into account under the formula bear to the total Salary Reduction Contributions of all Participants.

(c) Tiered match. If the Matching Contribution formula is a tiered formula, the Plan Administrator will allocate separately the Matching Contributions with respect to each tier of Salary Reduction Contributions, in accordance with the tiered formula.

(d) Discretionary nonelective. The Plan Administrator will allocate discretionary Nonelective Contributions for a Plan Year in the same ratio that each Participant's Compensation for the Plan Year bears to the total Compensation of all Participants for the Plan Year, unless the Employer elects otherwise in the Adoption Agreement.

(e) Fixed nonelective. The Plan Administrator will allocate fixed Nonelective Contributions for a Plan Year in the same ratio that each Participant's Compensation for the Plan Year bears to the total Compensation of all Participants for the Plan Year, unless the Employer elects otherwise in the Adoption Agreement.

(f) Other nonelective. The Plan Administrator will allocate Nonelective Contributions for a Plan Year as specified in the Adoption Agreement.

3.08 ALLOCATION CONDITIONS. The Plan Administrator will determine the allocation conditions applicable to Nonelective Contributions or to Matching Contributions (or to both) in accordance with the Employer's elections in the Adoption Agreement. The Plan Administrator will not allocate to a Participant any portion of an Employer Contribution (or forfeiture if applicable) for a Plan Year or applicable portion thereof in which the Participant does not satisfy the applicable allocation condition(s).

3.09 ROLLOVER CONTRIBUTIONS. If elected in the Adoption Agreement, the Plan may permit Rollover Contributions.

(A) Operational Administration. The Employer, operationally and on a nondiscriminatory basis, may elect to limit an eligible Employee's right or a Participant's right to make a Rollover Contribution. Any Participant (or as applicable, any eligible Employee), with the Employer's written consent and after filing with the Trustee the form prescribed by the Plan Administrator, may make a Rollover Contribution to the Trust. Before accepting a Rollover Contribution, the Trustee may require a Participant (or eligible Employee) to furnish satisfactory evidence the proposed transfer is in fact a "Rollover Contribution" which the Code permits an employee to make to an eligible retirement plan. The Trustee, in its sole discretion, may decline to accept a Rollover Contribution of property which could: (1) generate unrelated business taxable income; (2) create difficulty or undue expense in storage, safekeeping or valuation; or (3) create other practical problems for the Trust.

(B) Pre-Participation Rollover. If an eligible Employee makes a Rollover Contribution to the Trust prior to satisfying the Plan's eligibility conditions, the Plan Administrator and Trustee must treat the Employee as a limited Participant (as described in Rev. Rul. 96-48 or in any successor ruling). A limited Participant does not share in the Plan's allocation of any Employer Contributions and may not make Salary Reduction Contributions until he/she actually becomes a Participant in the Plan. If a limited Participant

has a Severance from Employment prior to becoming a Participant in the Plan, the Trustee will distribute his or her Rollover Contributions Account to the limited Participant in accordance with Article IV.

(C) Separate Accounting. If an Employer permits Rollover Contributions, the Plan Administrator must account separately for: (1) amounts rolled into this Plan from an eligible retirement plan (other than from another Governmental Eligible 457 plan); and (2) amounts rolled into this Plan from another Governmental Eligible 457 Plan. The Plan Administrator for purposes of ordering any subsequent distribution from this Plan, may designate a distribution from a Participant's Rollover Contributions as coming first from either of (1) or (2) above if the Participant has both types of Rollover Contribution Accounts.

(D) May Include Roth Deferrals. If this Plan accepts Roth Elective Deferrals, then a Rollover Contribution may include Roth Deferrals made to another plan, as adjusted for Earnings. Such amounts must be directly rolled over into this Plan from another plan which is qualified under Code §401(a), from a 403(b) plan, or from an eligible governmental 457 plan. The Plan must account separately for the Rollover Contribution, including the Roth Deferrals and the Earnings thereon.

(E) In-Plan Roth Rollover Contributions. The Employer may elect to permit In-Plan Roth Rollover Contributions. See Section 3.15.

3.10 DISTRIBUTION OF EXCESS DEFERRALS. In the event that a Participant has Excess Deferrals, the Plan will distribute to the Participant the Excess Deferrals and allocable net income, gain or loss, in accordance with this Section 3.10.

(A) Governmental Eligible 457 Plan. The Plan Administrator will distribute Excess Deferrals from the Plan as soon as is reasonably practicable following the Plan Administrator's determination of the amount of the Excess Deferral.

(B) RESERVED

(C) Plan Aggregation. If the Employer maintains more than one Eligible 457 Plan, the Employer must aggregate all such Plans in determining whether any Participant has Excess Deferrals.

(D) Individual Limitation. If a Participant participates in another Eligible 457 Plan maintained by a different employer, and the Participant has Excess Deferrals, the Plan Administrator may, but is not required, to correct the Excess Deferrals by making a corrective distribution from this Plan.

3.11 DEEMED IRA CONTRIBUTIONS. The Employer may elect to permit Participants to make IRA contributions to this Plan in accordance with the Code §408(q) deemed IRA rules. If the Employer elects to permit deemed IRA contributions to the Plan, the Employer will amend the Plan to add necessary IRA language and either the Rev. Proc. 2003-13 sample deemed IRA language or an appropriate substitute.

3.12 ROTH ELECTIVE DEFERRALS. The Employer may elect in the Adoption Agreement to permit Roth Elective Deferrals. Unless elected otherwise, Roth Elective Deferrals shall be treated in the same manner as Elective Deferrals. The Employer may, in operation, implement deferral election procedures provided such procedures are communicated to Participants and permit Participants to modify their elections at least once each Plan Year.

(A) Elective Deferrals. "Elective Deferral" means a contribution the Employer makes to the Plan pursuant to a Participant's Salary Reduction Agreement, as described in Section 3.02. The term "Elective Deferrals" includes Pre-tax Elective Deferrals and Roth Elective Deferrals.

(B) Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals. "Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals" means a Participant's Salary Reduction Contributions which are not includible in the Participant's gross income at the time deferred and have been irrevocably designated as Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals by the Participant in his or her Salary Reduction Agreement. A Participant's Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals will be separately accounted for, as will gains and losses attributable to those Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals.

(C) Roth Elective Deferrals. "Roth Elective Deferrals" means a Participant's Salary Reduction Contributions that are includible in the Participant's gross income at the time deferred and have been irrevocably designated as Roth Elective Deferrals by the Participant in his or her Salary Reduction Agreement. A Participant's Roth Elective Deferrals will be separately accounted for, as will gains and losses attributable to those Roth Elective Deferrals. However, forfeitures may not be allocated to such account. The Plan must also maintain a record of a Participant's investment in the contract (i.e., designated Roth contributions that have not been distributed) and the year in which the Participant first made a Roth Elective Deferral.

(D) Ordering Rules for Distributions. The Administrator operationally may implement an ordering rule procedure for withdrawals (including, but not limited to, withdrawals on account of an unforeseeable emergency) from a Participant's accounts attributable to Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals or Roth Elective Deferrals. Such ordering rules may specify whether the Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals or Roth Elective Deferrals are distributed first, to the extent such type of Elective Deferrals was made for the year. Furthermore, such procedure may permit the Participant to elect which type of Elective Deferrals shall be distributed first.

(E) Corrective distributions attributable to Roth Elective Deferrals. For any Plan Year in which a Participant may make both Roth Elective Deferrals and Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals, the Administrator operationally may implement an ordering rule procedure for the distribution of Excess Deferrals (Treas. Reg. §1.457-4(e)). Such an ordering rule may specify whether the Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals or Roth Elective Deferrals are distributed first, to the extent such type of Elective Deferrals was made for the year. Furthermore, such procedure may permit the Participant to elect which type of Elective Deferrals shall be distributed first.

(F) Loans. If Participant loans are permitted under the Plan, then the Administrator may modify the loan policy or program to provide limitations on the ability to borrow from, or use as security, a Participant's Roth Elective Deferral account. Similarly, the loan policy or program may be modified to provide for an ordering rule with respect to the default of a loan that is made from the Participant's Roth Elective Deferral account and other accounts under the Plan.

(G) Rollovers. A direct rollover of a distribution from Roth Elective Deferrals shall only be made to a Plan which includes Roth Elective Deferrals as described in Code §402A(e)(1) or to a Roth IRA as described in Code §408A, and only to the extent the rollover is permitted under the rules of Code §402(c).

The Plan shall accept a rollover contribution of Roth Elective Deferrals only if it is a direct rollover from another Plan which permits Roth Elective Deferrals as described in Code §402A(e)(1) and only to the extent the rollover is permitted under the rules of Code §402(c). The Employer, operationally and on a uniform and nondiscriminatory basis, may decide whether to accept any such rollovers.

The Plan shall not provide for a direct rollover (including an automatic rollover) for distributions from a Participant's Roth Elective Deferral account if the amount of the distributions that are eligible rollover distributions are reasonably expected to total less than \$200 during a year. In addition, any distribution from a Participant's Roth Elective Deferrals are not taken into account in determining whether distributions from a Participant's other accounts are reasonably expected to total less than \$200 during a year. Furthermore, the Plan will treat a Participant's Roth Elective Deferral account and the Participant's other accounts as held under two separate plans for purposes of applying the automatic rollover rules. However, eligible rollover distributions of a Participant's Roth Elective Deferrals are taken into account in determining whether the total amount of the Participant's account balances under the Plan exceed the Plan's limits for purposes of mandatory distributions from the Plan.

The provisions of the Plan that allow a Participant to elect a direct rollover of only a portion of an eligible rollover distribution but only if the amount rolled over is at least \$500 is applied by treating any amount distributed from a Participant's Roth Elective Deferral account as a separate distribution from any amount distributed from the Participant's other accounts in the Plan, even if the amounts are distributed at the same time.

(H) Automatic Enrollment. If the Plan utilizes an automatic enrollment feature as described in Section 3.02(B), then any such automatic contribution shall be a Pre-Tax Elective Deferral.

(I) Operational Compliance. The Plan Administrator will administer Roth Elective Deferrals in accordance with applicable regulations or other binding authority.

3.13 BENEFIT ACCRUAL. If the Employer elects to apply this Section, then effective as of the date adopted, for benefit accrual purposes, the Plan treats an individual who dies or becomes disabled (as defined under Code §22(e)(3) or in the Plan's administrative policies) while performing qualified military service with respect to the Employer as if the individual had resumed employment in accordance with the individual's reemployment rights under USERRA, on the day preceding death or disability (as the case may be) and terminated employment on the actual date of death or disability.

(A) Determination of benefits. The amount of Matching Contributions to be made pursuant to this Section 3.13 shall be determined as though the amount of Salary Reduction Contributions of an individual treated as reemployed under this Section on the basis of the individual's average actual Salary Reduction Contributions for the lesser of: (i) the 12-month period of service with the Employer immediately prior to qualified military service; or (ii) the actual length of continuous service with the Employer.

3.14 ELIGIBLE AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENT (EACA). As elected in the Adoption Agreement, the Employer maintains a Plan with automatic enrollment provisions as an Eligible Automatic Contribution Arrangement ("EACA"). Accordingly, the Plan will satisfy the (1) uniformity requirements, and (2) notice requirements under this Section.

(A) Uniformity. The Automatic Deferral Percentage must be a uniform percentage of Compensation. All Participants in the EACA, are subject to Automatic Deferrals, except to the extent otherwise provided in this Plan. If a Participant's Affirmative Election expires or otherwise ceases to be in effect, the Participant will immediately thereafter be subject to Automatic Deferrals, except to the extent otherwise provided in this Plan. However, the Plan does not violate the uniform Automatic Deferral Percentage merely because the Plan applies any of the following provisions:

(1) Years of participation. The Automatic Deferral Percentage varies based on the number of plan years the Participant has participated in the Plan while the Plan has applied EACA provisions;

(2) No reduction from prior default percentage. The Plan does not reduce an Automatic Deferral Percentage that, immediately prior to the EACA's effective date was higher (for any Participant) than the Automatic Deferral Percentage;

(3) Applying statutory limits. The Plan limits the Automatic Deferral amount so as not to exceed the limits of Code Section 457(b)(2) (determined without regard to Age 50 Catch-Up Deferrals).

(B) EACA notice. The Plan Administrator annually will provide a notice to each Participant a reasonable period prior to each plan year the Employer maintains the Plan as an EACA ("EACA Plan Year").

(1) Deemed reasonable notice/new Participant. The Plan Administrator is deemed to provide timely notice if the Plan Administrator provides the EACA notice at least 30 days and not more than 90 days prior to the beginning of the EACA Plan Year.

(2) Mid-year notice/new Participant or Plan. If: (a) an Employee becomes eligible to make Salary Reduction Contributions in the Plan during an EACA Plan Year but after the Plan Administrator has provided the annual EACA notice for that plan year; or (b) the Employer adopts mid-year a new Plan as an EACA, the Plan Administrator must provide the EACA notice no later than the date the Employee becomes eligible to make Salary Reduction Contributions. However, if it is not practicable for the notice to be provided on or before the date an Employee becomes a Participant, then the notice will nonetheless be treated as provided timely if it is provided as soon as practicable after that date and the Employee is permitted to elect to defer from all types of Compensation that may be deferred under the Plan earned beginning on that date.

(3) Content. The EACA notice must provide comprehensive information regarding the Participants' rights and obligations under the Plan and must be written in a manner calculated to be understood by the average Participant in accordance with applicable guidance.

(C) EACA permissible withdrawal. If elected in in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant who has Automatic Deferrals under the EACA may elect to withdraw all the Automatic Deferrals (and allocable earnings) under the provisions of this Section 3.14. Any distribution made pursuant to this Section will be processed in accordance with normal distribution provisions of the Plan.

(1) Amount. If a Participant elects a permissible withdrawal under this Section, then the Plan must make a distribution equal to the amount (and only the amount) of the Automatic Deferrals made under the EACA (adjusted for allocable gains and losses to the date of the distribution). The Plan may separately account for Automatic Deferrals, in which case the entire account will be distributed. If the Plan does not separately account for the Automatic Deferrals, then the Plan must determine earnings or losses in a manner similar to the rules of Treas. Reg. §1.401(k)-2(b)(2)(iv) for distributions of excess contributions.

(2) Fees. Notwithstanding the above, the Plan Administrator may reduce the permissible distribution amount by any generally applicable fees. However, the Plan may not charge a greater fee for distribution under this Section than applies to other distributions. The Plan Administrator may adopt a policy regarding charging such fees consistent with this paragraph.

(3) Timing. The Participant may make an election to withdraw the Automatic Deferrals under the EACA no later than 90 days, or such shorter period as specified in the Adoption Agreement, after the date of the first Automatic Deferral under the EACA. For this purpose, the date of the first Automatic Deferral is the date that the Compensation subject to the Automatic Deferral otherwise would have been includible in the Participant's gross income. Furthermore, a Participant's withdrawal right is not restricted due to the Participant making an Affirmative Election during the 90 day period (or shorter period as specified in Adoption Agreement).

(4) Rehired Employees. For purposes of this Section, an Employee who for an entire Plan Year did not have contributions made pursuant to a default election under the EACA will be treated as having not had such contributions for any prior Plan Year as well.

(5) Effective date of the actual withdrawal election: The effective date of the permissible withdrawal will be as soon as practicable, but in no event later than the earlier of (1) the pay date of the second payroll period beginning after the election is made, or (2) the first pay date that occurs at least 30 days after the election is made. The election will also be deemed to be an Affirmative Election to have no Salary Reduction Contributions made to the Plan.

(6) Related matching contributions. The Plan Administrator will not take any deferrals withdrawn pursuant to this section into account in computing the contribution and allocation of matching contributions, if any. If the Employer has already allocated matching contributions to the Participant's account with respect to deferrals being withdrawn pursuant to this Section, then the matching contributions, as adjusted for gains and losses, must be forfeited. Except as otherwise provided, the Plan will use the forfeited contributions to reduce future contributions or to reduce plan expenses.

