

**CLEARVIEW LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2020-2021 TAX BUDGET**

The Board of Education of said School District hereby submits its annual Budget for the year commencing July 1, 2020 for consideration of the County Budget Commission.

SUBMIT ONE COPY OF THIS BUDGET TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR BY JANUARY 20TH

President of the Board

DATE: January 13, 2020

GENERAL FUND

ESTIMATED UNENCUMBERED BALANCE JULY 1, 2020	\$ 14,243,297.99	REAL ESTATE TAXES (INCLUDES NBC DDC & HOMESTEAD)	\$ 1,069,516.00	REVENUE FROM OTHER STATE SOURCES (STATE FOUNDATION)	\$ 12,036,131.99	FISCAL YEAR ESTIMATED RECEIPTS (INCLUDE ALL REVENUE EXCEPT STATE FOUNDATION REAL ESTATE TAXES NBC DDC & HOMESTEAD)	\$ 3,389,812.00	TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 32,348,998.00
								TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 19,711,780.00
								ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 12,637,178.00

SPECIAL REVENUE

ESTIMATED UNENCUMBERED BALANCE JULY 1, 2020	\$ 726,533.00	REAL ESTATE TAXES (INCLUDES NBC DDC & HOMESTEAD)	\$ 39,589.00	FISCAL YEAR ESTIMATED RECEIPTS (INCLUDE ALL REVENUE EXCEPT STATE FOUNDATION REAL ESTATE TAXES NBC DDC & HOMESTEAD)	\$ 1,211,008.00	TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,379,832.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,744,203.00
								ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 635,619.00

EMERGENCY RESERVE

ESTIMATED UNENCUMBERED BALANCE JULY 1, 2020	\$ 119,213.00	REAL ESTATE TAXES (INCLUDES NBC DDC & HOMESTEAD)	\$ 1,234,022.00	FISCAL YEAR ESTIMATED RECEIPTS (INCLUDE ALL REVENUE EXCEPT STATE FOUNDATION REAL ESTATE TAXES NBC DDC & HOMESTEAD)	\$ -	TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,349,238.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,289,500.00
								ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 69,738.00

DEBT SERVICE

ESTIMATED UNENCUMBERED BALANCE JULY 1, 2020	\$ 129,898.00	REAL ESTATE TAXES (INCLUDES NBC DDC & HOMESTEAD)	\$ 493,868.00	FISCAL YEAR ESTIMATED RECEIPTS (INCLUDE ALL REVENUE EXCEPT STATE FOUNDATION REAL ESTATE TAXES NBC DDC & HOMESTEAD)	\$ -	TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 623,813.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 484,413.00
								ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 139,400.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS

ESTIMATED UNENCUMBERED BALANCE JULY 1, 2020	\$ 30,800.00	REAL ESTATE TAXES (INCLUDES NBC DDC & HOMESTEAD)	\$ 79,177.00	REVENUE FROM OTHER STATE SOURCES (STATE FOUNDATION)	\$ -	FISCAL YEAR ESTIMATED RECEIPTS (INCLUDE ALL REVENUE EXCEPT STATE FOUNDATION REAL ESTATE TAXES NBC DDC & HOMESTEAD)	\$ 898.00	TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 112,877.00
								TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 110,500.00
								ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,477.00

ENTERPRISE

ESTIMATED UNENCUMBERED BALANCE JULY 1, 2020	\$ 421,808.00	FISCAL YEAR ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$ 864,780.00	TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,276,698.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,167,837.00	ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 108,771.00
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INTERNAL SERVICE

ESTIMATED UNENCUMBERED BALANCE JULY 1, 2020	\$ 74,943.00	FISCAL YEAR ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$ 313,000.00	TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 387,943.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 323,347.00	ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 64,596.00
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AGENCY

ESTIMATED UNENCUMBERED BALANCE JULY 1, 2020	\$ -	FISCAL YEAR ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$ -	TOTAL REVENUES	\$ -	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ -	ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ -
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PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST FUND

ESTIMATED UNENCUMBERED BALANCE JULY 1, 2020	\$ -	FISCAL YEAR ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$ -	TOTAL REVENUES	\$ -	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ -	ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ -
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TOTAL	\$ 16,819,859.00	\$ 2,616,270.00	\$ 12,816,131.99	\$ 6,194,410.00	\$ 38,479,822.00	\$ 34,438,580.00	\$ 12,643,242.00
	ESTIMATED UNENCUMBERED BALANCE	ESTIMATED TAX REVENUE	ESTIMATED STATE FOUNDATION	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	TOTAL ESTIMATED BUDGET	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	ENDING FUND BALANCE

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Quotation Form

(Sample Quotation Form / Can also be placed on Company Letterhead)

December 10th, 2019

Mr. Mark Smarsh
 Maintenance Supervisor
 4700 Broadway Ave.
 Lorain, Ohio 44052
 mark.smarsh@clearviewschools.org

Re: Proposal for Clearview Local Schools Roof Restoration Projects
 NATIONAL IPA CERTIFIED PROPOSAL NUMBER: OH-R180903-305106
 SERVICE REQUEST NUMBER: 5039924

Dear Mr. Smarsh,

Having carefully examined the instructions for quotations, project specifications, drawings, supporting documents and addenda issued prior to this date, we propose to furnish all labor, materials, equipment, transportation and other services required to successfully accomplish the work in accordance with the project documents.

This proposal and any work performed related to this proposal will be provided in accordance with the project documents and the terms, conditions and criteria established by NATIONAL IPA Contract No. 180903 - Roofing Products and Services. The Proposer will be solely responsible for delivering the project in accordance with NATIONAL IPA Contract No. R180903 and the project documents.