(D) Compensation. Compensation for purposes of determining the amount of Automatic Deferrals has the same meaning as Compensation with regard to Salary Reduction Contributions in general.

(E) Definitions.

(1) Definition of Automatic Deferral. An Automatic Deferral is a Salary Reduction Contribution that results from the operation of this Article III. Under the Automatic Deferral, the Employer automatically will reduce by the Automatic Deferral Percentage as elected the Compensation of each Participant subject to the EACA. The Plan Administrator will cease to apply the Automatic Deferral to a Participant who makes an Affirmative Election as defined in this Section.

(2) Definition of Automatic Deferral Percentage/Increases. The Automatic Deferral Percentage is the percentage of Automatic Deferral (including any scheduled increase to the Automatic Deferral Percentage the Employer may elect).

(3) Effective date of EACA Automatic Deferral. The effective date of an Employee's Automatic Deferral will be as soon as practicable after the Employee is subject to Automatic Deferrals under the EACA, consistent with (a) applicable law, and (b) the objective of affording the Employee a reasonable period of time after receipt of the notice to make an Affirmative Election (and, if applicable, an investment election).

(4) Definition of Affirmative Election. An Affirmative Election is a Participant's election made after the EACA's Effective Date not to defer any Compensation or to defer more or less than the Automatic Deferral Percentage.

(5) Effective Date of Affirmative Election. A Participant's Affirmative Election generally is effective as of the first payroll period which follows the payroll period in which the Participant made the Affirmative Election. However, a Participant may make an Affirmative Election which is effective: (a) for the first payroll period in which he or she becomes a Participant if the Participant makes an Affirmative Election within a reasonable period following the Participant's entry date and before the

Compensation to which the Election applies becomes currently available; or (b) for the first payroll period following the EACA's effective date, if the Participant makes an Affirmative Election not later than the EACA's effective date.

3.15 IN-PLAN ROTH ROLLOVER CONTRIBUTIONS

(A) Employer Election. The Employer in its Adoption Agreement in which the Employer has elected to permit Roth Deferrals also will elect whether to permit an In-Plan Roth Rollover Contribution in accordance with this Section. The Adoption Agreement may permit In-Plan Roth Rollovers with regard to otherwise distributable amounts ("IRR") and/or In-Plan Roth Rollovers with regard to otherwise nondistributable amounts ("IRT"). If the Employer elects to permit such contributions, the Employer in its Adoption Agreement will specify the Effective Date thereof which may not be earlier than September 28, 2010 with regard to IRR, and may not be earlier than January 1, 2013 with regard to IRT. An In-Plan Roth Rollover Contribution means a Rollover Contribution to the Plan that consists of an IRR or IRT from a Participant's Plan Account, other than a Roth Deferral Account, that the Participant transfers to the Participant's In-Plan Roth Rollover Contribution Account in the Plan, in accordance with Code §402A(c)(4). In-Plan Roth Rollover Contributions will be subject to the Plan rules related to Roth Deferral Accounts.

(B) Eligibility for Distribution and Rollover. A Participant may not make an IRR from an amount which is not an Eligible Rollover Distribution.

(1) Parties eligible to elect. For purposes of eligibility for an In-Plan Roth Rollover, the Plan will treat a Participant's surviving spouse Beneficiary or alternate payee spouse or alternate payee former spouse as a Participant. A non-spouse Beneficiary may not make an In-Plan Roth Rollover.

(2) Distribution from partially Vested account. In-Plan Roth Rollovers are permitted only from Vested amounts allocated to a qualifying source but may be made from partially Vested Accounts.

(C) Form and Source of Rollover.

(1) Direct Rollover. An In-Plan Roth Rollover Contribution may be made only by a Direct Rollover.

(2) Account source. A Participant may make an In-Plan Roth Rollover from any account (other than a Roth account).

(3) Cash or in-kind. The Plan Administrator will effect an In-Plan Roth Rollover Contribution by rolling over the Participant's current investments to the In-Plan Roth Rollover Account. A Plan loan so rolled over without changing the repayment schedule is not treated as a new loan. However the Employer may provide that loans cannot be rolled over in an In-Plan Roth Rollover.

(4) No Rollover or Distribution Treatment. Notwithstanding any other Plan provision, an In-Plan Roth Rollover Contribution is not a Rollover Contribution for purposes of the Plan. Accordingly: (a) if the Employer in its Adoption Agreement has elected \$7,000 as the Plan limit on Mandatory Distributions, the Plan Administrator will take into account amounts attributable to an In-Plan Roth Rollover Contribution, in determining if the \$7,000 limit is exceeded, regardless of the Employer's election as to whether to count Rollover Contributions for this purpose; (b) no spousal consent is required for a Participant to elect to make an In-Plan Roth Rollover Contribution; and (c) mandatory 20% federal income tax withholding does not apply to the In Plan Roth Rollover Contribution.

(5) In-Plan Roth Rollover Contribution Account. An In-Plan Roth Rollover Contribution Account is a sub-account the Plan Administrator may establish to account for a Participant's Rollover Contributions attributable to the Participant's In-Plan Roth Rollover Contributions. The Plan Administrator has authority to establish such a sub-account, and to the extent necessary, may establish sub-accounts based on the source of the In-Plan Roth Rollover Contribution. The Plan Administrator will administer an In-Plan Roth Rollover Contribution Account in accordance with Code and the Plan provisions.

ARTICLE IV TIME AND METHOD OF PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

4.01 DISTRIBUTION RESTRICTIONS. Except as the Plan provides otherwise, the Plan Administrator or Trustee may not distribute to a Participant the amounts in his or her Account prior to one of the following events:

- (a) The January 1 of the year the Participant attains age 59 1/2;
- (b) The Participant's Severance from Employment; or
- (c) The Participant's death.

4.02 TIME AND METHOD OF PAYMENT OF ACCOUNT. The Plan Administrator, or Trustee at the direction of the Plan Administrator, will distribute to a Participant who has incurred a Severance from Employment the Participant's Vested Account under one or any combination of payment methods and at the time(s) the Adoption Agreement specifies. If the Adoption Agreement permits more than one time or method, the Plan Administrator, in the absence of a Participant election described below, will determine the time and method applicable to a particular Participant. In no event will the Plan Administrator direct (or direct the Trustee to commence) distribution, nor will the Participant elect to have distribution commence, later than the Participant's required beginning date, or under a method that does not satisfy Section 4.03.

(A) Participant Election of Time and Method. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement must elect whether to permit Participants to elect the timing and method of distribution of their Account in accordance with this Section 4.02. The Plan Administrator must consent to the specific terms of any such Participant election and the Plan Administrator in its sole discretion

may withhold consent. Subject to the foregoing conditions, a Participant: (1) may elect to postpone distribution of his or her Account beyond the time the Employer has elected in the Adoption Agreement, to any fixed or determinable date including, but not beyond, the Participant's required beginning date; and (2) may elect the method of payment.

(B) RESERVED

(C) No Election/Default. If the Participant does not make a timely election regarding the time and method of payment, the Plan Administrator will pay or direct the Trustee to pay the Participant's Account in accordance with the Adoption Agreement.

(D) Mandatory Distribution. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement will elect whether the Plan will make Mandatory Distributions. If the Employer elects Mandatory Distributions, the Employer may determine operationally whether to include Rollover Contributions in determining whether the Participant is subject to Mandatory Distributions.

(E) Partial Distributions. If the Plan allows Partial Distributions, it means the Participant or Beneficiary may at any time after Severance from Employment elect distribution of all or any part of his/her Account or of specified Accounts under the Plan. The Plan Administrator may adopt a policy regarding Partial Distributions imposing a minimum distribution amount, frequency limitations or other administrative conditions.

4.03 REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS. The Plan Administrator may not distribute nor direct the Trustee to distribute the Participant's Account, nor may the Participant elect any distribution his or her Account, under a method of payment which, as of the required beginning date, does not satisfy the minimum distribution requirements of Code §401(a)(9) or which is not consistent with applicable Treasury regulations.

(A) General Rules.

(1) Precedence. The requirements of this Section 4.03 will take precedence over any inconsistent provisions of the Plan.

(2) Requirements of Treasury Regulations Incorporated. All distributions required under this Section 4.03 will be determined and made in accordance with the Treasury regulations under Code §401(a)(9).

(B) Time and Manner of Distribution.

(1) Required Beginning Date. The Participant's entire interest will be distributed, or begin to be distributed, to the Participant no later than the Participant's required beginning date.

(2) Death of Participant Before Distribution Begins. If the Participant dies before distributions begin, the Participant's entire interest will be distributed, or begin to be distributed, no later than as follows:

(a) Spouse Designated Beneficiary. If the Participant's surviving spouse is the Participant's sole designated Beneficiary, then, except as the Employer may elect in the Adoption Agreement, distributions to the surviving spouse will begin by December 31 of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the Participant dies, or by December 31 of the calendar year in which the Participant would have attained age 70 1/2, if later.

(b) Non-Spouse Designated Beneficiary. If the Participant's surviving spouse is not the Participant's sole designated Beneficiary, then, except as the Employer may elect in the Adoption Agreement, distributions to the designated Beneficiary will begin by December 31 of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the Participant died.

(c) No Designated Beneficiary. If there is no designated Beneficiary as of September 30 of the year following the year of the Participant's death, the Participant's entire interest will be distributed by December 31 of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the Participant's death.

(d) Death of Spouse. If the Participant's surviving spouse is the Participant's sole designated Beneficiary and the surviving spouse dies after the Participant but before distributions to the surviving spouse begin, this Section 4.03(B)(2) other than Section 4.03(B)(2)(a), will apply as if the surviving spouse were the Participant.

For purposes of this Section 4.03(B) and Section 4.03(D), unless Section 4.03(B)(2)(d) applies, distributions are considered to begin on the Participant's required beginning date. If Section 4.03(B)(2)(d) applies, distributions are considered to begin on the date distributions are required to begin to the surviving spouse under Section 4.03(B)(2)(a). If distributions under an annuity purchased from an insurance company irrevocably commence to the Participant before the Participant's required beginning date or to the Participant's surviving spouse before the date distributions are required to begin to the surviving spouse under Section 4.03(B)(2)(a), the date distributions are considered to begin is the date distributions actually commence.

(3) Forms of Distribution. Unless the Participant's interest is distributed in the form of an annuity purchased from an insurance company or in a single sum on or before the required beginning date, as of the first distribution calendar year distributions will be made in accordance with Sections 4.03(C) and 4.03(D). If the Participant's interest is distributed in the form of an annuity purchased from an insurance company, distributions thereunder will be made in accordance with the requirements of Code §401(a)(9) and the Treasury regulations.

(C) Required Minimum Distributions during Participant's Lifetime.

(1) Amount of Required Minimum Distribution for Each Distribution Calendar Year. During the Participant's lifetime, the minimum amount that will be distributed for each distribution calendar year is the lesser of:

(a) **ULT.** The quotient obtained by dividing the Participant's account balance by the number in the Uniform Life Table set forth in Treas. Reg. §1.401(a)(9)-9, using the Participant's attained age as of the Participant's birthday in the distribution calendar year; or

(b) **Younger Spouse.** If the Participant's sole designated Beneficiary for the distribution calendar year is the Participant's spouse, the quotient obtained by dividing the Participant's account balance by the number in the Joint and Last Survivor Table set forth in Treas. Reg. §1.401(a)(9)-9, using the Participant's and spouse's attained ages as of the Participant's and spouse's birthdays in the distribution calendar year.

(2) **Lifetime Required Minimum Distributions Continue Through Year of Participant's Death.** Required minimum distributions will be determined under this Section 4.03(C) beginning with the first distribution calendar year and up to and including the distribution calendar year that includes the Participant's date of death.

(D) Required Minimum Distributions after Participant's Death.

(1) Death On or After Distributions Begin.

(a) **Participant Survived by Designated Beneficiary.** If the Participant dies on or after the date distributions begin and there is a designated Beneficiary, the minimum amount that will be distributed for each distribution calendar year after the year of the Participant's death is the quotient obtained by dividing the Participant's account balance by the longer of the remaining life expectancy of the Participant or the remaining life expectancy of the Participant's designated Beneficiary, determined as follows:

(i) **Participant's Life Expectancy.** The Participant's remaining life expectancy is calculated using the attained age of the Participant as of the Participant's birthday in the calendar year of death, reduced by one for each subsequent calendar year.

(ii) **Spouse's Life Expectancy.** If the Participant's surviving spouse is the Participant's sole designated Beneficiary, the remaining life expectancy of the surviving spouse is calculated for each distribution calendar year after the year of the Participant's death using the surviving spouse's age as of the spouse's birthday in that year. For distribution calendar years after the year of the surviving spouse's death, the remaining life expectancy of the surviving spouse is calculated using the attained age of the surviving spouse as of the spouse's birthday in the calendar year of the spouse's death, reduced by one for each subsequent calendar year.

(iii) **Non-Spouse's Life Expectancy.** If the Participant's surviving spouse is not the Participant's sole designated Beneficiary, the designated Beneficiary's remaining life expectancy is calculated using the attained age of the Beneficiary as of the Beneficiary's birthday in the calendar year following the calendar year of the Participant's death, reduced by one for each subsequent calendar year.

(b) **No Designated Beneficiary.** If the Participant dies on or after the date distributions begin and there is no designated Beneficiary as of September 30 of the calendar year after the calendar year of the Participant's death, the minimum amount that will be distributed for each distribution calendar year after the calendar year of the Participant's death is the quotient obtained by dividing the Participant's account balance by the Participant's remaining life expectancy calculated using the attained age of the Participant as of the Participant's birthday in the calendar year of death, reduced by one for each subsequent calendar year.

(2) Death before Date Distributions Begin.

(a) **Participant Survived by Designated Beneficiary.** Except as the Employer may elect in the Adoption Agreement, if the Participant dies before the date distributions begin and there is a designated Beneficiary, the minimum amount that will be distributed for each distribution calendar year after the year of the Participant's death is the quotient obtained by dividing the Participant's account balance by the remaining life expectancy of the Participant's designated Beneficiary, determined as provided in Section 4.03(D)(1).

(b) **No Designated Beneficiary.** If the Participant dies before the date distributions begin and there is no designated Beneficiary as of September 30 of the year following the year of the Participant's death, distribution of the Participant's entire interest will be completed by December 31 of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the Participant's death.

(c) **Death of Surviving Spouse Before Distributions to Surviving Spouse Are Required to Begin.** If the Participant dies before the date distributions begin, the Participant's surviving spouse is the Participant's sole designated Beneficiary, and the surviving spouse dies before distributions are required to begin to the surviving spouse under Section 4.03(B)(2)(a), this Section 4.03(D)(2) will apply as if the surviving spouse were the Participant.

(d) **5-year or Life Expectancy rule; possible election.** The Employer in its Adoption Agreement will elect whether distribution of the Participant's Account will be made in accordance with the life expectancy rule under Section 4.03(D)(2)(a) or the 5-year rule under Section 4.03(D)(2)(b). The Employer's election may permit a Designated Beneficiary to elect which of these rules will apply or may specify which rule applies. However, the life expectancy rule (whether subject to election or not) applies only in the case of a Designated Beneficiary. The 5-year rule applies as to any Beneficiary who is not a Designated Beneficiary. A permitted election under this Section must be made no later than the earlier of September 30 of the calendar year in which distribution would be required to begin under Section 4.03(D)(2)(a), or by September 30 of the calendar year which contains the fifth anniversary of the Participant's (or, if applicable, surviving spouse's) death.

(E) Definitions.

(1) Designated Beneficiary. The individual who is designated as the Beneficiary under the Plan and is the designated beneficiary under Code §401(a)(9) and Treas. Reg. §1.401(a)(9)-1, Q&A-4.

(2) Distribution calendar year. A calendar year for which a minimum distribution is required. For distributions beginning before the Participant's death, the first distribution calendar year is the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year which contains the Participant's required beginning date. For distributions beginning after the Participant's death, the first distribution calendar year is the calendar year in which the distributions are required to begin under Section 4.03(B)(2). The required minimum distribution for the Participant's first distribution calendar year will be made on or before the Participant's required beginning date. The required minimum distribution for other distribution calendar years, including the required minimum distribution for the distribution calendar year in which the Participant's required beginning date occurs, will be made on or before December 31 of that distribution calendar year.

(3) Life expectancy. Life expectancy as computed by use of the Single Life Table in Treas. Reg. §1.401(a)(9)-9.

(4) Participant's account balance. The account balance as of the last valuation date in the calendar year immediately preceding the distribution calendar year (valuation calendar year) increased by the amount of any contributions made and allocated or forfeitures allocated to the account balance as of dates in the valuation calendar year after the valuation date and decreased by distributions made in the valuation calendar year after the valuation date. The account balance for the valuation calendar year includes any Rollover Contributions or Transfers to the Plan either in the valuation calendar year or in the distribution calendar year if distributed or transferred in the valuation calendar year.

(5) Required beginning date. A Participant's required beginning date is the April 1 of the calendar year following the later of: (1) the calendar year in which the Participant attains RMD Age, or (2) the calendar year in which the Participant retires or such other date under Code §401(a)(9) by which required minimum distributions must commence.

(6) RMD Age. For Participants born before July 1, 1949, RMD Age is 70 1/2. For Participants born between July 1, 1949 and December 31, 1950, RMD Age is 72. For all other Participants, RMD Age is 73.

4.04 DEATH BENEFITS. Upon the death of the Participant, the Plan Administrator must pay or direct the Trustee to pay the Participant's Account in accordance with Section 4.03. Subject to Section 4.03, a Beneficiary may elect the timing and method of payment in the same manner as a Participant may elect under Section 4.02, if such elections apply.

If a Participant dies while performing qualified military service (as defined in Code §414(u)), the survivors of the Participant are entitled to any additional benefits (other than benefit accruals relating to the period of qualified military service) provided under the Plan as if the Participant had resumed and then terminated employment on account of death.

4.05 DISTRIBUTIONS PRIOR TO SEVERANCE FROM EMPLOYMENT. The Employer must elect in the Adoption Agreement whether to permit in-service distributions of a Participant's Vested Account under this Section 4.05, notwithstanding the Section 4.01 distribution restrictions.

(A) Unforeseeable Emergency. In the event of a Participant's or the Participant's spouse, dependents or beneficiaries' unforeseeable emergency, the Plan Administrator may make a distribution to a Participant who has not incurred a Severance from Employment (or who has incurred a Severance but will not begin to receive payments until some future date). In the event of an unforeseeable emergency, the Plan Administrator also may accelerate payments to a Participant or to a Beneficiary. The Plan Administrator will establish a policy for determining whether an unforeseeable emergency exists, and may, by policy limit the accounts from which such distributions are available. An unforeseeable emergency is a severe financial hardship of a Participant or Beneficiary resulting from: (1) illness or accident of the Participant, the Beneficiary, or the Participant's or Beneficiary's spouse or dependent (as defined in Code §152(a)); (2) loss of the Participant's or Beneficiary's property due to casualty; (3) the need to pay for the funeral expenses of the Participant's or Beneficiary's spouse or dependent (as defined in Code §152(a)); or (4) other similar extraordinary and unforeseeable circumstances arising from events beyond the Participant's or Beneficiary's control, or which applicable law may define as an unforeseeable emergency. The Plan Administrator will not pay the Participant or the Beneficiary more than the amount reasonably necessary to satisfy the emergency need, which may include amounts necessary to pay taxes or penalties on the distribution. The Plan Administrator will not make payment to the extent the Participant or Beneficiary may relieve the financial hardship by cessation of deferrals under the Plan, through insurance or other reimbursement, or by liquidation of the individual's assets to the extent such liquidation would not cause severe financial hardship. The Plan Administrator's unforeseeable emergency policy may provide that a Participant who takes an unforeseeable emergency distribution may not make Salary Reduction Contributions for 6 months after the date of the distribution. The Plan Administrator's policy may, but is not required to, provide for reliance upon an employee's written certification as described in Code §457(d)(4) in the absence of the Plan Administrator's actual knowledge to the contrary.

The Participant's Beneficiary is a person who a Participant designates and who is or may become entitled to a Participant's Plan Account upon the Participant's death.

(B) De minimis distribution. In accordance with the Employer's Adoption Agreement elections, the Plan Administrator may allow a Participant to elect to receive a distribution or the Plan Administrator will distribute (without a Participant election) any amount of the Participant's Account where: (1) the Participant's Account (disregarding Rollover Contributions) does not exceed \$7,000 (or such other amount as does not exceed the Code §411(a)(11)(A) dollar amount); (2) the Participant has not made or received an allocation of any Deferral Contributions under the Plan during the two-year period ending on the date of distribution; and (3) the Participant has not received a prior distribution under this Section 4.05(B).

(C) Distribution of Rollover Contributions. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement may elect to permit a Participant to request and to receive distribution of the Participant's Account attributable to Rollover Contributions (but not to Transfers) before the Participant has a distributable event under Section 4.01.

4.06 DISTRIBUTIONS UNDER QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS (QDROs). Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, the Employer in the Adoption Agreement may elect to apply the QDRO provisions of this Section 4.06. If Section 4.06 applies, the Plan Administrator (and any Trustee) must comply with the terms of a QDRO, as defined in Code §414(p), which is issued with respect to the Plan.

(A) Time and Method of Payment. This Plan specifically permits distribution to an alternate payee under a QDRO at any time, notwithstanding any contrary Plan provision and irrespective of whether the Participant has attained his or her earliest retirement age (as defined under Code §414(p)) under the Plan. A distribution to an alternate payee prior to the Participant's attainment of earliest retirement age is available only if the QDRO specifies distribution at that time or permits an agreement between the Plan and the alternate payee to authorize an earlier distribution. Nothing in this Section 4.06 gives a Participant a right to receive distribution at a time the Plan otherwise does not permit nor authorizes the alternate payee to receive a form of payment the Plan does not permit.

(B) QDRO Procedures. The Plan Administrator must establish reasonable procedures to determine the qualified status of a domestic relations order. Upon receiving a domestic relations order, the Plan Administrator promptly will notify the Participant and any alternate payee named in the order, in writing, of the receipt of the order and the Plan's procedures for determining the qualified status of the order. Within a reasonable period of time after receiving the domestic relations order, the Plan Administrator must determine the qualified status of the order and must notify the Participant and each alternate payee, in writing, of the Plan Administrator's determination. The Plan Administrator must provide notice under this paragraph by mailing to the individual's address specified in the domestic relations order.

(C) Accounting. If any portion of the Participant's Account Balance is payable under the domestic relations order during the period the Plan Administrator is making its determination of the qualified status of the domestic relations order, the Plan Administrator must maintain a separate accounting of the amounts payable. If the Plan Administrator determines the order is a QDRO within 18 months of the date amounts first are payable following receipt of the domestic relations order, the Plan Administrator will distribute or will direct the Trustee to distribute the payable amounts in accordance with the QDRO. If the Plan Administrator does not make its determination of the qualified status of the order within the 18-month determination period, the Plan Administrator will distribute or will direct the Trustee to distribute the payable amounts in the manner the Plan would distribute if the order did not exist and will apply the order prospectively if the Plan Administrator later determines the order is a QDRO.

To the extent it is not inconsistent with the provisions of the QDRO, the Plan Administrator may segregate or may direct the Trustee to segregate the QDRO amount in a segregated investment account. The Plan Administrator or Trustee will make any payments or distributions required under this Section 4.06 by separate benefit checks or other separate distribution to the alternate payee(s).

(D) Permissible QDROs. A domestic relations order that otherwise satisfies the requirements for a qualified domestic relations order ("QDRO") will not fail to be a QDRO: (i) solely because the order is issued after, or revises, another domestic relations order or QDRO; or (ii) solely because of the time at which the order is issued, including issuance after the annuity starting date or after the Participant's death.

4.07 DIRECT ROLLOVER OF ELIGIBLE ROLLOVER DISTRIBUTIONS – GOVERNMENTAL PLAN.

(A) Participant Election. A Participant (including for this purpose, a former Employee) in a Governmental Eligible 457 Plan may elect, at the time and in the manner the Plan Administrator prescribes, to have any portion of his or her eligible rollover distribution from the Plan paid directly to an eligible retirement plan specified by the Participant in a direct rollover election. For purposes of this election, a "Participant" includes as to their respective interests, a Participant's surviving spouse and the Participant's spouse or former spouse who is an alternate payee under a QDRO.

(B) Rollover and Withholding Notice. At least 30 days and not more than 180 days prior to the Trustee's distribution of an eligible rollover distribution, the Plan Administrator must provide a written notice (including a summary notice as permitted under applicable Treasury regulations) explaining to the distributee the rollover option, the applicability of mandatory 20% federal withholding to any amount not directly rolled over, and the recipient's right to roll over within 60 days after the date of receipt of the distribution ("rollover notice").

(C) Default distribution or rollover. Except as provided in Paragraph (D), in the case of a Participant who does not elect timely to roll over or to receive distribution of his or her Account, the Plan Administrator or the Trustee, at the Plan Administrator's direction, may distribute to the Participant or may directly roll over the Participant's Account in accordance with the Plan's rollover notice.

(D) Mandatory default rollover. If (1) the Plan makes a mandatory distribution greater than \$1,000, and (2) the Participant does not elect to have such distribution paid directly to an eligible retirement plan specified by the Participant in a direct rollover or to receive the distribution directly, then the Plan Administrator will pay the distribution in a direct rollover to an individual retirement plan designated by the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator may provide by policy for this default rollover to apply to distributions less than \$1,000 and/or to distributions after the later of age 62 or Normal Retirement Age.

(E) Non-spouse beneficiary rollover right. A non-spouse beneficiary who is a "designated beneficiary" under Section 4.03(E)(1), by a direct trustee-to-trustee transfer ("direct rollover"), may roll over all or any portion of his or her distribution to an individual retirement account the beneficiary establishes for purposes of receiving the distribution. In order to be able to roll over the distribution, the distribution otherwise must satisfy the definition of an eligible rollover distribution.

(1) Certain requirements not applicable. Although a non-spouse beneficiary may roll over directly a distribution as provided in Section 4.07(E), the distribution is not subject to the direct rollover requirements of Code §401(a)(31) (including the automatic rollover provisions of Code §401(a)(31)(B)), the notice requirements of Code §402(f) or the mandatory

withholding requirements of Code §3405(c). If a non-spouse beneficiary receives a distribution from the Plan, the distribution is not eligible for a "60-day" rollover.

(2) Trust beneficiary. If the Participant's named beneficiary is a trust, the Plan may make a direct rollover to an individual retirement account on behalf of the trust, provided the trust satisfies the requirements to be a designated beneficiary within the meaning of Code §401(a)(9)(E).

(3) Required minimum distributions not eligible for rollover. A non-spouse beneficiary may not roll over an amount which is a required minimum distribution, as determined under applicable Treasury regulations and other Revenue Service guidance. If the Participant dies before his or her required beginning date and the non-spouse beneficiary rolls over to an IRA the maximum amount eligible for rollover, the beneficiary may elect to use either the 5-year rule or the life expectancy rule, pursuant to Treas. Reg. §1.401(a)(9)-3, A-4(c), in determining the required minimum distributions from the IRA that receives the non-spouse beneficiary's distribution.

(F) Definitions. The following definitions apply to this Section:

(1) Eligible rollover distribution. An eligible rollover distribution is any distribution of all or any portion of a Participant's Account, except an eligible rollover distribution does not include: (a) any distribution which is one of a series of substantially equal periodic payments (not less frequently than annually) made for the life (or life expectancy) of the Participant or the joint lives (or joint life expectancies) of the Participant and the Participant's designated Beneficiary, or for a specified period of ten years or more; (b) any Code §401(a)(9) required minimum distribution; (c) any unforeseeable emergency distribution; and (d) any distribution which otherwise would be an eligible rollover distribution, but where the total distributions to the Participant during that calendar year are reasonably expected to be less than \$200.

(2) Eligible retirement plan. An eligible retirement plan is an individual retirement account described in Code §408(a), an individual retirement annuity described in Code §408(b), an annuity plan described in Code §403(a), a qualified plan described in Code §401(a), an annuity contract (or custodial agreement) described in Code §403(b), or an eligible deferred compensation plan described in Code §457(b) and maintained by an Employer described in Code §457(e)(1)(A), which accepts the Participant's, the Participant's spouse or alternate payee's eligible rollover distribution.

A Participant or beneficiary may elect to roll over directly an eligible rollover distribution to a Roth IRA described in Code §408A(b). For this purpose, the term "eligible rollover distribution" includes a rollover distribution described in this Section.

(3) Direct rollover. A direct rollover is a payment by the Plan to the eligible retirement plan specified by the distributee.

(4) Mandatory distribution. A mandatory distribution is an eligible rollover distribution without the Participant's consent before the Participant attains the later of age 62 or Normal Retirement Age (see paragraph 3.05 (B)). A distribution to a beneficiary is not a mandatory distribution.

4.08 ELECTION TO DEDUCT FROM DISTRIBUTION. If permitted in the Adoption Agreement, Eligible Retired Public Safety Officer may elect annually for that taxable year to have the Plan deduct an amount from a distribution which the Eligible Retired Public Safety Officer otherwise would receive and include in income. The Plan will pay such deducted amounts directly to pay qualified health insurance premiums.

(A) Direct payment. The Plan will pay directly to the provider of the accident or health insurance plan or qualified long-term care insurance contract the amounts the Eligible Retired Public Safety Officer has elected to have deducted from the distribution. Such amounts may not exceed the lesser of \$3,000 or the amount the Participant paid for such taxable year for qualified health insurance premiums, and which otherwise complies with Code §402(l).

(B) Definitions.

(1) Eligible retired public safety officer. An "Eligible Retired Public Safety Officer" is an individual who, by reason of disability or attainment of Normal Retirement Age, is separated from service as a Public Safety Officer with the Employer.

(2) Public safety officer. A "Public Safety Officer" has the same meaning as in Section 1204(9)(A) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796b(9)(A)).

(3) Qualified health insurance premiums. The term "qualified health insurance premiums" means premiums for coverage for the Eligible Retired Public Safety Officer, his or her spouse, and dependents, by an accident or health insurance plan or qualified long-term care insurance contract (as defined in Code §7702B(b)).

ARTICLE V PLAN ADMINISTRATOR - DUTIES WITH RESPECT TO PARTICIPANTS' ACCOUNTS

5.01 TERM/VACANCY. The Plan Administrator will serve until his or her successor is appointed. In case of a vacancy in the position of the Plan Administrator, the Employer will exercise any and all of the powers, authority, duties and discretion conferred upon the Plan Administrator pending the filling of the vacancy.

5.02 POWERS AND DUTIES. The Plan Administrator will have the following powers and duties:

- (a) To select a committee to assist the Plan Administrator;
- (b) To select a secretary for the committee, who need not be a member of the committee;
- (c) To determine the rights of eligibility of an Employee to participate in the Plan and the value of a Participant's Account;

- (d) To adopt rules and procedures and to create administrative forms necessary for the proper and efficient administration of the Plan provided the rules, procedures and forms are not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan;
- (e) To construe and enforce the terms of the Plan and the rules and regulations the Plan Administrator adopts, including interpretation of the Plan documents and documents related to the Plan's operation;
- (f) To direct the distribution of a Participant's Account;
- (g) To review and render decisions respecting a claim for (or denial of a claim for) a benefit under the Plan;
- (h) To furnish the Employer with information which the Employer may require for tax or other purposes;
- (i) To establish a policy in making distributions for unforeseeable emergencies;
- (j) To establish policies regarding the receipt of Rollover Contributions and default rollover distributions;
- (k) To establish a policy regarding the making and the receipt of Transfers;
- (l) To establish a policy regarding Participant or Beneficiary direction of investment;
- (m) To engage the services of any person to invest any Account under this Plan and to direct such person to make payment to a Participant of his or her Vested Account;
- (n) To establish a policy (see Section 5.02(A)) which the Trustee must observe in making loans, if any, to Participants and Beneficiaries;
- (o) To undertake correction of any Plan failures as necessary to preserve eligible Plan status; and
- (p) To undertake any other action the Plan Administrator deems reasonable or necessary to administer the Plan.