A. Base Bid 1-Clearview High School

a. Roof J	\$	<u>45,900</u>	.00
b. Roof M	\$	<u>59,600</u>	.00
c. Combined:	\$	<u>99,500</u>	.00

Contract Number R180903

Certified Proposal Number OH-R180903-305106
 Service Notification 5039924

B. Base Bid 2-Durling Middle School

- a. Roof 14 \$ 82,750 .00
- b. Roof 8 \$ 40,600 .00
- c. Combined: \$ 119,500 .00

C. Base Bid 3-Vincent Elementary

- a. Roof 6 \$ 37,500 .00
- b. Roof 7 \$ 43,000 .00
- c. Combined: \$ 77,500 .00

Any wet insulation found during the infrared survey will be replaced as specified for:

\$ 20.⁰⁰ .00 per square foot

Any blisters discovered over and above scope of work:

\$ 12.⁰⁰ .00 per square foot

D. The Proposer acknowledges scheduling for the construction of the specified project; which includes pre-construction activities, construction per major discipline, completion, project close out and commissioning.

Estimated number of work days necessary 30

E. Accompanying this quotation is a certified or cashier's check or proposal bond payable to the order of Clearview Local Schools for not less than five (5%) percent of the greatest amount for which a contract can be awarded under this Proposal.

The owner and their representatives reserve the right to waive any irregularities, to reject any or all Proposals, or to accept any Proposal.

Executed on DECEMBER 12, 2019.

A.W. FARRELL & SON INC.

Taxpayer I.D. No.: 16-0954042

Contractor

By: Tyler Vasle
following)

(If Contractor is a Corporation, complete the

TYLER VASLE - BRANCH MANAGER

ATTEST:

Whose address is:

(Corporate Seal)

13200 BROADWAY AVE.

GARFIELD HTS, OH 44125

Telephone No.: 216-337-0926

Fax No.: NA

**CLEARVIEW LOCAL SCHOOLS
403(b) RETIREMENT PLAN**

BASIC PLAN DOCUMENT #008 (Non-ERISA 403(b))

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ARTICLE 2 DEFINITIONS**Account means**

the balance of a Participant's interest in the Fund maintained for the benefit of the Participant or Beneficiary as of the applicable date. Account or Accounts will include, to the extent applicable, an Elective Deferral Account, Matching Contribution Account, Non-Elective Contribution Account, Voluntary Contribution Account, Mandatory After-Tax Contribution Account, Mandatory Pre-Tax Contribution Account, Rollover Contribution Account, Qualified Non-Elective Contribution Account, Transfer Account, the earnings or loss of each Annuity Contract or a Custodial Account (net of expenses), any transfers, and any distribution made allocable to the Participant or the Participant's Beneficiary and such other account(s) or subaccount(s) as the Plan Administrator, in its discretion, deems appropriate.

Account Balance means

the Vested balance of all of a Participant's Accounts.

Adoption Agreement means

the document executed in conjunction with this Basic Plan Document that contains the optional features selected by the Plan Sponsor.

Adopting Employer means

any entity named in the Adoption Agreement, any Participating Employer and any successor who by consolidation, purchase, merger or other transaction assumes the obligations of the Plan.

Age 50 Catch-up means

contributions made by Participants who are eligible to make Elective Deferrals under this Plan and who will attain age 50 or more by the end of the calendar year as described in Code section 414(v).

Alternate Payee means

the spouse, former spouse, child, or other dependent entitled to receive payment of benefits from the Plan under a Qualified Domestic Relations Order.

Annual Addition means

the sum of the following amounts credited to a Participant's Account for the Limitation Year:

- (a) Employer Contributions allocated to a Participant's Account, including Excess Elective Deferrals, unless such amounts are distributed no later than the first April 15 following the close of the Participant's taxable year;
- (b) Voluntary After-Tax Contributions, Mandatory After-Tax Contributions and Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions;
- (c) forfeitures;
- (d) amounts allocated, after March 31, 1984, to an individual medical account, as defined in Code section 415(l)(2), which is part of a pension or annuity plan maintained by the Employer;
- (e) amounts derived from contributions paid or accrued after December 31, 1985, in taxable years ending after such date, which are attributable to post-retirement medical benefits, allocated to the separate Account of a Key Employee, as defined in Code section 419A(d)(3), under a welfare benefit fund, as defined in Code section 419(e), maintained by the Employer; and
- (f) allocations under a simplified employee pension plan.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Annual Addition shall not include a restorative payment within the meaning of IRS Revenue Ruling 2002-45 and any superseding guidance.

Annuity Contract means

a nontransferable contract that includes payment in the form of an annuity that is issued by an insurance company qualified to issue annuities in a state that satisfies all of the applicable requirements of Code sections 403(b) and 401(g).

Annuity Starting Date means

the first day of the first period for which an amount is paid as an annuity or any other form.

Approved Vendor means

a financial organization that has been approved by the Adopting Employer to accept on-going Employer Contributions.

Basic Plan Document means
this pre-approved Plan document.

Beneficiary means
the designated person(s) entitled to receive benefits, under Section 7.04 of the Plan.

Board means
the governing body of the Plan Sponsor.

Church Plan means
a Code section 403(b) plan sponsored by a Church or by a Qualified Church-Controlled Organization.