The Plan Administrator shall have total and complete discretion to interpret and construe the Plan and to determine all questions arising in the administration, interpretation and application of the Plan. Any determination the Plan Administrator makes under the Plan is final and binding upon any affected person.

(A) Loan Policy. The Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion, may establish, amend or terminate from time to time, a nondiscriminatory policy which the Trustee must observe in making Plan loans, if any, to Participants and to Beneficiaries. If the Plan Administrator adopts a loan policy, the loan policy must be a written document and must include: (1) the identity of the person or positions authorized to administer the participant loan program; (2) the procedure for applying for a loan; (3) the criteria for approving or denying a loan; (4) the limitations, if any, on the types and amounts of loans available; (5) the procedure for determining a reasonable rate of interest; (6) the types of collateral which may secure the loan; and (7) the events constituting default and the steps the Plan will take to preserve Plan assets in the event of default. A loan policy the Plan Administrator adopts under this Section 5.02(A) is part of the Plan, except that the Plan Administrator may amend or terminate the policy without regard to Section 9.01.

(B) QDRO Policy. If the QDRO provisions of Section 4.06 apply, the Plan Administrator will establish QDRO procedures.

5.03 COMPENSATION. The Plan Administrator and the members of the Committee will serve without compensation for services, but the Employer will pay all expenses of the Plan Administrator and Committee.

5.04 AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE. The Plan Administrator may authorize any one of the members of the Committee, if any, or the Committee's Secretary, to sign on the Plan Administrator's behalf any Plan notices, directions, applications, certificates, consents, approvals, waivers, letters or other documents.

5.05 INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS/RECORDS. The Plan Administrator will maintain a separate Account in the name of each Participant to reflect the value of the Participant's Deferred Compensation under the Plan. The Plan Administrator will maintain records of its activities.

5.06 VALUE OF PARTICIPANT'S ACCOUNT. The value of each Participant's Account consists of his or her accumulated Deferred Compensation, as of the most recent Accounting Date or any later date as the Plan Administrator may determine.

5.07 ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION, VALUATION AND EXPENSES.

(A) Individual Accounts. The Plan Administrator, as necessary for the proper administration of the Plan, will maintain, or direct the Trustee to maintain, a separate Account, or multiple Accounts, in the name of each Participant to reflect the Participant's Account Balance under the Plan. The Plan Administrator will make its allocations of Employer Contributions and of Earnings, or will request the Trustee to make such allocations, to the Accounts of the Participants as necessary to maintain proper Plan records and in accordance with the applicable: (i) Contribution Types; (ii) allocation conditions; (iii) investment account types; and (iv) Earnings allocation methods. The Plan Administrator may also maintain, or direct the Trustee to maintain, a separate temporary Account for Participant forfeitures which occur during a Plan Year, pending their accrual and allocation in accordance with the Plan terms, or for other special items as the Plan Administrator determines is necessary and appropriate for proper plan administration.

(1) By Contribution Type. The Plan Administrator, will establish Plan Accounts for each Participant as necessary to reflect his or her Accounts attributable to the following Contribution Types and the Earnings attributable thereto: Pre-Tax Deferrals, Roth Deferrals, Matching Contributions, Nonelective Contributions, Rollover Contributions (including Roth versus pre-tax amounts), and Transfers.

(2) By investment account type. The Plan Administrator will establish separate Accounts for each Participant as necessary to reflect his or her investment account types as described below:

(a) Pooled Accounts. A Pooled Account is an Account which for investment purposes is not a Segregated Account or a Participant-Directed Account. If any or all Plan investment Accounts are Pooled Accounts, each Participant's Account has an undivided interest in the assets comprising the Pooled Account. In a Pooled Account, the value of each Participant's Account Balance consists of that proportion of the net worth (at fair market value) of the Trust Fund which the net credit balance in his or her Account (exclusive of the cash value of incidental benefit insurance contracts) bears to the total net credit balance in the Accounts of all Participants plus the cash surrender value of any insurance contracts held by the Trustee on the Participant's life. As of each Valuation Date, the Plan Administrator must reduce a Participant-Directed Account for any forfeiture arising from Section 5.07 after the Plan Administrator has made all other allocations, changes or adjustments to the Account (excluding Earnings) for the valuation period.

(b) Participant-Directed Accounts. A Participant-Directed Account is an Account that the Plan Administrator establishes and maintains or directs the Trustee to establish and maintain for a Participant to invest in one or more assets that are not pooled assets held by the Trust, such as assets in a brokerage account or other property in which other Participants do not have any interest. As the Plan Administrator determines, a Participant-Directed Account may provide for a limited number and type of investment options or funds, or may be open-ended and subject only to any limitations imposed by applicable law. A Participant may have one or more Participant-Directed Accounts in addition to Pooled or Segregated Accounts. A Participant-Directed Account is credited and charged with the Earnings. As of each Valuation Date, the Plan Administrator must reduce a Participant-Directed Account for any forfeiture arising from Section 5.07 after the Plan Administrator has made all other allocations, changes or adjustments to the Account (excluding Earnings) for the valuation period.

(c) Segregated Accounts. A Segregated Account is an Account the Plan Administrator establishes and maintains or directs the Trustee to establish and maintain for a Participant: (i) to facilitate installment payments; (ii) to hold a QDRO amount; (iii) to prevent a distortion of Plan Earnings allocations; or (iv) for such other purposes as the Plan Administrator may direct. A Segregated Account receives all income it earns and bears all expense or loss it incurs. The Trustee will invest the assets of a Segregated Account consistent with the purpose for which the Plan Administrator or Trustee established the Account. As of each Valuation Date, the Plan Administrator must reduce a Segregated Account for any forfeiture arising after the Plan Administrator has made all other allocations, changes or adjustments to the Account (excluding Earnings) for the Valuation Period. Notwithstanding anything in this Section to the contrary, transferred amounts are not required to be separately accounted for and may be combined with the corresponding Account maintained in this Plan provided all rights, benefits and features and other attributes are identical with respect to each account, or are identical after the combination.

(3) Amount of Account/distributions. The amount of a Participant's Account, as determined by the Plan Administrator, is equal to the sum of all contributions, Earnings and other additions credited to the Account, less all distributions (including distributions to Beneficiaries and to alternate payees and also including disbursement of Plan loan proceeds), expenses and other charges against the Account as of a Valuation Date or other relevant date. For purposes of a distribution under the Plan, the amount of a Participant's Account Balance is determined based upon its value on the Valuation Date immediately preceding or coinciding with the date of the distribution. If any or all Plan investment Accounts are Participant-Directed Accounts, the directing Participant's Account Balance consists of the assets held within the Participant-Directed Account and the value of the Account is determined based upon the fair market value of such assets.

(4) Account statements. As soon as practicable after the Accounting Date of each Plan Year, the Plan Administrator will deliver to each Participant (and to each Beneficiary) a statement reflecting the amount of his or her Account Balance in the Trust as of the statement date or most recent Valuation Date. No Participant, except the Plan Administrator/Participant or Trustee/Participant, has the right to inspect the records reflecting the Account of any other Participant.

(B) Allocation of Earnings. This Section 5.07(B) applies solely to the allocation of Earnings of the Trust Fund. The Plan Administrator will allocate Employer Contributions and Participant forfeitures, if any, in accordance with Article III. Earnings means the net income, gain or loss earned by a particular Account, by the Trust, or with respect to a contribution or to a distribution, as the context requires.

(1) Allocate as of Valuation Date. As of each Valuation Date, the Plan Administrator must adjust Accounts to reflect Earnings for the Valuation Period since the last Valuation Date.

(2) Definition of Valuation Date. A Valuation Date under this Plan is each: (a) Accounting Date; (b) Valuation Date the Employer elects in the Adoption Agreement; or (c) Valuation Date the Plan Administrator establishes. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement or the Plan Administrator may elect alternative Valuation Dates for the different Contribution Types which the Plan Administrator maintains under the Plan.

(3) Definition of Valuation Period. The Valuation Period is the period beginning on the day after the last Valuation Date and ending on the current Valuation Date.

(4) Allocation methods. The Plan Administrator will allocate Earnings to the Participant Accounts in accordance with the daily valuation method, balance forward method, balance forward with adjustment method, weighted average method, Participant-Directed Account method, or other method the Employer elects under the Adoption Agreement. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement may elect alternative methods under which the Plan Administrator will allocate the Earnings to the Accounts reflecting different Contribution Types or investment Account types which the Plan Administrator maintains under the Plan. The Plan Administrator first will adjust the Participant Accounts, as those Accounts stood at the beginning of the current Valuation Period, by reducing the Accounts for any forfeitures, distributions, and loan disbursement payments arising under the Plan, for expenses charged during the Valuation Period to the Accounts (expenses directly related to a Participant's Account). The Plan Administrator then, subject to the restoration allocation requirements of the Plan, will allocate Earnings under the applicable valuation method.

(a) Daily valuation method. If the Employer in the Adoption Agreement elects to apply the daily valuation method, the Plan Administrator will allocate Earnings on each day of the Plan Year for which Plan assets are valued on an established market and the Trustee is conducting business. Under the daily valuation method, all assets subject to such method are subject to daily valuation. The assets may be held in Participant-Directed Accounts or in Accounts which are subject to Trustee or other fiduciary investment direction.

(b) Balance forward method. If the Employer in the Adoption Agreement elects to apply the balance forward method, the Plan Administrator will allocate Earnings pro rata to the adjusted Participant Accounts, since the last Valuation Date.

(c) Balance forward with adjustment method. If the Employer in the Adoption Agreement elects to apply the balance forward with adjustment method, the Plan Administrator will allocate pursuant to the balance forward method, except it will treat as part of the relevant Account at the beginning of the Valuation Period the percentage of the contributions made as the Employer elects in the Adoption Agreement, during the Valuation Period the Employer elects in the Adoption Agreement.

(d) Weighted average method. If the Employer in the Adoption Agreement elects to apply a weighted average allocation method, the Plan Administrator will allocate pursuant to the balance forward method, except it will treat a weighted portion of the applicable contributions as if includible in the Participant's Account as of the beginning of the Valuation Period. The weighted portion is a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of months in the Valuation Period, excluding each month in the Valuation Period which begins prior to the contribution date of the applicable contributions, and the denominator of which is the number of months in the Valuation Period. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement may elect to substitute a weighting period other than months for purposes of this weighted average allocation.

(e) Participant-Directed Account method. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement must elect to apply the Participant-Directed Account method to any Participant-Directed Account under the Plan. Under the Participant-Directed Account method: (i) each Participant-Directed Account is credited and charged with the Earnings such Account generates; (ii) the Employer's election, if any, in the Adoption Agreement of another method for the allocation of Earnings will not apply to any Participant-Directed Account; and (iii) the Participant-Directed Account may be valued as often as daily, but will be valued at least annually, and all assets in the Account are not necessarily valued on the same frequency. An Account which is subject to the Participant-Directed Account method includes an individual brokerage account or similar account in title to the Trustee for the benefit of the Participant.

5.08 ACCOUNT CHARGED. The Plan Administrator will charge all distributions made to a Participant or to his or her Beneficiary, or transferred under Section 9.03 from his or her Account, against the Account of the Participant when made.

5.09 RESERVED

5.10 PARTICIPANT DIRECTION OF INVESTMENT. Subject to the terms of the Plan Administrator's adopted policy, if any, and also to written consent of the Trustee, if the Plan has a Trust, a Participant will have the right to direct the investment or re-investment of the assets comprising the Participant's Account. The Plan Administrator will account separately for the Participant-Directed Accounts. The Participant's right to direct investment does not give the Participant any vested interest or secured or preferred position with respect to assets over which he/she has investment responsibility.

5.11 VESTING/SUBSTANTIAL RISK OF FORFEITURE. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement may elect to apply a vesting schedule or to specify any other Substantial Risk of Forfeiture applicable to any or all Deferral Contributions.

(A) Forfeiture Allocation. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement must elect the method the Plan Administrator will use to allocate any Participant forfeitures, including those related to lost Participants under Section 5.14. However, if a forfeiture allocation method is not selected in the adoption agreement, forfeitures are allocated as an Employer Contribution. The Plan Administrator will allocate a forfeiture in the Plan Year in which the forfeiture occurs or in the next following Plan Year. Regardless of the Adoption Agreement election, the Employer may direct the Plan Administrator to use forfeitures to pay some or all Plan expenses.

5.12 PRESERVATION OF ELIGIBLE PLAN STATUS. The Plan Administrator may elect to sever from this Plan and to treat as a separate 457 plan, the Accounts of any Participants who have Excess Deferrals that the Plan Administrator has not corrected in accordance with Section 3.10 or in the case of any other Code §457(b) failure that the Employer may not otherwise correct, and which failure would result in the Plan ceasing to be an Eligible 457 Plan. In such event, the Plan Administrator will take any necessary or appropriate action consistent with the Employer's maintenance of separate 457 plans and with preservation of Eligible 457 Plan status of this Plan.

5.13 **LIMITED LIABILITY.** The Employer will not be liable to pay plan benefits to a Participant in excess of the value of the Participant's Account as the Plan Administrator determines in accordance with the Plan terms. Neither the Employer nor the Plan Administrator will be liable for losses arising from depreciation or shrinkage in the value of any investments acquired under this Plan.

5.14 **LOST PARTICIPANTS.** If the Plan Administrator is unable to locate any Participant or Beneficiary whose Account becomes distributable (a "lost Participant"), the Plan Administrator will apply the provisions of this Section 5.14.

(A) Attempt to Locate. The Plan Administrator will attempt to locate a lost Participant and may use one or more of the following methods: (1) provide a distribution notice to the lost Participant at his or her last known address by certified or registered mail; (2) use a commercial locator service, the internet or other general search method; or (3) use such other methods as the Plan Administrator believes prudent.

(B) Failure to Locate. If a lost Participant remains unlocated for 6 months following the date the Plan Administrator first attempts to locate the lost Participant using one or more of the methods described in Section 5.14(A), the Plan Administrator may forfeit the lost Participant's Account. If the Plan Administrator forfeits the lost Participant's Account, the forfeiture occurs at the end of the above-described 6-month period and the Plan Administrator will allocate the forfeiture in accordance with Section 5.11, or as the Employer shall otherwise determine. The Plan Administrator under this Section 5.14(B) will forfeit the entire Account of the lost Participant, including Salary Reduction Contributions.

If a lost Participant whose Account was forfeited thereafter at any time but before the Plan has been terminated makes a claim for his or her forfeited Account, the Plan Administrator will restore the forfeited Account to the same dollar amount as the amount forfeited, unadjusted for net income, gains or losses occurring subsequent to the forfeiture. The Plan Administrator will make the restoration in the Plan Year in which the lost Participant makes the claim, first from the amount, if any, of Participant forfeitures the Plan Administrator otherwise would allocate for the Plan Year, then from the amount, if any, of Trust net income or gain for the Plan Year and last from the amount or additional amount the Employer contributes to the Plan for the Plan Year. The Plan Administrator will distribute the restored Account to the lost Participant not later than 60 days after the close of the Plan Year in which the Plan Administrator restores the forfeited Account.

(C) Nonexclusivity and Uniformity. The provisions of this Section 5.14 are intended to provide permissible but not exclusive means for the Plan Administrator to administer the Accounts of lost Participants. The Plan Administrator may utilize any other reasonable method to locate lost Participants and to administer the Accounts of lost Participants, including the default rollover under Section 4.07(C) and such other methods as the Revenue Service or the U.S. Department of Labor ("DOL") may in the future specify. The Plan Administrator will apply Section 5.14 in a reasonable manner, but may in determining a specific course of action as to a particular Account, reasonably take into account differing circumstances such as the amount of a lost Participant's Account, the expense in attempting to locate a lost Participant, the Plan Administrator's ability to establish and the expense of establishing a rollover IRA, and other factors. The Plan Administrator may charge to the Account of a lost Participant the reasonable expenses incurred under this Section 5.14 and which are associated with the lost Participant's Account.