Code means
the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Code Section 415 Safe Harbor Compensation means

- (a) Items includible as Compensation. Compensation is defined as:
- (1) Wages, salaries, 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 (or to the extent amounts would have been received and includible in gross income but for an election under Code sections 125(a), 132(f)(4), 402(e)(3), 402(h)(1)(B), 402(k), or 457(b)). These amounts include, but are not limited to, commissions paid to 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 non-accountable plan as described in Treasury Regulation. section 1.62-2(c).
 - (2) In the case of an Employee who is an Employee within the meaning of Section 401(c)(1) if the Code and regulations promulgated under Code section 401(c)(1), the Employee's earned income (as described in Code section 401(c)(2) and regulations promulgated under Code section 401(c)(2)), plus amounts deferred at the election of the Employee that would be includible in gross income but for the rules of Code section 402(e)(3), 402(h)(1)(B), 402(k), or 457(b).
 - (3) Amounts described in Code section 104(a)(3), 105(a), or 105(h), but only to the extent that these amounts are includible in the gross income of the Employee.
 - (4) Amounts paid or reimbursed by the Employer for moving expenses incurred by an Employee, but only to the extent that at the time of the payment it is reasonable to believe that these amounts are not deductible by the Employee under Code section 217.
 - (5) The value of a non-statutory option (which is an option other than a statutory option as defined in Treasury Regulation section 1.421-1(b)) granted to an Employee by the Employer, but only to the extent that the value of the option is includible in the gross income of the Employee for the taxable year in which granted.
 - (6) The amount includible in the gross income of an Employee upon making the election described in Code section 83(b).
 - (7) Amounts that are includible in the gross income of an Employee under the rules of Code section 409A or Code section 457(f)(1)(A) or because the amounts are constructively received by the Employee.
- (b) Items not includible as Compensation. The term Compensation does not include:
- (1) Contributions (other than elective contributions described in Code section 402(e)(3), Section 408(k)(6), Section 408(p)(2)(A)(i), or Section 457(b)) made by the Employer to a plan of deferred compensation (including a simplified employee pension described in Code section 408(k) or a simple retirement account described in Code section 408(p), and whether or not qualified) to the extent that the contributions are not includible in the gross income of the Employee for the taxable year in which contributed. In addition, any distributions from a plan of deferred compensation (whether or not qualified) are not considered as Compensation for Code section 415 purposes, regardless of whether such amounts are includible in the gross income of the Employee when distributed.
 - (2) Amounts realized from the exercise of a non-statutory option (which is an option other than a statutory option as defined in Treasury Regulation section 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 (see Code section 83 and its associated Treasury Regulations).
 - (3) Amounts realized from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of stock acquired under a statutory stock option (as defined in Treasury Regulations section 1.421-1(b)).
 - (4) 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 that are described in Code section 125).
 - (5) Other items of remuneration that are similar to any of the items listed in paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(4) of this section.

Committee means

the committee that may be appointed by the Plan Sponsor pursuant to Section 11.01 to serve as Plan Administrator.

Compensation means

the meaning elected in the Adoption Agreement.

Compensation must be determined without regard to any rules under Code section 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 section 3401(a)(2)).

The annual compensation of each Participant taken into account in determining allocations for any Plan Year beginning after December 31, 2001 will not exceed \$265,000, as adjusted for cost-of-living increases in accordance with Code section 401(a)(17)(B). Annual compensation means Compensation during the Plan Year or such other consecutive 12-month period over which Compensation is otherwise determined under the Plan (the determination period). The cost-of-living adjustment in effect for a calendar year applies to annual compensation for the determination period that begins with or within such calendar year.

If a determination period consists of fewer than 12 months, the annual Compensation limit is an amount equal to the otherwise applicable annual Compensation limit multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of months in the short determination period, and the denominator of which is 12.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of ACP and Code Section 401(a)(4) testing Compensation will generally mean W-2 Compensation unless another definition is allowed or required by law or regulation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Plan Administrator has the option from year to year to use a different definition of Compensation for testing purposes provided the definition of Compensation satisfies Code Section 414(s) and its associated regulations.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Compensation for a minister who is self-employed means the minister's earned income as defined in Code section 401(c)(2) (computed without regard to Code section 911).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the limits on Compensation described above do not apply if the Adoption Agreement provides that the Plan is a FICA Church Plan.

Custodial Account means

the group or individual custodial account or accounts, as defined in Code section 403(b)(7), established for each Participant by the Employer, or by each Participant individually, to hold assets of the Plan.

Deemed Code Section 125 Compensation means

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 section 125 only if the Adopting Employer does not request or collect information regarding the Participant's other health coverage as part of the enrollment process for the health plan. This option is meant to be interpreted consistent with Revenue Ruling 2002-27 and any superseding guidance.

Deemed Severance from Employment means

under Code section 414(u)(12)(B) an Employee who has been called to active duty in the uniformed services for a period of more than 30 days.

Deferrals means

any amount which that is contributed by the Adopting Employer pursuant to a salary reduction agreement and which that is not includable in the gross income of the Participant under Code sections 125, 401(k), 402(e)(3), 402(h), 403(b), 132(f) or 457.

Differential Wage Payments means

payments as defined in Code section 3401(h)(2) made by the Employer and received by an Employee who is performing service in the uniformed services. Differential Wage Payments will be included in the definition of Compensation.

Disabled or Disability means

unless otherwise specified in the Adoption Agreement, that the Participant is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or to be of long-continued and indefinite duration. The permanence and degree of such impairment must be supported by medical evidence.

Distributee means

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 under a Qualified Domestic Relations Order, as defined in Code section 414(p), are distributees with regard to the interest of the spouse or former spouse.

Effective Date means

the date set forth in the Adoption Agreement.

Elective Deferral means

the Employer Contributions made to the Plan at the election of the Participant in lieu of receiving cash compensation pursuant to Article 4 of the Plan. Elective Deferrals include Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals and, if applicable, Roth Elective Deferrals.

Elective Deferral Account means

so much of a Participant's Account as consists of a Participant's Elective Deferrals (and corresponding earnings) made to the Plan.

Eligibility Computation Period means

unless otherwise specified in the Adoption Agreement, a 12 consecutive month period beginning with an Employee's Employment Commencement Date and each anniversary thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing and if the Adoption Agreement provides that the Eligibility Computation Period switches to the Plan Year, the Eligibility Computation Period for such purpose will switch to the Plan Year, beginning with the Plan Year that includes the first anniversary of his Employment Commencement Date. If the Eligibility Computation Period switches to the Plan Year, an Employee who is credited with a Year of Eligibility 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 Years of Eligibility Service.

Eligible Employee means

an Employee employed by the Adopting Employer, subject to the modifications and exclusions described in the Adoption Agreement.

If an individual is subsequently reclassified as, or determined to be, an Employee by a court, the Internal Revenue Service or any other governmental agency or authority, or if the Adopting Employer is required to reclassify such individual an Employee as a result of such reclassification determination (including any reclassification by the Adopting Employer in settlement of any claim or action relating to such individual's employment status), such individual will not become an Eligible Employee with respect to Employer Contributions by reason of such reclassification or determination.

Eligible Rollover Distribution means

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: 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 years or more; any distribution to the extent such distribution is required under Code section 401(a)(9); any hardship distribution; 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); and any other distribution(s) that is reasonably expected to total less than \$200 (or such lesser amount as determined by the Plan Administrator in a nondiscriminatory manner) during a year. For purposes of the \$200 rule in the preceding sentence, a distribution from a Roth Elective Deferral Account and a distribution from other Accounts under the Plan are treated as made under separate plans.

A portion of a distribution shall not fail to be an eligible rollover distribution merely because the portion consists of after-tax Employee contributions which are not includible in gross income. However, such portion may be transferred only to an individual retirement account or annuity described in Code section 408(a) or (b), an annuity contract described in Code section 403(b), or to a qualified defined contribution plan described in Code section 401(a) or 403(a) that agrees to separately account for amounts so transferred, 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.

Eligible Retirement Plan means

an eligible plan under Code section 457(b) which is maintained by a state, political subdivision of a state, or any agency or instrumentality of a state or political subdivision of a state and which agrees to separately account for amounts transferred into such plan from this Plan, an individual retirement account described in Code section 408(a) or 408A, individual retirement annuity described in Code section 408(b), an

annuity plan described in Code section 403(a), an annuity contract described in Code section 403(b), or a qualified plan described in Code section 401(a), 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 the Alternate Payee under a Qualified Domestic Relations Order, as defined in Code section 414(p).

Employee means

any common law employee of the Employer. Employee will also include individual providing Qualified Military Service who are treated as reemployed under Code Sections 403(b)(14) and 414(u).

If the Employer is a public school Employee means each individual who is a common law employee of a state performing services for a Public School of the state, including an individual who is appointed or elected. This definition is not applicable unless the Employee's compensation for performing services for a Public School is paid by the state. Further, a person occupying an elective or appointive public office is not an Employee performing services for a Public School unless such office is one to which an individual is elected or appointed only if the individual has received training, or is experienced, in the field of education. A public office includes any elective or appointive office of a State.

For Churches and church-related organization Employee includes a self-employed minister under Code section 414(e)(5)(A)(i)(I) and a minister under Code section 414(e)(5)(A)(i)(II).

Employer means

the Adopting Employer or any other employer required to be aggregated with the Adopting Employer under Code sections 414(b), (c), (m) or (o); provided, however, that Employer will not include any entity or unincorporated trade or business prior to the date on which such entity, trade or business satisfies the affiliation or control tests described above. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the universal availability requirement of Code section 403(b)(12)(A)(ii) for Elective Deferrals will apply separately to each individual employer.

If permitted by the Plan Administrator, Employer may also include a self-employed minister under Code section 414(e)(5)(A)(i)(I) solely for participation by the self-employed minister.

Employer Contributions means

Any amounts contributed by the Employer each year as determined under this Plan, including Matching Contributions and Non-Elective Contributions. Employer Contributions will also include Elective Deferrals, Voluntary After-Tax Contributions, and Mandatory After-Tax Contributions made to the Plan unless the contributions are intended to be excluded under either the Plan or for any act under the Code or such rules, regulations, or pronouncements as promulgated by the IRS.

Employment Commencement Date means

the first date on which the Eligible Employee performs an Hour of Service.

ERISA means

the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, all amendments thereto and all federal regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

Excess Elective Deferral means

Elective Deferrals made in excess of the limit described in Section 5.01.

Exchange means

a movement of all or a portion of a Participant's Account balance from either an Approved or an Unapproved Vendor under to another Approved or Unapproved Vendor.

Fund means

the funding vehicles used to fund benefits payable under the Plan which may include Annuity Contracts and Custodial Accounts specifically approved by Employer for use under the Plan.

Governmental Plan means

a plan defined in ERISA section 3(32). For Plan Years beginning on or after 8/17/2006 Governmental Plan will include a plan established and maintained by an Indian tribal government provided all of the Participants the plan are employees of the Indian tribal government and substantially all of such employees' services are in the performance of essential government functions and not in the performance of commercial activities, regardless if the function is an essential government function.