5.15 **PLAN CORRECTION.** The Plan Administrator, in conjunction with the Employer and Trustee as appropriate, may undertake such correction of Plan errors as the Plan Administrator deems necessary, including but not limited to correction to maintain the Plan's status as an Eligible 457 Plan. The Plan Administrator under this Section 5.15 also may undertake Plan correction in accordance with any correction program that the Internal Revenue Service makes applicable to 457 plans.

ARTICLE VI PARTICIPANT ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

6.01 **BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION.** A Participant from time to time may designate, in writing, any person(s) (including a trust or other entity), contingently or successively, to whom the Plan Administrator or Trustee will pay the Participant's Account (including any life insurance proceeds payable to the Participant's Account) in the event of death. A Participant also may designate the method of payment of his or her Account. The Plan Administrator will prescribe the form for the Participant's written designation of Beneficiary and, upon the Participant's filing the form with the Plan Administrator, the form revokes all designations filed prior to that date by the same Participant. A divorce decree, or a decree of legal separation, revokes the Participant's designation, if any, of his or her spouse as his or her Beneficiary under the Plan unless the decree or a QDRO provides otherwise. The foregoing revocation provision (if applicable) applies only with respect to a Participant whose divorce becomes effective on or following the date the Employer executes the Adoption Agreement, unless the Employer in the Adoption Agreement specifies a different effective date.

(A) Spousal Consent. This Section 6.01(A) applies if Employer has elected to apply it in its adoption agreement. If this Section 6.01(A) applies, the Beneficiary designation of a married Participant is not valid unless the Participant's spouse consents. The Plan Administrator may impose such requirements for witnessing or notarizing the spouse's consent as the Plan Administrator deems necessary or appropriate.

6.02 **NO BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION.** If a Participant fails to name a Beneficiary in accordance with Section 6.01, or if the Beneficiary named by a Participant predeceases the Participant, then the Plan Administrator will pay the Participant's remaining Account in accordance with Article IV in the following order of priority, to:

- (a) The Participant's surviving spouse; or
- (b) The Participant's children (including adopted children), in equal shares by right of representation (one share for each surviving child and one share for each child who predeceases the Participant with living descendants); and if none to
- (c) Parents. The Participant's surviving parents, in equal shares; and if none to
- (d) The Participant's estate.

If the Beneficiary survives the Participant, but dies prior to distribution of the Participant's entire Account, the Trustee will pay the remaining Account to the Beneficiary's estate unless: (1) the Participant's Beneficiary designation provides otherwise; or (2) the

Beneficiary has properly designated a beneficiary. A Beneficiary may designate a beneficiary for the Participant's Account Balance remaining at the Beneficiary's death, unless the Participant has not previously designated a successive contingent beneficiary and the Beneficiary's designation otherwise complies with the Plan terms. If a Participant and his/her Beneficiary should die simultaneously, or under circumstances that render it difficult or impossible to determine who predeceased the other, then unless the Participant's Beneficiary designation otherwise specifies, the Plan Administrator will presume conclusively that the Beneficiary predeceased the Participant. The Plan Administrator will direct a Trustee if applicable as to the method and to whom the Trustee will make payment under this Section 6.02.

6.03 SALARY REDUCTION AGREEMENT.

(A) General. A Participant must elect to make Salary Reduction Contributions on a Salary Reduction Agreement form the Plan Administrator provides for this purpose. The Salary Reduction Agreement must be consistent with the Employer's Adoption Agreement elections and the Plan Administrator in a Salary Reduction Agreement may impose such other terms and limitations as the Plan Administrator may determine. The Plan Administrator may adopt or change a Salary Reduction Agreement policy addressing contributions pursuant to salary reduction agreements of Participants.

(B) Election Timing. Except as provided in the Salary Reduction Agreement policy, a Participant's Salary Reduction Agreement may not take effect earlier than the first day of the calendar month following the date the Participant executes the Salary Reduction Agreement and as to Compensation paid or made available in such calendar month. However, if an Employee is eligible to become a Participant during the Employee's calendar month of hire, the Employee may execute a Salary Reduction Agreement on or before the date he/she becomes an Employee, effective for the month in which he/she becomes an Employee. The Salary Reduction Agreement Policy may provide that a Participant's Salary Reduction Agreement may take effect at any time prior to the date the compensation is currently available to the Participant.

(C) Sick, Vacation and Back Pay. If the Employer in the Adoption Agreement permits Participants to make Salary Reduction Contributions from accumulated sick pay, from accumulated vacation pay or from back pay, a Participant who will incur a Severance from Employment may execute a Salary Reduction Agreement before such amounts are paid or made available provided: (i) such amounts are paid or made available before the Participant incurs the Severance; and (ii) the Participant is an Employee in that month.

(D) Modification of Salary Reduction Agreement. A Participant's Salary Reduction Agreement remains in effect until a Participant modifies it or ceases to be eligible to participate in the Plan. A Participant may modify his or her Salary Reduction Agreement by executing a new Salary Reduction Agreement. Any modification will become effective no earlier than the beginning of the calendar month commencing after the date the Participant executes the new Salary Reduction Agreement. Filing a new Salary Reduction Agreement will revoke all Salary Reduction Agreements filed prior to that date. The Employer or Plan Administrator may restrict the Participant's right to modify his or her Salary Reduction Agreement in any Taxable Year.

6.04 PERSONAL DATA TO PLAN ADMINISTRATOR. Each Participant and each Beneficiary of a deceased Participant must furnish to the Plan Administrator such evidence, data or information as the Plan Administrator considers necessary or desirable for the purpose of administering the Plan. The provisions of this Plan are effective for the benefit of each Participant upon the condition precedent that each Participant will furnish promptly full, true and complete evidence, data and information when requested by the Plan Administrator, provided the Plan Administrator advises each Participant of the effect of his or her failure to comply with its request.

6.05 ADDRESS FOR NOTIFICATION. Each Participant and each Beneficiary of a deceased Participant must file with the Plan Administrator from time to time, in writing, his or her address and any change of address. Any communication, statement or notice addressed to a Participant, or Beneficiary, at his or her last address filed with the Plan Administrator, or as shown on the records of the Employer, binds the Participant, or Beneficiary, for all purposes of this Plan.

6.06 PARTICIPANT OR BENEFICIARY INCAPACITATED. If, in the opinion of the Plan Administrator or of the Trustee, a Participant or Beneficiary entitled to a Plan distribution is not able to care for his or her affairs because of a mental condition, a physical condition, or by reason of age, the Plan Administrator or at the direction of the Plan Administrator, the Trustee, may make the distribution to the Participant's or Beneficiary's guardian, conservator, trustee, custodian (including under a Uniform Transfers or Gifts to Minors Act) or to his or her attorney-in-fact or to other legal representative upon furnishing evidence of such status satisfactory to the Plan Administrator and to the Trustee. The Plan Administrator and the Trustee do not have any liability with respect to payments so made and neither the Plan Administrator nor the Trustee has any duty to make inquiry as to the competence of any person entitled to receive payments under the Plan.

ARTICLE VII MISCELLANEOUS

7.01 NO ASSIGNMENT OR ALIENATION. A Participant or Beneficiary does not have the right to commute, sell, assign, pledge, transfer or otherwise convey or encumber the right to receive any payments under the Plan or Trust and the Plan Administrator and the Trustee will not recognize any such anticipation, assignment, or alienation. The payments and the rights under this Plan are nonassignable and nontransferable. Furthermore, a Participant's or Beneficiary's interest in the Trust is not subject to attachment, garnishment, levy, execution or other legal or equitable process.

7.02 EFFECT ON OTHER PLANS. This Plan does not affect benefits under any other retirement, pension, or benefit plan or system established for the benefit of the Employer's Employees, and participation under this Plan does not affect benefits receivable under any such plan or system, except to the extent provided in such plan or system.

7.03 WORD USAGE. Words used in the masculine will apply to the feminine where applicable, and wherever the context of the Plan dictates, the plural will be read as the singular and the singular as the plural.

7.04 STATE LAW. The laws of the state of the Employer's principal place of business will determine all questions arising with respect to the provisions of this Plan, except to the extent Federal law supersedes state law.

7.05 EMPLOYMENT NOT GUARANTEED. Nothing contained in this Plan, or any modification or amendment to the Plan, or in the creation of any Account, or the payment of any benefit, gives any Employee, Participant or Beneficiary any right to continue employment, any legal or equitable right against the Employer, the Plan Administrator, the Trustee, any other Employee of the Employer, or any agents thereof except as expressly provided by the Plan.

7.06 NOTICE, DESIGNATION, ELECTION, CONSENT AND WAIVER. All notices under the Plan and all Participant or Beneficiary designations, elections, consents or waivers must be in writing and made in a form the Plan Administrator specifies or otherwise approves. To the extent permitted by Treasury regulations or other applicable guidance, any Plan notice, election, consent or waiver may be transmitted electronically. Any person entitled to notice under the Plan may waive the notice or shorten the notice period except as otherwise required by the Code.

ARTICLE VIII TRUST PROVISIONS—GOVERNMENTAL ELIGIBLE 457 PLAN

8.01 GOVERNMENTAL ELIGIBLE 457 PLAN. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement may elect to substitute another trust (attached to this Plan as "Appendix A") or to modify any provision of Article VIII, consistent with Code §457(g) and applicable Treasury regulations.

8.02 ACCEPTANCE/HOLDING. The Trustee accepts the Trust created under the Plan and agrees to perform the duties and obligations imposed. The Trustee must hold in trust under this Article VIII, all Deferred Compensation until paid in accordance with the Plan terms.

8.03 RECEIPT OF CONTRIBUTIONS. The Trustee is accountable to the Employer for the funds contributed to it by the Employer or the Plan Administrator, but the Trustee does not have any duty to see that the contributions received comply with the provisions of the Plan.

8.04 FULL INVESTMENT POWERS. The Trustee has full discretion and authority with regard to the investment of the Trust, except with respect to a Trust asset under Participant direction of investment, in accordance with Section 8.12. The Trustee is authorized and empowered, but not by way of limitation, to exercise and perform the following powers, rights and duties:

- (a) To invest any part or all of the Trust in any common or preferred stocks, open-end or closed-end mutual funds, put and call options traded on a national exchange, United States retirement plan bonds, corporate bonds, debentures, convertible debentures, commercial paper, U. S. Treasury bills, U. S. Treasury notes and other direct or indirect obligations of the United States Government or its agencies, improved or unimproved real estate situated in the United States, limited partnerships, insurance contracts of any type, mortgages, notes or other property of any kind, real or personal, and to buy or sell options on common stock on a nationally recognized options exchange with or without holding the underlying common stock, as a prudent person would do under like circumstances. Any investment made or retained by the Trustee in good faith will be proper but must be of a kind constituting a diversification considered by law suitable for trust investments;
- (b) To retain in cash so much of the Trust as it may deem advisable to satisfy liquidity needs of the Plan and to deposit any cash held in the Trust in a bank account at reasonable interest;
- (c) To invest, if the Trustee is a bank or similar financial institution supervised by the United States or by a State, in any type of deposit of the Trustee (or a bank related to the Trustee within the meaning of Code §414(b)) at a reasonable rate of interest or in a common trust fund as described in Code §584, or in a collective investment fund, the provisions of which the Trust incorporates by this reference, which the Trustee (or its affiliate, as defined in Code §1504) maintains exclusively for the collective investment of money contributed by the bank (or its affiliate) in its capacity as Trustee and which conforms to the rules of the Comptroller of the Currency;
- (d) To manage, sell, contract to sell, grant options to purchase, convey, exchange, transfer, abandon, improve, repair, insure, lease for any term even though commencing in the future or extending beyond the term of the Trust, and otherwise deal with all property, real or personal, in such manner, for such considerations and on such terms and conditions as the Trustee decides;
- (e) To credit and distribute the Trust as directed by the Plan Administrator of the Plan. The Trustee will not be obliged to inquire as to whether any payee or distributee is entitled to any payment or whether the distribution is proper or within the terms of the Plan, or as to the manner of making any payment or distribution. The Trustee will be accountable only to the Plan Administrator for any payment or distribution made by it in good faith on the order or direction of the Plan Administrator;
- (f) To borrow money, to assume indebtedness, extend mortgages and encumber by mortgage or pledge;
- (g) To compromise, contest, arbitrate or abandon claims and demands, in the Trustee's discretion;
- (h) To have with respect to the Trust all of the rights of an individual owner, including the power to exercise any and all voting rights associated with Trust assets, to give proxies, to participate in any voting trusts, mergers, consolidations or liquidations, to tender shares and to exercise or sell stock subscriptions or conversion rights;
- (i) To lease for oil, gas and other mineral purposes and to create mineral severances by grant or reservation; to pool or unitize interest in oil, gas and other minerals; and to enter into operating agreements and to execute division and transfer orders;
- (j) To hold any securities or other property in the name of the Trustee or its nominee, with depositories or agent depositories or in another form as it may deem best, with or without disclosing the trust relationship;

- (k) To perform any and all other acts in its judgment necessary or appropriate for the proper and advantageous management, investment and distribution of the Trust;
- (l) To retain any funds or property subject to any dispute without liability for the payment of interest, and to decline to make payment or delivery of the funds or property until a court of competent jurisdiction makes a final adjudication;
- (m) To file all tax returns required of the Trustee;
- (n) To furnish to the Employer and the Plan Administrator an annual statement of account showing the condition of the Trust and all investments, receipts, disbursements and other transactions effected by the Trustee during the Plan Year covered by the statement and also stating the assets of the Trust held at the end of the Plan Year, which accounts will be conclusive on all persons, including the Employer and the Plan Administrator, except as to any act or transaction concerning which the Employer or the Plan Administrator files with the Trustee written exceptions or objections within 90 days after the receipt of the accounts; and
- (o) To begin, maintain or defend any litigation necessary in connection with the administration of the Trust, except that the Trustee will not be obliged or required to do so unless indemnified to its satisfaction.

(A) Nondiscretionary Trustee. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement may elect to appoint a Nondiscretionary Trustee, subject to this Section 8.04(A). The Nondiscretionary Trustee does not have any discretion or authority with regard to the investment of the Trust, but must act solely as a directed Trustee hereunder. The Nondiscretionary Trustee is authorized and empowered to exercise and perform the above Section 8.04 powers, rights and duties provided that the Trustee shall act solely as a directed Trustee and only in accordance with the written direction of the Employer, the Plan Administrator or of a Participant as applicable. The Nondiscretionary Trustee is not liable for making, retaining or disposing of any investment or for taking or failing to take any other action, in accordance with proper Employer, Plan Administrator or Participant direction.

8.05 RECORDS AND STATEMENTS. The records of the Trustee pertaining to the Trust will be open to the inspection of the Plan Administrator and the Employer at all reasonable times and may be audited from time to time by any person or persons as the Employer or Plan Administrator may specify in writing. The Trustee will furnish the Plan Administrator whatever information relating to the Trust the Plan Administrator considers necessary.

8.06 FEES AND EXPENSES FROM FUND. The Trustee will receive reasonable annual compensation in accordance with its fee schedule as published from time to time. The Trustee will pay from the Trust all fees and expenses the Trustee reasonably incurs in its administration of the Trust, unless the Employer pays the fees and expenses.

8.07 PROFESSIONAL AGENTS. The Trustee may employ and pay from the Trust reasonable compensation to agents, attorneys, accountants and other persons to advise the Trustee as in its opinion may be necessary. The Trustee may delegate to any agent, attorney, accountant or other person selected by it any non-Trustee power or duty vested in it by the Trust, and the Trustee may act or refrain from acting on the advice or opinion of any agent, attorney, accountant or other person so selected.