Hour of Service means

- (a) Each hour for which an Employee is paid, or entitled to payment, for the performance of duties for the Employer. 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 paid, or entitled to payment, by the Employer on account of a period of time during which no duties are performed (irrespective of whether the employment relationship has terminated) due to vacation, holiday, illness, incapacity (including disability), layoff, jury duty, military duty or leave of absence. No more than 501 hours of service will be credited under this paragraph for any single continuous period (whether or not such period occurs in a single computation period). Hours under this paragraph will be calculated and credited pursuant to DOL Reg. section 2530.200b-2 which is incorporated herein by this reference.
- (c) Each hour for which back pay, irrespective of mitigation of damages, is either awarded or agreed to by the Employer. The same hours of service will not be credited both under paragraph (a) or paragraph (b), as the case may be, and under this paragraph (c). 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.

Solely for purposes of determining whether a One-Year Break in Service has occurred, an individual who is absent from work for maternity or paternity reasons will receive credit for the hours of service which would otherwise have been credited to such individual but for such absence, or in any case in which such hours cannot be determined, 8 hours of service per day of such absence. For purposes of this paragraph, an absence from work for maternity or paternity reasons means an absence (1) by reason of the pregnancy of the individual, (2) by reason of a birth of a child of the individual, (3) by reason of the placement of a child with the individual in connection with the adoption of such child by such individual, or (4) for purposes of caring for such child for a period beginning immediately following such birth or placement. The hours of service credited under this paragraph will be credited (1) in the computation period in which the absence begins if the crediting is necessary to prevent a break in service in that period, or (2) in all other cases, in the following computation period.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for determining service under the elapsed time method an Hour of Service means each hour for which an Employee is paid or entitled to payment for the performance of duties for the Employer.

Hours of service will be credited for employment with the Employer. Hours of service will also be credited for any individual considered an Employee for purposes of this Plan under Code sections 414(n) or 414(o).

If the Employer maintains the plan of a predecessor employer, service with such employer will be treated as service for the Employer.

Service with respect to Qualified Military Service will be credited in accordance with Code section 414(u) and service will also be determined to the extent required by the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

Includible Compensation means

an Employee's compensation received from the Employer that is includible in the Participant's gross income for Federal income tax purposes (computed without regard to Code section 911, relating to United States citizens or residents living abroad), including differential wage payments under Code section 3401(h) for the most recent period that is a Year of Service. Includible Compensation for a minister who is self-employed means the minister's earned income as defined in Code section 401(c)(2) (computed without regard to Code section 911). Includible Compensation also includes any Elective Deferral or other amount contributed or deferred by the Employer at the election of the Employee that would be includible in gross income but for the rules of Code section 125, 132(f)(4), 402(e)(3), 402(h)(1)(B), 402(k), or 457(b). Includible Compensation does not include any compensation received during a period when the Employer was not an eligible employer within the meaning of Treasury Regulation section 1.403(b)-2(b)(8). The amount of Includible Compensation is determined without regard to any community property laws. Except as provided in Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(17)-1(d)(4)(ii) with respect to eligible participants in governmental plans, the amount of Includible Compensation of each Participant taken into account in determining contributions shall not exceed \$265,000, as adjusted for cost of living.

For purposes of applying the limitations on Annual Additions to Non-Elective Contribution pursuant to Code section 415, Includible Compensation for a Participant who is permanently and totally disabled (as defined in Code section 22(e)(3)) is the compensation such Participant would have received for the Limitation Year if the Participant had been paid at the rate of compensation paid immediately before becoming permanently and totally disabled.

In-Plan Roth Rollover means

an Employee contribution made to the Plan as a rollover from another Account in the Plan pursuant to Section 4.06(b).

In-Plan Roth Rollover Account means

so much of a Participant's Account as consists of a Participant's In-Plan Roth Rollover contributions (and corresponding earnings) made to the Plan.

Investment Fiduciary means

the fiduciary appointed by the Plan Sponsor pursuant to Section 11.02. If the Adoption Agreement provides that the Plan is subject to ERISA the fiduciary shall be subject to standards of conduct as prescribed under ERISA.

Investment Manager means

if the Adoption Agreement provides that the Plan is subject to ERISA, an investment manager as described in section 3(38) of ERISA.

Leased Employee means

any person (other than an Employee of the Employer) who, pursuant to an agreement between the Employer and any other person ("leasing organization"), has performed services for the Employer (or for the Employer and related persons determined in accordance with Code section 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 Employer. Contributions or benefits provided a Leased Employee by the leasing organization which are attributable to services performed for the Employer shall be treated as provided by the Employer. A person shall not be considered a Leased Employee if: (a) such person is covered by a money purchase pension plan providing: (1) a nonintegrated employer contribution rate of at least 10% of compensation, as defined in Code section 415(c)(3), but including amounts contributed pursuant to a salary reduction agreement which are excludable from the employee's gross income under Code sections 125, 402(c)(3), 402(h), 403(b), 132(f) or 457; (2) immediate participation; and (3) full and immediate vesting; and (b) Leased Employees do not constitute more than 20% of the Employer's non-highly compensated work force.

Limitation Year means

the year specified in the Adoption Agreement for purposes of determining Annual Additions limits pursuant to Article 5. All qualified plans maintained by the Employer must use the same Limitation Year. If the Limitation Year is amended to a different 12-consecutive month period, the new Limitation Year must begin on a date within the Limitation Year in which the amendment is made.

Mandatory After-Tax Contribution means

a Mandatory After-Tax Contribution made to the Plan by a Participant pursuant to Article 4 of the Plan.

Mandatory After-Tax Contribution Account means

so much of a Participant's Account as consists of Mandatory After-Tax Contributions (and corresponding earnings) made to the Plan.

Mandatory Contribution means

a Mandatory After-Tax Contribution or a Mandatory Pre-Tax Contribution made to the Plan by a Participant pursuant to Article 4 of the Plan.

Mandatory Pre-Tax Contribution means

a Mandatory Pre-Tax Contribution made to the Plan by a Participant pursuant to Article 4 of the Plan.

Mandatory Pre-Tax Contribution Account means

so much of a Participant's Account as consists of Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions (and corresponding earnings) made to the Plan.

Matching Contribution means

an Employer Matching Contribution made to the Plan on behalf of the Participant pursuant to Article 4 of the Plan.

Matching Contribution Account means

so much of a Participant's Account as consists of Matching Contributions (and corresponding earnings) made to the Plan.

Matched Employee Contribution means

such employee contributions specified in the Adoption Agreement.

Non-Elective Contribution means

a contribution made by the Adopting Employer that is allocated to a Participant's Non-Elective Contribution Account pursuant to Article 4.

Non-Elective Contribution Account means

so much of a Participant's Account as consists of Non-Elective Contributions (and corresponding earnings) made to the Plan.

Non-qualified Church-Controlled Organization means

an organization that is tax-exempt under Code section 501(c)(3) that is church-controlled but that does not meet the definition of a Qualified Church-Controlled Organization.

Non-electing Church Plan means

a Code section 403(b) plan sponsored by a Church or by a Qualified Church-Controlled Organization who has not elected to be covered by ERISA.

Normal Retirement Age means

the age set forth in the Adoption Agreement.

One-Year Break in Service means

for purposes of determining a Year of Eligibility Service, an Eligibility Computation Period or, for purposes of determining a Year of Vesting Service, a Vesting Computation Period during which an Employee is credited with less than the lesser of (1) 500 Hours of Service or (2) The number of hours required for one year of service minus one hour.

One-Year Period of Severance means

a Period of Severance of at least 12 consecutive months. In the case of an individual who is absent from work for maternity or paternity reasons, the 12-consecutive month period beginning on the first anniversary of the first date of such absence will 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 (1) by reason of the pregnancy of the individual, (2) by reason of the birth of a child of the individual, (3) by reason of the placement of a child with the individual in connection with the adoption of such child by such individual, or (4) for purposes of caring for such child for a period beginning immediately following such birth or placement.

Participant means

an Eligible Employee who participates in the Plan in accordance with Article 3 and who has not received a distribution of his or her entire benefit under the Plan.

Participating Employer means

an employer who, with the approval of the Plan Sponsor, has executed a joinder agreement thereby electing to participate in the Plan.

Plan Administrator means

the person(s) designated pursuant to the Adoption Agreement and Section 11.01.

Plan Year means

the 12-consecutive month period described in the Adoption Agreement.

Post Severance Compensation means

compensation paid by the later of: (1) 2-1/2 months after an Employee's severance from employment with the employer maintaining the plan, or (2) the end of the year that includes the date of the Employee's severance from employment with the employer maintaining the plan if: (a) the payment is for unused accrued bona fide sick, vacation or other leave that the employee would have been able to use if employment had continued; or (b) the payment is received by the employee pursuant to a nonqualified unfunded deferred compensation plan and would have been paid at the same time if employment had continued, but only to the extent includible in gross income.

Post Year End Compensation means

amounts earned during a year but not paid during that year solely because of the timing of pay periods and pay dates if: (i) these amounts are paid during the first few weeks of the next year; (ii) the amounts are included on a uniform and consistent basis with respect to all similarly situated Employees; and (iii) no compensation is included in more than one year.

Pre-Tax Elective Deferral means

Elective Deferrals that are not includible in the Participant's gross income at the time deferred.

Pre-Tax Elective Deferral Account means

so much of a Participant's Account as consists of a Participant's Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals (and corresponding earnings) made to the Plan.

Public School means

a State-sponsored educational organization described in Code section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) (relating to educational organizations that normally maintain a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of pupils or students in attendance at the place where educational activities are regularly carried out).

Qualified Church Controlled Organization means

an organization that is tax-exempt under Code section 501(c)(3) that is church-controlled that meet the definition of a under Code section 3121(w)(3)(B).

Qualified Domestic Relations Order means

any judgment, decree, or order (including approval of a property settlement agreement) that constitutes a "qualified domestic relations order" within the meaning of Code section 414(p). A domestic relations order will not fail to be a qualified domestic relations order solely because the domestic relations order: (i) revises or is issued after another domestic relations order or qualified domestic relations order, or (ii) the domestic relations order is issued after the participant's death, divorce, or annuity starting date.

Qualified Military Service means

service performed by an Employee within the meaning of Code section 414(u)(1).

Qualified Non-Elective Contribution means

a contribution made by the Adopting Employer that is allocated to a Participant's Qualified Non-Elective Contribution Account pursuant to Article 4.

Qualified Non-Elective Contribution Account means

so much of a Participant's Account as consists of Qualified Non-Elective Contributions (and corresponding earnings) made to the Plan.

Qualified Reservist Distributions means

the distributions described in Section 8.04(c).

Required Beginning Date means

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. If the Plan is not a Governmental Plan and not a Church Plan, benefit distributions to a more than 5% owner must commence by April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Participant attains age 70-1/2. The Adoption Agreement may provide that for a Participant other than a more than 5% owner (if applicable): (i) the Required Beginning Date is the April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Participant attains age 70-1/2; or (ii) the Participant may elect to begin receiving distributions at the date specified in the preceding sentence or the date specified in clause (i) of this sentence. A "more than 5% owner" means any person who owns (either directly or by attribution, under Code section 318) more than 5% of the outstanding stock of the Employer or stock possessing more than 5% of the total combined voting power of all stock of the Employer or, in the case of an unincorporated business, any person who owns more than 5% of the capital or profits interest in the Employer.