8.08 DISTRIBUTION OF CASH OR PROPERTY. The Trustee may make distribution under the Plan in cash or property, or partly in each, at its fair market value as determined by the Trustee.

8.09 RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL. The Trustee or the Custodian may resign its position by giving written notice to the Employer and to the Plan Administrator. The Trustee's notice must specify the effective date of the Trustee's resignation, which date must be at least 30 days following the date of the Trustee's notice, unless the Employer consents in writing to shorter notice.

The Employer may remove a Trustee or a Custodian by giving written notice to the affected party. The Employer's notice must specify the effective date of removal which date must be at least 30 days following the date of the Employer's notice, except where the Employer reasonably determines a shorter notice period or immediate removal is necessary to protect Plan assets.

8.10 SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE.

(A) Appointment. In the event of the resignation or the removal of a Trustee, where no other Trustee continues to service, the Employer must appoint a successor Trustee if it intends to continue the Plan. If two or more persons hold the position of Trustee, in the event of the removal of one such person, during any period the selection of a replacement is pending, or during any period such person is unable to serve for any reason, the remaining person or persons will act as the Trustee. If the Employer fails to appoint a successor Trustee as of the effective date of the Trustee resignation or removal and no other Trustee remains, the Trustee will treat the Employer as having appointed itself as Trustee and as having filed the Employer's acceptance of appointment as successor Trustee with the former Trustee.

(B) Automatic Successor. Any corporation which succeeds to the trust business of the Trustee, or results from any merger or consolidation to which the Trustee is a party, or is the transferee of substantially all the Trustee's assets, will be the successor to the Trustee under this Trust. The successor Trustee will possess all rights, duties and powers under this Trust as if the successor Trustee were the original Trustee. Neither the Trustee nor the successor Trustee need provide notice to any interested person of any transaction resulting in a successor Trustee. The successor Trustee need not file or execute any additional instrument or perform any additional act to become successor Trustee.

8.11 VALUATION OF TRUST. The Trustee will value the Trust as of each Accounting Date to determine the fair market value of the Trust assets. The Trustee will value the Trust on such other date(s) the Plan Administrator may direct.

8.12 PARTICIPANT DIRECTION OF INVESTMENT. Consistent with the Plan Administrator's policy adopted under Section 5.02(l), the Trustee may consent in writing to permit Participants in the Plan to direct the investment to the Trust assets. The Plan Administrator will advise the Trustee of the portion of the Trust credited to each Participant's Account under the Plan, and subject to such Participant direction. As a condition of Participant direction, the Trustee may impose such conditions, limitations and other provisions as the

Trustee may deem appropriate and as are consistent with the Plan Administrator's policy. The Trustee will report to the Plan Administrator the net income, gain or losses incurred by each Participant-Directed Account separately from the net income, gain or losses incurred by the general Trust during the Trust Year.

8.13 THIRD PARTY RELIANCE. No person dealing with the Trustee will be obliged to see to the proper application of any money paid or property delivered to the Trustee, or to inquire whether the Trustee has acted pursuant to any of the terms of the Trust. Each person dealing with the Trustee may act upon any notice, request or representation in writing by the Trustee, or by the Trustee's duly authorized agent, and will not be liable to any person whomsoever in so doing. The certificate of the Trustee that it is acting in accordance with the Trust will be conclusive in favor of any person relying on the certificate.

8.14 INVALIDITY OF ANY TRUST PROVISION. If any clause or provision of this Article VIII proves to be or is adjudged to be invalid or void for any reason, such void or invalid clause or provision will not affect any of the other provisions of this Article VIII and the balance of the Trust provisions will remain operative.

8.15 EXCLUSIVE BENEFIT. The Trustee will hold all the assets of the Trust for the exclusive benefit of the Participants and their Beneficiaries and neither the Employer nor the Trustee will use or divert any part of the corpus or income of the Trust for purposes other than the exclusive benefit of the Participants and Beneficiaries of the Plan. The Employer will not have any right to the assets held by the Trustee and the Trust assets will not be subject to the claims of the Employer's creditors or, except as provided in Section 4.06, of the creditors of any Participant or Beneficiary. No Participant or Beneficiary shall have any right to sell, assign, transfer or otherwise convey his or her Account or any interest in his or her Deferred Compensation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Plan Administrator may pay from a Participant's or Beneficiary's Account the amount the Plan 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. The Trust created under the Employer's Plan is irrevocable and its assets will not inure to the benefit of the Employer.

8.16 SUBSTITUTION OF CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT OR ANNUITY CONTRACT. The Employer in the Adoption Agreement may elect to use one or more custodial accounts or annuity contracts in lieu of or in addition to the Trust established in this Article VIII. Any such custodial account or annuity contract must satisfy the requirements of Code §457(g)(3) and applicable Treasury regulations.

8.17 GROUP TRUST AUTHORITY. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in this Plan, the Trustee may, unless restricted in writing by the Plan Administrator, transfer assets of the Plan to a group trust that is operated or maintained exclusively for the commingling and collective investment of monies provided that the funds in the group trust consist exclusively of trust assets held under plans qualified under Code §401(a), individual retirement accounts that are exempt under Code §408(e), and eligible governmental plans that meets the requirements of Code §457(b). For this purpose, a trust includes a custodial account that is treated as a trust under Code §401(f) or under Code §457(g)(3). For purposes of valuation, the value of the interest maintained by the Plan in such group trust shall be the fair market value of the portion of the group trust held for Plan, determined in accordance with generally recognized valuation procedures.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENT, TERMINATION, TRANSFERS

9.01 AMENDMENT BY EMPLOYER/SPONSOR. The Employer has the right at any time and from time to time:

- (a) To amend this Plan and Trust Agreement and the Adoption Agreement in any manner it deems necessary or advisable in order to continue the status of this Plan as an Eligible 457 Plan; and
- (b) To amend this Plan and Trust Agreement and the Adoption Agreement in any other manner, including deletion, substitution or modification of any Plan, Trust or Adoption Agreement provision.

The Employer must make all amendments in writing. The Employer may amend the Plan by an Adoption Agreement election, by addenda, by separate amendment, or by restatement of the Adoption Agreement or Plan. Each amendment must state the date to which it is either retroactively or prospectively effective. The Employer also may not make any amendment that affects the rights, duties or responsibilities of the Trustee or the Plan Administrator without the written consent of the affected Trustee or the Plan Administrator.

9.02 TERMINATION/FREEZING OF PLAN. The Employer has the right, at any time, to terminate this Plan or to cease (freeze) further Deferral Contributions to the Plan. Upon termination or freezing of the Plan, the provisions of the Plan (other than provisions permitting continued Deferral Contributions) remain operative until distribution of all Accounts. Upon Plan termination, the Plan Administrator or Trustee shall distribute to Participants and Beneficiaries all Deferred Compensation as soon as is reasonably practicable following termination.

9.03 TRANSFERS. The Employer may enter into a Transfer agreement with another employer under which this Plan: (a) may accept a Transfer of a Participant's Account in the other employer's Eligible 457 Plan; or (b) may Transfer a Participant's (or Beneficiary's) Account in this Plan to the other employer's Eligible 457 Plan. The plan sponsors of the plans involved in the Transfer both must be States and the plans must provide for Transfers. The Participant or Beneficiary, after the Transfer will have Deferred Compensation in the recipient plan at least equal to his or her Deferred Compensation in the transferring plan immediately before the Transfer. Any Transfer also must comply with applicable Treasury regulations, and in particular Treas. Reg. §§1.457-10(b)(2) as to post-severance transfers between Governmental Eligible 457 Plans; 1.457-10(b)(3) as to transfers of all assets between Governmental Eligible 457 Plans; and 1.457-10(b)(4) as to transfers between Governmental Eligible 457 Plans of the same Employer. The Plan Administrator will credit any Transfer accepted under this Section 9.03 to the Participant's Account and will treat the transferred amount as a Deferral Contribution for all purposes of this Plan except the Plan Administrator, will not treat such Transfer as a Deferral Contribution subject to the limitations of Article III. The Plan's Transfer of any Participant's or Beneficiary's Account under this Section 9.03 completely discharges the Employer, the Plan Administrator, the Trustee and the Plan from any liability to the Participant or Beneficiary for any Plan benefits.

9.04 PURCHASE OF PERMISSIVE SERVICE CREDIT. A Participant prior to otherwise incurring a distributable event under Article IV, may direct the Trustee to transfer all or a portion of his or her Account to a governmental defined benefit plan (under Code §414(d)) for: (a) the purchase of permissive service credit (under Code §415(n)(3)(A)) under such plan, or (b) the repayment of contributions and earnings previously refunded with respect to a forfeiture of service credited under the plan (or under another governmental plan within the same State) to which Code §415 does not apply by reason of Code §415(k)(3).

RESOLUTION No. 3048



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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners

Through: Latasha K. Barnes, Executive Director

From: Jason W. Hensley, Director of Real Estate Development

Date: July 15, 2025

Subject: Resolution No. 3048
Authorizing and Approving the Execution of the Capital Fund Program (CFP)
Amendment to the Consolidated Annual Contributions Contract and the Capital
Fund Annual Statement for Fiscal Year 2025

The St. Louis Housing Authority (SLHA) was notified by the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of a funding award for the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Fund Program allocation of \$9,209,751. SLHA completed the FY 2025 Capital Fund Annual Statement in accordance with the latest approved Capital Fund Five-Year Plan.

The SLHA Board of Commissioners approved the FY 2025 Capital Fund Annual Statement and the Definition of a Significant Amendment or Modification on June 26, 2025 via Resolution Number 3045. Those documents and all additional supporting materials are attached.

**Authorizing and Approving the Execution of the Capital Fund Program (CFP) Amendment
to the Consolidated Annual Contributions Contract and the Capital Fund Annual Statement
for Fiscal Year 2025**

WHEREAS, the St. Louis Housing Authority was notified on May 13, 2025 of a funding award for the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Fund Program for a total of \$9,209,751; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Fund Program grant amount is as follows:

Grant Name: FY 2025 Capital Fund Program
Grant Number: MO36-P001-501-25
Grant Amount: \$9,209,751

WHEREAS, to be eligible for the Capital Funds, the St. Louis Housing Authority must execute the Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) amendment and submit the Capital Fund Annual Statement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE ST. LOUIS HOUSING
AUTHORITY THAT:**

1. The Executive Director of the St. Louis Housing Authority is authorized and directed to execute the Annual Contributions Contract Amendment and the Capital Fund Annual Statement.
2. The Executive Director of the St. Louis Housing Authority is hereby authorized and directed to take any and all necessary actions to carry out the terms and conditions of this Resolution.

Capital Fund Program
(CFP) Amendment
to Consolidated Annual Contributions Contract
Terms and Conditions (HUD-53012)

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing

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Whereas, (Public Housing Authority) St. Louis Housing Authority MO001 (herein called the “PHA”) and the United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (herein called “HUD”) entered into an Annual Contributions Contract ACC(s) Numbers(s) (On File) dated (On File)

Whereas, in accordance with Public Law No: 119-4;

Whereas, HUD has agreed to provide CFP assistance, upon execution of this Amendment, to the PHA in the amount to be specified below for the purpose of assisting the PHA in carrying out capital and management activities at existing public housing projects in order to ensure that such projects continue to be available to serve low-income families. HUD reserves the right to provide additional CFP assistance in this FY to the PHA. When HUD provides additional amounts, it will notify the PHA and those amended grants will be subject to these terms and conditions.

\$ \$9,209,751.00 for Fiscal Year 2025 to be referred to under the Capital Fund Grant Number MQ36P00150125
PHA Tax Identification Number (TIN): On File UEI Number: On File

Whereas, HUD and the PHA are entering into the CFP Amendment Number On File

Now Therefore, the ACC is amended as follows:

1. The ACC(s) is (are) amended to provide CFP assistance in the amount specified above for capital and management activities of PHA projects. This CFP Amendment is a part of the ACC.
2. The PHA must carry out all capital and management activities in accordance with the United States Housing Act of 1937 (the Act), 24 CFR Part 905 (the Capital Fund Final rule) as well as other applicable HUD requirements, except that the limitation in section 9(g)(1) of the Act is increased such that of the amount of CFP assistance provided for under this CFP amendment only, the PHA may use no more than 25 percent for activities that are eligible under section 9(e) of the Act only if the PHA's HUD-approved Five Year Action Plan provides for such use; however, if the PHA owns or operates less than 250 public housing dwelling units, such PHA may continue to use the full flexibility in accordance with section 9(g)(2) of the Act.
3. The PHA has a HUD-approved Capital Fund Five Year Action Plan and has complied with the requirements for reporting on open grants through the Performance and Evaluation Report. The PHA must comply with 24 CFR 905.300 of the Capital Fund Final rule regarding amendment of the Five Year Action Plan where the PHA proposes a Significant Amendment to the Capital Fund Five Year Action Plan.
4. For cases where HUD has approved a Capital Fund Financing Amendment to the ACC, HUD will deduct the payment for amortization scheduled payments from the grant immediately on the effective date of this CFP Amendment. The payment of CFP funds due per the amortization scheduled will be made directly to a designated trustee within 3 days of the due date. Subject to the provisions of the ACC(s) and paragraph 3, and to assist in capital and management activities, HUD agrees to disburse to the PHA or the designated trustee from time to time as needed up to the amount of the funding assistance specified herein.
5. Unless otherwise provided, the 24 month time period in which the PHA must obligate this CFP assistance pursuant to section 9(j)(1) of the Act and 48 month time period in which the PHA must expend this CFP assistance pursuant to section 9(j)(5) of the Act starts with the effective date of this CFP amendment (the date on which CFP assistance becomes available to the PHA for obligation). Any additional CFP assistance this FY will start with the same effective date.
6. The PHA shall continue to operate each public housing project as low-income housing in compliance with the ACC(s), as amended, the Act and all HUD regulations for a period of twenty years after the last disbursement of CFP assistance for modernization activities for each public housing project or portion thereof and for a period of forty years after the last distribution of CFP assistance for development activities for each public housing project and for a period of ten years following the last payment of assistance from the Operating Fund to each public housing project. Provided further that, no disposition of any project covered by this amendment shall occur unless approved by HUD.
7. The PHA will accept all CFP assistance provided for this FY. If the PHA does not comply with any of its obligations under this CFP Amendment and does not have its Annual PHA Plan approved within the period specified by HUD, HUD shall impose such penalties or take such remedial action as provided by law. HUD may direct the PHA to terminate all work described in the Capital Fund Annual Statement of the Annual PHA Plan. In such case, the PHA shall only incur additional costs with HUD approval.
8. Implementation or use of funding assistance provided under this CFP Amendment is subject to the attached corrective action order(s).
(mark one) : Yes ☐ No ☐
9. The PHA is required to report in the format and frequency established by HUD on all open Capital Fund grants awarded, including information on the installation of energy conservation measures.
10. If CFP assistance is provided for activities authorized pursuant to agreements between HUD and the PHA under the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program, the PHA shall follow such applicable statutory authorities and all applicable HUD regulations and requirements. For total conversion of public housing projects, no disposition or conversion of any public housing project covered by these terms and conditions shall occur unless approved by HUD. For partial conversion, the PHA shall continue to operate each non-converted public housing project as low-income housing in accordance with paragraph 7.
11. CFP assistance provided as an Emergency grant or a Safety and Security grant shall be subject to a 12 month obligation and 24 month expenditure time period. CFP assistance provided as a Natural Disaster grant shall be subject to a 24 month obligation and 48 month expenditure time period. The start date shall be the date on which such funding becomes available to the PHA for obligation. The PHA must have a recorded and effective Declaration(s) of Trust on all property funded with Capital Fund grants (all types) or HUD will exercise all available remedies including recapture of grant funding.
12. Waste, Fraud, Abuse, and Whistleblower Protections. Any person who becomes aware of the existence or apparent existence of fraud, waste or abuse of any HUD award must report such incidents to both the HUD official responsible for the award and to HUD's Office of Inspector General (OIG). HUD OIG is available to receive allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse related to HUD programs via its hotline number (1-800-347-3735) and its online hotline form. You must comply with 41 U.S.C. § 4712, which includes informing your employees in writing of their rights and remedies, in the predominant native language of the workforce. Under 41 U.S.C. § 4712, employees of a government contractor, subcontractor, grantee, and subgrantee—as well as a personal services contractor—who make a protected disclosure about a Federal grant or contract cannot be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as long as they reasonably believe the information they disclose is evidence of:
1. Gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or grant;
2. Waste of Federal funds;
3. Abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract or grant;
4. Substantial and specific danger to public health and safety; or
5. Violations of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract or grant.
13. This grant may be subject to the requirements of the Build America Buy, America Act (BABA) which was enacted on November 15, 2021, as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58), unless waived by the Department: refer to HUD's BABA webpage for further information (https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/general_counsel/build_america_buy_america)
14. This grant is subject to Executive Order 14218, Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders and applicable law. HUD will take steps to ensure that Federal resources are not used to support "sanctuary" policies of State and local jurisdictions that actively prevent federal authorities from deporting illegal aliens.