Rollover Contribution means

an Employee contribution made to the Plan as a rollover from another tax-qualified plan or individual retirement account pursuant to Article 4 of the Plan.

Rollover Contribution Account means

so much of a Participant's Account as consists of a Participant's Rollover Contributions (and corresponding earnings) made to the Plan.

Roth Elective Deferral means

an Elective Deferral that is: (a) designated irrevocably by the Participant at the time of the cash or deferred election as a Roth Elective Deferral that is being made in lieu of all or a portion of the Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals the Participant is otherwise eligible to make under the Plan; and (b) treated by the Adopting Employer as includible in the Participant's income at the time the Participant would have received that amount in cash if the Participant had not made a cash or deferred election. Except as otherwise provided, Roth Elective Deferrals will be subject to the same conditions and limitations as apply to Elective Deferrals.

Roth Elective Deferral Account means

so much of a Participant's Account as consists of a Participant's Roth Elective Deferrals (and corresponding earnings) made to the Plan.

Special Long Service Catch-up Contribution means

a contribution made by a Participant who is employed by a qualified organization and who has at least 15 years of service is entitled to a special Code section 403(b) catch-up contribution. When determining if a Participant has 15 Years of Service, any period during which an individual is not an Employee of a qualified organization is disregarded. If a Participant is eligible for the special 403(b) catch-up described in this Section 5.01(b), the applicable dollar amount under Section 5.01(a) is increased by the least of:

- (a) \$3,000;
- (b) The excess of:
 - (1) \$15,000, over
 - (2) The total special 403(b) catch-up elective deferrals made for the Employee by the qualified organization for prior years; or
- (c) The excess of:
 - (1) \$5,000 multiplied by the number of years of service of the employee with the qualified organization, over
 - (2) The total Elective Deferrals made for the employee by the qualified organization for prior years.

For the purposes of this Section 5.01(b), a qualified organization includes an Employer that is:

- (a) educational organization described in Code section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii);
- (b) A hospital;
- (c) A health and welfare service agency (including a home health service agency) as defined in Treas. Reg. section 1.403(b)-4(c)(3)(ii)(C);
- (d) A church related organization as defined in Treas. Reg. section 1.403(b)-2(b)(6); or
- (e) An organization described in Code section 414(e)(3)(B)(ii).

State means

a State, a political subdivision of a State, or any agency or instrumentality of a State. "State" includes the District of Columbia (pursuant to Code section 7701(a)(10)). An Indian tribal government is treated as a State pursuant to Code section 7871(a)(6)(B) for purposes of Code section 403(b)(1)(A)(ii).

Termination and Termination of Employment means

severance from employment with the Employer (as defined in Treas. Reg. Section 1.403(b)-2(b)(19)). Termination occurs when the Employee ceases to be employed by the Employer maintaining the plan and on any date on which an Employer ceases to be an eligible employer. For purposes of this definition, eligible employer means:

- (a) a Public School;
- (b) a Code section 501(c)(3) organization which is exempt from tax under Code section 501(a) with respect to any employee of the Code section 501(c)(3) organization;
- (c) any employer of a minister described in Code section 414(e)(5)(A), but only with respect to the minister; or
- (d) a minister described in Code section 414(e)(5)(A), but only with respect to a Retirement Income Account established for the minister.

A subsidiary or other affiliate of an eligible employer is not an eligible employer if the subsidiary or other affiliate is not an entity described above.

Transfer Account means

so much of a Participant's Account as consists of amounts transferred from another tax-qualified plan pursuant to Article 4 (and corresponding earnings) in a transaction that was not an eligible rollover distribution within the meaning of Code section 402.

Unapproved Vendor means

a financial organization that is approved by the Adopting Employer to accept Exchanges and Rollover Contributions.

Valuation Date means

has the meaning specified in the Adoption Agreement.

Vesting Computation Period means

for purposes of determining Years of Vesting Service, the period described in the Adoption Agreement.

Voluntary Contribution or Voluntary After-Tax Contribution means

an Employee contribution made to the Plan on an after-tax basis not including Roth Elective Deferrals.

Voluntary Contribution Account or Voluntary After-Tax Contribution Account means

so much of a Participant's Account as consists of a Participant's Voluntary Contributions or Voluntary After-Tax Contributions (and corresponding earnings) made to the Plan.

W-2 Compensation means

wages within the meaning of Code section 3401(a) and all other payments of compensation paid 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 sections 6041(d), 6051(a)(3), and 6052.

Withholding Compensation means

wages paid to an Employee by the Employer (in the course of the Employer's trade or business) within the meaning of Code section 3401(a) for the purposes of income tax withholding at the source.

Year of Eligibility Service means

with respect to any Eligible Employee, an Eligibility Computation Period during which he completes at least the service specified in the Adoption Agreement. If the Plan uses the elapsed time method: (i) "Year of Eligibility Service" means a twelve month period of time beginning on an Employee's Employment Commencement Date and ending on the date on which eligibility service is being determined (if less than one year of eligibility service is required such period will be substituted for "twelve month" where it appears in this clause), (ii) in order to determine the number of whole Years of Eligibility Service under the elapsed time method, nonsuccessive periods of service and less than whole year periods of service will be aggregated on the basis that 12 months of service (30 days are deemed to be a month in the case of the aggregation of fractional months) or 365 days of service are equal to a whole year of service, and (iii) an Employee will also receive credit for any Period of Severance of less than 12 consecutive months. Except as provided in the Adoption Agreement, all Years of Eligibility Service with the Employer are taken into account.