The parties have executed this CFP Amendment, and it will be effective on the date HUD signs below.

U.S. Dept of HUD	PHA (Executive Director or authorized agent)
By /s/ Date: 05/13/2025	By Date:
Marianne Nazzaro	
Title: Deputy Assistant Secretary Office Public Housing Invest.	Title

Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report
 Capital Fund Program, Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor and
 Capital Fund Financing Program

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
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PHA Name	Grant Type and Number) Capital Fund Program Grant No: Replacement Housing Factor Grant No: Date of CFFP:	FFY of Grant: FFY of Grant Approval:
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Type of Grant

- ☐ Original Annual Statement ☐ Reserve for Disasters/Emergencies ☐ Revised Annual Statement (revision no:
☐ Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending: ☐ Final Performance and Evaluation Report

Line	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost ¹	
		Original	Revised ²	Obligated	Expended
1	Total non-CFP Funds				
2	1406 Operations (may not exceed 20% of line 15) ³				
3	1408 Management Improvements				
4	1410 Administration (may not exceed 10% of line 15)				
5	1480 General Capital Activity				
6	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration				
7	1501 Collateralization Expense / Debt Service Paid by PHA				
8	1503 RAD-CFP				
9	1504 RAD Investment Activity				
10	1505 RAD-CPT				
11	9000 Debt Reserves				
12	9001 Bond Debt Obligation paid Via System of Direct Payment				
13	9002 Loan Debt Obligation paid Via System of Direct Payment				
14	9900 Post Audit Adjustment				

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Part I: Summary					
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Line	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost ¹	
		Original	Revised ²	Obligated	Expended
15	Amount of Annual Grant:: (sum of lines 2 - 14)				
16	Amount of line 15 Related to LBP Activities				
17	Amount of line 15 Related Sect. 504, ADA, and Fair Housing Act Activities.				
18	Amount of line 15 Related to Security - Soft Costs				
19	Amount of line 15 Related to Security - Hard Costs				
20	Amount of line 15 Related to Energy Conservation Measures				
Signature of Executive Director *		Date	Signature of Public Housing Director		Date

* I/We, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct. WARNING: Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil and administrative penalties (18 U.S.C. § 287, 1001, 1010, 1012, 1014; 31 U.S.C. §3729, 5802)

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Statement Defining Significant Amendment or Modification to the Capital Fund Five-Year Plan

The St. Louis Housing will amend or modify its Capital Fund Five-Year Plan upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

- A proposed demolition, disposition, homeownership, Capital Fund Financing, development, or mixed-finance proposal that is not incorporated in an approved Agency Plan.
- A federal statutory or regulatory change is made effective and, in the opinion of the St. Louis Housing Authority, has either a substantial programmatic or financial effect on the Capital Fund program.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

May 2, 2025

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ST. LOUIS HOUSING AUTHORITY FY 2025 AGENCY PLAN
ADMISSIONS AND CONTINUED OCCUPANCY POLICY
UTILITY ALLOWANCE SCHEDULE
FLAT RENT SCHEDULE
5-YEAR CAPITAL FUND PLAN**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is providing annual funding to the St. Louis Housing Authority (SLHA) to improve the physical condition and upgrade the management and operation of its Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) programs. On October 21, 1998, congress enacted a new law, the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) of 1998. Under this new law, to receive the funding, SLHA is required to develop an Annual and Five-Year Agency Plan, in consultation with residents, local government officials, and other interested parties, and to develop and implement the goals, strategies, and priorities identified in the Plan. The annual submission must be submitted to the HUD field office by July 15, 2025.

This Agency Plan is subject to public review and comment. **SLHA is providing a 45-day comment period beginning May 2, 2025 and ending with the Public Hearing on June 16, 2025.** The Plan will be available for viewing at SLHA's Central Office, 3520 Page Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63106 and on its website at <https://www.slha.org/document-center/>. Written comments will be accepted until June 17, 2024 and will become a part of the public record. Contact Deborah Fowler, Administrative Assistant, at (314) 286-4356 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or defowler@slha.org to schedule an appointment to view the Agency Plan, Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy and/or the Utility Allowance and Flat Rent Schedules.

Additionally, **revisions to the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP)**, a component of the Agency Plan, have been made and therefore, are subject to public review and comment. The draft ACOP will be available concurrently with the draft of the Agency Plan.

SLHA's Utility Allowance and the Flat Rent Schedules will be revised and are subject to public review and comment. The proposed Schedules will be available concurrently with the draft of the Agency Plan.

Also, effective November 25, 2013, the Capital Fund Program Final Rule was implemented to decouple the Capital Fund Annual Submission from the Agency Plan. This annual submission will be subject to public review; therefore, **the Five-Year Action Plan (FY 2025 –FY 2029)** is simultaneously being made available concurrently with the draft of the Agency Plan.

SLHA will hold the Public Hearing on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at its Central Office to discuss and accept comments on the Agency Plan, ACOP, Utility Allowance and Flat Rent Schedules and the Capital Fund Program. All parties that wish to speak at the Public Hearing must abide by SLHA's Speaker's Policy. A copy of the policy is available at SLHA's Central Office.

The public is invited to attend this meeting to provide comments on the proposed Agency Plan. Upon reasonable notice, SLHA will make efforts to accommodate the needs of individuals with disabilities through sign language interpreters or other auxiliary aids. For additional information or assistance, please contact Deborah Fowler by email at defowler@slha.org or by telephone at (314) 286-4356 or TDD (314) 286-4223.

The St. Louis Housing Authority

By: Latasha Barnes, Executive Director



**St. Louis Housing Authority
Public Hearing Comments and Responses
Annual Plan FFY 2025**

The St. Louis Housing Authority (SLHA) issued the proposed Agency Plan for public comments on May 2, 2025 for a 45-day comment period. On June 16, 2025, the Public Hearing was held. There were no attendees besides the SLHA staff. SLHA received four (4) written comments.

I. COMMENTS TO THE AGENCY PLAN:

On May 13, 2025, Mr. Jason W. Hensley, Director of Real Estate Development of St. Louis Housing Authority (SLHA), provided the FY 2025 Annual Statement incorporating the funding SLHA received in its 2025 ACC Amendment. The comment and response are as follows:

Comment #1:

The St. Louis Housing Authority's (SLHA) draft Five-Year Capital Fund Program budgets presented for public comment on May 2, 2025 did not contain the Annual Statement for FY 2025 because SLHA had not received notification from HUD of its Capital Fund Program grant award. SLHA was notified on May 13, 2025 of its FFY 2025 Capital Fund allocation in the amount of \$9,209,751 and completed the FFY 2025 Capital Fund Annual Statement in accordance with the latest approved Capital Fund Five-Year Plan.

SLHA Response:

The Annual Statement has been incorporated into the Agency Plan as proposed.

Comment #2:

Since the Plan was issued for comments, the St. Louis Housing Authority received notification of its Capital Fund Program grant award; therefore, Attachment #4 – Section B.1 (b) – Financial Resources had to be revised to incorporate the Public Housing Capital Fund grant allocation, which was not included when the draft Plan was issued for public comments on May 2, 2025.

SLHA Response:

Attachment #4 – Section B.1 (b) – Financial Resources has been revised to reflect the Capital Fund grant allocation in the amount of \$9,209,751 and incorporated in the Agency Plan.

Comment #3:

Following the submission of the Draft Agency Plan, the HUD Field Office requested that SLHA add language clarifying several requirements for public housing units taken offline. The following language will be added to *Attachment #12 - Units with Approved Vacancies*:

The St. Louis Housing Authority (SLHA) may take public housing units offline for the purpose of completing necessary repairs, rehabilitation, or modernization activities. These activities may include, but are not limited to, systems upgrades (for example plumbing, HVAC, electrical), environmental remediation, structural repairs, or unit reconfigurations to ensure long-term habitability and compliance with HUD housing quality standards. SLHA intends to utilize available Capital Fund Program (CFP) and/or Operating Subsidy (OpSub) funds to

support these efforts. Units will be returned to occupancy as soon as work is completed, and the units meet all applicable standards. The scope and timeline of each modernization effort may vary based on funding availability, procurement schedules, and site-specific needs.

In addition, SLHA may take units offline in preparation for or as part of a planned Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) conversion. Units may be vacated to facilitate required rehabilitation, environmental remediation, or modernization efforts necessary to meet RAD Physical Condition Assessment (RPCA) standards and to support long-term viability post-conversion. Work may be funded through a combination of Capital Fund Program (CFP) resources, Operating Subsidy, RAD financing tools, or other leveraged sources. SLHA will follow RAD Notice requirements and HUD approval processes, ensuring units are brought back online in compliance with RAD and National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE).

SLHA Response:

Attachment #12 – Units with Approved Vacancies has been updated to add language clarifying several requirements for public housing units taken offline as requested by the HUD Field Office.

Comment #4:

Following the submission of the SLHA's Draft Agency Plan, St. Louis was struck by a F-3 Tornado on May 16, 2025. The catastrophic weather left many St. Louis families facing unprecedented housing challenges. To assist families in the recovery, SLHA will add an additional public housing preference in SLHA's Administrative and Occupancy Policy (ACOP). Language will be added to *Attachment 3C - ACOP Changes/Additions 2025* to create an additional preference for "Involuntarily displaced by natural disaster or government action" with a value of 60 points. To qualify for this preference, an applicant must present evidence that the family has been displaced as a result of a natural disaster or government action. An applicant must provide one of the following:

- Documentation that current residence is in an area that has been declared a state or federal disaster area, such as letter or published notice from a government agency and proof that the residence was located in the area, such as lease, deed, mortgage, voters' registration, current government picture ID with the relevant address or insurance policy; or
- Letter from government agency that states that applicant will be displaced by government action

SLHA Response:

A revised ACOP matrix has been inserted in Attachment #3C, Changes to Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy – ACOP, to incorporate all changes.

II. COMMENTS TO THE ADMISSIONS AND CONTINUED OCCUPANCY POLCY:

Refer to Comment #4.

III. COMMENTS TO THE UTILITY ALLOWANCE SCHEDULE

No comments were received during the 45-day comment period.

IV. COMMENTS TO THE FLAT RENT SCHEDULE

No comments were received during the 45-day comment period.

V. COMMENTS TO THE CAPITAL FUND FIVE-YEAR ACTION PLAN

Refer to Comment #1.

St. Louis Housing Authority

FY 2025 Annual Plan

ATTACHMENT #14

Section C.1 – Resident Advisory Board (RAB)

Comments and Responses

June 20, 2025

Ms. Latasha Barnes
Executive Director
St. Louis Housing Authority
3520 Page Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63106

Re: St. Louis Housing Authority's Draft FY2025 Agency Plan

Dear Ms. Barnes,

This letter confirms the City-Wide Tenant Advisory Board's (TAB) review and discussion of the St. Louis Housing Authority's (SLHA) FY2025 Draft Agency Plan (Plan).

The TAB received a copy of the Plan for review and comment, and the meeting held on May 21, 2025 provided an opportunity for SLHA staff to discuss the Plan's provisions, particularly, the phasing out of public housing and the RAD conversion process.

While the TAB does not quite understand the need for this process and had concerns, SLHA staff did discuss their comments.

Based on the review and discussion, the TAB confirms that there are no outstanding comments or questions regarding the Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edith Guthrie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Edith" being more prominent and the last name "Guthrie" written in a more connected, flowing style.

Edith Guthrie
President
City-Wide Tenant Advisory Board

From: [Tanya Lemons](#)
To: [Carol Dunlap](#)
Subject: RE: Quote for SLHA Agency Plan Ad
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 12:32:46 PM
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**Agency Plan FY 2025
Advertisement: Public Notice**

The St. Louis Housing Authority (SLHA) is submitting to HUD the Annual Submission of the FY 2025 Agency Plan. The Plan outlines the goals and objectives to accomplish its vision over the next five years. SLHA has posted the "Draft" FY 2025 Agency Plan for public review on its website at <https://www.slha.org/document-center/> and the Plan will be available for viewing at SLHA's Central Office, 3520 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63106.

Additionally, the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP), a component of the Agency Plan, and a revised Utility Allowance Schedule and the Flat Rent Schedule are simultaneously being made available for public review and comment. The link to the webpage is: <https://www.slha.org/document-center/>.

Also, the Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan (FY 2025 - FY 2029) is simultaneously being made available for public review and comment.

Written comments may be submitted on the Plan. All written comments must be received by June 16, 2025. Please address comments to Deborah Fowler at defowler@slha.org. Comments and suggestions received will become part of the public record.

SLHA will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at SLHA's Central Office to discuss and accept comments on its Agency Plan, ACOP, Utility Allowance, Flat Rent Schedule and Capital Fund Program.

For additional information or questions, contact Deborah Fowler, Administrative Assistant, by email at defowler@slha.org or by telephone at (314) 286-4356 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

From: Carol Dunlap <CDunlap@slha.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2025 12:19 PM
To: Tanya Lemons <TLemons@post-dispatch.com>
Subject: Quote for SLHA Agency Plan Ad

Hello Tanya,

I hope this email finds you well. The St. Louis Housing Authority would like to run the attached ad in the Sunday, May 4th, edition of the Post-Dispatch. Could you provide a quote? Thanks!

Carol Dunlap

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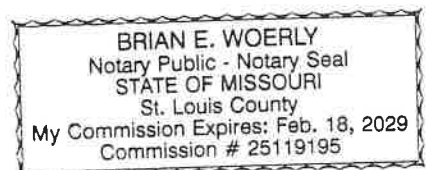
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Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Agency (PHA) listed below, as its Chairperson or other authorized PHA official if there is no Board of Commissioners, I approve the submission of the ___ 5-Year and/or ___ Annual PHA Plan, hereinafter referred to as “the Plan,” of which this document is a part, and make the following certification and agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the PHA fiscal year beginning _____, in which the PHA receives assistance under 42 U.S.C. 1437f and/or 1437g in connection with the submission of the Plan and implementation thereof:

1. The Plan is consistent with the applicable comprehensive housing affordability strategy (or any plan incorporating such strategy) for the jurisdiction in which the PHA is located (24 CFR § 91.2).
2. The Plan contains a signed certification by the appropriate State or local official (form HUD-50077-SL) that the Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan, which includes any applicable fair housing goals or strategies, for the PHA's jurisdiction and a description of the way the PHA Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan (24 CFR §§ 91.2, 91.225, 91.325, and 91.425).
3. The PHA has established a Resident Advisory Board or Boards, the membership of which represents the residents assisted by the PHA, consulted with this Resident Advisory Board or Boards in developing the Plan, including any changes or revisions to the policies and programs identified in the Plan before they were implemented, and considered the recommendations of the Resident Advisory Board (24 CFR 903.13). The PHA has included in the Plan submission a copy of the recommendations made by the Resident Advisory Board or Boards and a description of the way the Plan addresses these recommendations.
4. The PHA provides assurance as part of this certification that:
 - i. The Resident Advisory Board had an opportunity to review and comment on the changes to the policies and programs before implementation by the PHA;
 - ii. The changes were duly approved by the PHA Board of Directors (or similar governing body); and
 - iii. The revised policies and programs are available for review and inspection, at the principal office of the PHA during normal business hours. Where possible, PHAs should make documents available electronically, for public inspection upon request.
5. The PHA made the proposed Plan and all information relevant to the public hearing available for public inspection at least 45 days before the hearing, published a notice that a hearing would be held and conducted a hearing to discuss the Plan and invited public comment. The PHA ensured all notices and meetings provided effective communication with persons with disabilities and further provided meaningful language access for persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP).
6. The PHA certifies that it will carry out the public housing program of the agency in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d-2000d—4), the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), the Violence Against Women Act (34 U.S.C. § 12291 et seq.), and other applicable civil rights requirements, and that it will affirmatively further fair housing in the administration of all HUD programs. In addition, if it administers a Housing Choice Voucher Program, the PHA certifies that it will administer the program in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Violence Against Women Act, and other applicable civil rights requirements, and that it will affirmatively further fair housing in the administration of all HUD programs.
7. The PHA will affirmatively further fair housing, in compliance with the Fair Housing Act, 24 CFR § 5.150 et seq., 24 CFR § 903.7(o), and 24 CFR § 903.15, which means that it will take meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. Specifically, affirmatively furthering

fair housing means taking meaningful actions that, taken together, address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, transforming racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws (24 CFR § 5.151). Pursuant to 24 CFR § 903.15(c)(2), a PHA's policies should be designed to reduce the concentration of tenants and other assisted persons by race, national origin, and disability. PHA policies should include affirmative steps stated in 24 CFR § 903.15(c)(2)(i) and 24 CFR § 903.15(c)(2)(ii). Furthermore, under 24 CFR § 903.7(o), a PHA must submit a civil rights certification with its Annual and 5-year PHA Plans, except for qualified PHAs who submit the Form HUD-50077-CR as a standalone document. The PHA certifies that it will take no action that is materially inconsistent with its obligation to affirmatively further fair housing.

8. For PHA Plans that include a policy for site-based waiting lists:
 - The PHA regularly submits required data to HUD's 50058 PIC/IMS Module and/or its successor system: the Housing Information Portal (HIP) in an accurate, complete and timely manner (as specified in PIH Notice 2011-65);
 - The system of site-based waiting lists provides for full disclosure to each applicant in the selection of the development in which to reside, including basic information about available sites; and an estimate of the period of time the applicant would likely have to wait to be admitted to units of different sizes and types at each site;
 - Adoption of a site-based waiting list would not violate any court order or settlement agreement or be inconsistent with a pending complaint brought by HUD;
 - The PHA shall take reasonable measures to assure that such a waiting list is consistent with affirmatively furthering fair housing; and
 - The PHA provides for review of its site-based waiting list policy to determine if it is consistent with civil rights laws and certifications, as specified in 24 CFR 903.7(o)(1).
9. The PHA will comply with the prohibitions against discrimination based on age pursuant to the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.
10. In accordance with the Fair Housing Act, the PHA will not base a determination of eligibility for housing on actual or perceived sexual orientation, or marital status and will not otherwise discriminate because of sex (including sexual orientation).
11. The PHA will comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and 24 CFR Part 41, 'Policies and Procedures for the Enforcement of Standards and Requirements for Accessibility by the Physically Handicapped' for people with physical disabilities.
12. The PHA will comply with the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Employment Opportunities for Low-or Very-Low Income Persons, and with its implementing regulation at 24 CFR Part 135.
13. The PHA will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and implement the regulations at 49 CFR Part 24 as applicable.
14. The PHA will take appropriate affirmative action to award contracts to minority and women's business enterprises under 24 CFR 5.105(a).
15. The PHA will provide the responsible entity or HUD any documentation that the responsible entity or HUD needs to carry out its review under the National Environmental Policy Act and other related authorities in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58 or Part 50, respectively.
16. With respect to public housing the PHA will comply with Davis-Bacon or HUD determined wage rate requirements under Section 12 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.
17. The PHA will keep records in accordance with 2 CFR 200.302 and facilitate an effective audit to determine compliance with program requirements.
18. The PHA will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, and 24 CFR Part 35.
19. The PHA will comply with the policies, guidelines, and requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Assistance, including but not limited to submitting the assurances required under 24 CFR §§ 1.5, 3.115, 8.50, and 107.25 by submitting an SF-424, including the required assurances in SF-424B or D, as applicable.

20. The PHA will undertake only activities and programs covered by the Plan in a manner consistent with its Plan and will utilize covered grant funds only for activities that are approvable under the regulations and included in its Plan.
21. All attachments to the Plan have been and will continue to always be available at all locations that the PHA Plan is available for public inspection. All required supporting documents have been made available for public inspection along with the Plan and additional requirements at the primary business office of the PHA and at all other times and locations identified by the PHA in its PHA Plan and will continue to be made available at least at the primary business office of the PHA and, where possible, should be made available for public inspection in an electronic format.
22. The PHA certifies that it is following all applicable Federal statutory and regulatory requirements, including the Declaration of Trust(s).

PHA Name

PHA Number/HA Code

____ Annual PHA Plan for Fiscal Year 20____

____ 5-Year PHA Plan for Fiscal Years 20____ - 20____

I/We, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct. WARNING: Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil and administrative penalties. (18 U.S.C. §§ 287, 1001, 1010, 1012, 1014; 31 U.S.C. §3729, 3802)

Name of Executive Director:		Name Board Chairman:	
Signature:		Signature:	
Date:		Date:	

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Applicant Name

Program/Activity Receiving Federal Grant Funding

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying, in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate. **Warning:** HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

Name of Authorized Official	Title
Signature	
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Department

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Latasha Barnes, Executive Director

Date: July 15, 2025

Subject: Executive Director Report

This report provides a comprehensive overview of SLHA's strategic initiatives, successful program management, and transformative community development projects. For more detailed information, please refer to the accompanying Monthly Activity Reports.

Key Performance & Highlights

Exemplary Financial Stewardship

SLHA continues to demonstrate robust financial stewardship, achieving a score of 24.39 out of a maximum of 25 points in the assessment of Public Housing Authorities' (PHA) financial condition. This score reflects our effective resource management, ensuring the continued provision of decent, safe, and sanitary housing across our public housing projects.

Strong Performance in Housing Choice Voucher Program

Our Housing Choice Voucher Program continues to demonstrate robust performance, maintaining full utilization at 100% and currently serving over 5,800 households. We are actively preparing for the upcoming SEMAP certification, with current projections indicating the program will achieve High Performer Status for this fiscal year. Further supporting our community, the agency was recently honored to receive additional Tenant Protection Vouchers, directly assisting nine (9) displaced residents from a local HUD multifamily development.

While program participation remains strong, we are proactively addressing future challenges. In response to HUD's June 20, 2025 [notice](#), which projects a wind-down of program funding for the Emergency Housing Voucher program by the end of Calendar Year 2026, SLHA is diligently monitoring federal appropriations and actively developing alternative programming options to support continued housing support for all impacted households.

Optimizing Public Housing Occupancy

Occupancy remains a paramount agency priority. As of July 15, 2025, the agency occupancy rate stands strong at 93%. Furthermore, as of June 2025, an impressive 24 sites achieved an occupancy rate of 90% or higher, with 14 of those sites reaching an exceptional occupancy rate of 95% or more. While sites like Clinton-Peabody, Parkview, North Sarah, and Renaissance Place currently have lower occupancy rates, this is primarily due to active redevelopment and modernization efforts.

Engaging Summer Programming

SLHA is proud to highlight its robust and engaging summer programming, designed to enrich residents' lives across our portfolio:

- *Community Beautification Programming:* Through the CDA beautification grant, the Resident Coordinator has led impactful community engagement, including successful clean-up events at Euclid Plaza and Renaissance Place, a virtual block party at Parkview Elderly, and ribbon cuttings at Northside Scattered Sites and West Pine for upcoming property improvements. These initiatives foster community pride and enhance living environments.
- *LaSalle Summer Youth Hub:* Launched by the ROSS and Property Management teams, the Summer Hub at LaSalle Park operates every Thursday, offering youth free books from Ready Readers, programming by Lincoln University Cooperative Extension, and fun activities with the YMCA's Mobile Gaming Bus.
- *Lincoln University Bridge the Gap Summer Camp:* SLHA proudly partnered with Lincoln University Cooperative Extension to host the "Bridge the Gap Summer Camp" at the Al Chapelle Community Center. This inclusive camp for SLHA youth (ages 8-17) offers a dynamic curriculum focused on STEM, social-emotional learning, and community building, enriched by various field trips and additional activities from partners like St. Louis Public Library, City Faces, and Ready Readers. This collaboration represents a significant investment in youth development and family enrichment.

Comprehensive Disaster Recovery Efforts

Following the tornado that impacted the St. Louis region on Friday, May 16, 2025, our team immediately mobilized to provide relief and address the urgent community needs. Our unwavering focus has been on supporting those affected, demonstrating our profound commitment to SLHA families, the St. Louis community, and our staff during this challenging time.

Rapid Response: Affordable Housing Communities and SLHA Households

Our affordable housing communities and residents experienced significant immediate impact, with nine (9) SLHA sites sustaining varying degrees of prolonged utility outages and four (4) developments currently undergoing repairs. In the wake of the storm, the agency swiftly collaborated with elected officials, the City of St. Louis, community partners, and corporate sponsors to ensure residents had access to approximately 1,750 hot meals, including convenient food truck services. SLHA staff efficiently coordinated and distributed large-scale donations of essential items, such as water, non-perishable food, hygiene products, household supplies, flashlights, batteries, solar-powered devices, and toys to public housing residents across seven affordable housing communities. Approximately 100 dedicated volunteers assisted with food and supply distributions and critical cleanup efforts across SLHA properties.

For our Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) participants, we have maintained close communication with impacted housing partners and HCV participants. We are actively tracking affected HCV households and providing targeted support for rehousing efforts. To expedite assistance and ensure timely support, we have implemented a streamlined voucher issuance and leasing process for these families.

The agency has been active in assisting impacted SLHA households with accessing critical financial resources, including, but not limited to, replacement SNAP benefits, FEMA, and the Northside Resilience Fund.

SLHA's Collaborative Community Support

Beyond direct support to SLHA households, we remain deeply engaged in broader community initiatives. Shortly after the storm, we partnered with Employment Connection, Lincoln University, Urban Strategies, and the Renaissance Tenant Affairs Board to host the "Paula Foster Day & Care Fair." This pivotal event honored Paula Foster's legacy by convening critical community agencies and health service partners to distribute vital resources and connect families in the heavily impacted 11th Ward to essential health services.

The agency is actively collaborating with the City of St. Louis Department of Human Services, the City of St. Louis Community Development Administration, the City of St. Louis Recorder of Deeds and Vital Records Registrar, the St. Louis Realtor Association, St. Patrick Center, Gateway 180, Diamond Divas, St. Louis Public Schools, HOPE STL, the Red Cross, and over 75 landlords to host the "Home Again: ReHousing Recovery Fair" series. This impactful three-part series serves as a crucial connection point, bringing together housing providers with available units and essential community services with households seeking stable housing solutions. The first two fairs (6/17/25 at Chaifetz Arena and 7/10/25 at Delmar Divine) served approximately 290 households and resulted in positive media features on KMOV 4 and VOP News STL. The final housing fair, scheduled for August 5, 2025, is currently open for registration.

The agency also continues to work very closely with the Red Cross, FEMA, HUD, the City of St. Louis, and other key stakeholders to support long-term recovery efforts. Through the implementation of a new preference and seamless coordination with the Red Cross, we have assessed approximately 200 households for eligibility for this new preference. In a further effort to bolster community relief initiatives, we will open our public housing waitlist the week of August 18th to accept new housing applications for our housing communities.

Dedicated Staff Initiatives

In addition to supporting SLHA families and our broader community, we have been intentional in extending crucial support to our dedicated team members during this crisis:

- Established CARE Leave Policy: SLHA staff generously donated 40 hours of leave time to support colleagues directly impacted by the disaster.
- Established CARE Fund: As of July 15, 2025, seven applications for disaster relief payments have been received, with five approvals, resulting in a total disbursement of \$12,500 to support our impacted staff.

Building for Tomorrow: Dynamic Progress in Development & Modernization

Significant progress continues across our pivotal capital projects and modernization initiatives:

- Pioneering Redevelopment at Clinton-Peabody: The ambitious RAD/Section 18 Blend conversion at Clinton-Peabody is progressing steadily. The first phase of unit

conversion is well underway, with the demolition of the initial 71 units across six (6) buildings nearing implementation.

- Parkview's Transformation: Significant progress is underway at Parkview Elderly Apartments with the strategic conversion to the RAD program. This vital move will ensure long-term affordability and facilitate critical property rehabilitation through a stable funding source. The RAD application was recently approved by HUD and a Commitment to Enter into a Housing Assistance Payments (CHAP) was issued, setting future rent levels at a fair market rate of \$859-\$888. Our team has begun working to assemble a comprehensive low-income housing tax credit application for the Missouri Housing Development Commission, slated for submission in the fall.
- Community Development Administration (CDA) Neighborhood Transformation Grants: Our Development and Modernization staff recently submitted two applications to the City of St. Louis CDA: one for essential make-ready work at Cochran Plaza and a second to further support the redevelopment and strategic repositioning of Parkview Elderly Apartments.

Federal Housing Landscape: Evolving Funding Challenges

Securing robust federal funding for housing assistance has presented ongoing challenges since January 2025. A significant development occurred on July 13, 2025 when the House released its draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) [appropriations bill](#). This draft bill outlines several proposed funding reductions and key policy changes that could significantly impact housing and community development programs:

- Public Housing: Proposed cuts include a \$501 million reduction to the Operating Fund and a \$914 million reduction to the Capital Fund from FY 2025 levels.
- Housing Choice Voucher: The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) renewal account would be flat funded, which, given rising rental costs, effectively amounts to a funding cut. Additionally, there is a significant \$795 million reduction proposed for administrative fees.
- HOME Investment Partnerships: The House bill proposes to eliminate all funding for the HOME program, a reduction of \$1.25 billion compared to FY 2025.
- Self-Sufficiency Programs: The Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program faces a \$16 million reduction from FY 2025, and the Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) program would see a \$5 million reduction.
- Choice Neighborhoods Initiative: Funding for this program would also be eliminated, representing a \$75 million reduction from FY 2025.

These proposed reductions pose a severe threat to SLHA's ability to provide safe, decent, and affordable housing and essential support services to the thousands of families and individuals we serve. If enacted, the agency would face extremely difficult decisions regarding service levels and program viability.

While the legislative process is ongoing, SLHA, in collaboration with national housing advocates, continues to educate stakeholders on the critical importance of these

programs and the urgent need for adequate funding in light of the national housing affordability and supply crisis. We remain vigilant in monitoring these developments and advocating for the resources necessary to continue our vital mission.

Shifting Missouri Housing Landscape

[House Bill 595](#) (HB 595), recently passed by the Missouri Legislature and signed into law, revokes local ordinances that prohibit discrimination against individuals based on their source of income, including federal Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. Key details of HB 595:

- *Purpose:* HB 595 explicitly prevents Missouri cities and counties from enacting or enforcing laws that prohibit source of income discrimination. This means landlords in Missouri are now legally permitted to refuse to rent to tenants who use Housing Choice Vouchers, even if a local ordinance previously forbade such practices.
- *Additional Provisions:* Beyond source of income, the bill also restricts local governments from limiting a landlord's ability to consider a tenant's eviction history or credit score, or from setting caps on security deposit amounts.
- *Effective:* August 28, 2025

This new state law will directly affect HCV participants across the St. Louis region. The agency will continue to monitor the implications of this legislation and explore all available strategies to support HCV families in securing stable housing.