All eligibility service with the Employer is taken into account except that if permitted in the Adoption Agreement, the following service shall be disregarded in determining Years of Eligibility Service:

- (a) **One-Year Holdout.** If an Employee has a One-Year Break in Service (One-Year Period of Severance to the extent the Plan uses the elapsed time method), Years of Eligibility Service before such period will not be taken into account until the Employee has completed a Year of Eligibility Service after returning to employment with the Employer.
- (b) **Rule of Parity.** If an Employee does not have any nonforfeitable right to the Account balance derived from Employer contributions, Years of Eligibility Service before a period of five (5) consecutive One-Year Breaks in Service (One-Year Periods of Severance to the extent the Plan uses the elapsed time method) will not be taken into account in computing eligibility service. Elective Deferrals are not taken into account for purposes of determining whether a Participant is a nonvested Participant for purposes of Code section 411(a)(6)(D)(iii).

For purposes of determining includible compensation for former Employees or Special Catch-Up Contributions, "Year of Service" means each full year during which an individual is a full-time Employee of the Employer, plus fractional credit for each part of a year during which the individual is either a full-time Employee of the Employer for a part of a year or a part-time Employee of the Employer. The Employee must be credited with a full Year of Service for each year during which the Employee is a full-time Employee and a fraction of a year for each part of a work period during which the Employee is a full-time or part-time Employee of the Employer. An Employee's number of Years of Service equals the aggregate of the annual work periods during which the Employee is employed by the Employer. The work period is the Employer's annual work period.

If a Participant's Years of Eligibility Service are disregarded pursuant to the foregoing, such Participant will be treated as a new Employee for eligibility purposes. If a Participant's Years of Eligibility Service may not be disregarded pursuant to the foregoing, such Participant shall participate in the Plan pursuant to the terms of Article 3.

To the extent provided in the Adoption Agreement, eligibility service may also include service with employers other than the Employer.

Year of Vesting Service means

a Vesting Computation Period during which the Employee completes at least the number of hours specified in the Adoption Agreement. If the Plan uses the elapsed time method: (i) "Year of Vesting Service" means a twelve month period of time beginning on an Employee's Employment Commencement Date and ending on the date on which vesting service is being determined, (ii) in order to determine the number of whole Years of Eligibility Service under the elapsed time method, nonsuccessive periods of service and less than whole year periods of service will be aggregated on the basis that 12 months of service (30 days are deemed to be a month in the case of the aggregation of fractional months)

or 365 days of service are equal to a whole year of service, and (iii) an Employee will also receive credit for any Period of Severance of less than 12 consecutive months.

All Years of Vesting Service with the Employer are taken into account except that for an Employee who has five consecutive One-Year Breaks in Service (One-Year Periods of Severance to the extent the Plan uses the elapsed time method) and except to the extent provided in Article 6, all periods of service after such breaks in service/periods of severance will be disregarded for the purpose of vesting the Employee's employer-derived Account balance that accrued before such breaks in service/periods of severance, but except as otherwise expressly provided, both the service before and after such breaks in service/periods of severance will count for purposes of vesting the Employee's employer-derived Account balance that accrues after such breaks in service/periods of severance. In addition, if permitted in the Adoption Agreement, Years of Vesting Service before age 18 and/or Years of Vesting Service before the Employer maintained this Plan or a predecessor plan will not be taken into account in computing vesting service.

In addition, if permitted in the Adoption Agreement, the following service shall be disregarded in determining Years of Vesting Service:

- (a) **One-Year Holdout.** If an Employee has a One-Year Break in Service (One-Year Period of Severance to the extent the Plan uses the elapsed time method), Years of Vesting Service before such period will not be taken into account until the Employee has completed a Year of Vesting Service after returning to employment with the Employer.
- (b) **Rule of Parity.** If an Employee does not have any nonforfeitable right to the Account balance derived from Employer contributions, Years of Vesting Service before a period of five (5) consecutive One-Year Breaks in Service (One-Year Periods of Severance to the extent the Plan uses the elapsed time method) will not be taken into account in computing vesting service. Elective Deferrals are not taken into account for purposes of determining whether a Participant is a nonvested Participant for purposes of Code section 411(a)(6)(D)(iii).
- (c) Years of Vesting Service before age 18 and/or Years of Vesting Service before the Employer maintained this Plan or a predecessor plan will not be taken into account in computing vesting service to the extent provided in the Adoption Agreement.

To the extent provided in the Adoption Agreement, vesting service may also include service with employers other than the Employer.

ARTICLE 3 PARTICIPATION**Section 3.01 ELECTIVE DEFERRALS, VOLUNTARY AFTER-TAX CONTRIBUTIONS, MANDATORY AFTER-TAX CONTRIBUTIONS****(a) Elective Deferrals.**

- (1) Except to the extent provided in the Adoption Agreement, each Eligible Employee as of the Effective Date who was eligible to participate in the Plan with respect to Elective Deferrals on or before the Effective Date shall be a Participant eligible to make Elective Deferrals pursuant to Article 4 on the Effective Date. Each other Eligible Employee who was not a Participant in the Plan with respect to Elective Deferrals on the Effective Date shall become a Participant eligible to make Elective Deferrals on the date specified in the Adoption Agreement; provided that he is an Eligible Employee on such date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Participant shall be eligible to make Elective Deferrals only to the extent such contributions are permitted in the Adoption Agreement.
- (2) To the extent provided in the Adoption Agreement, Employees who work normally fewer than 20 hours per week are excluded provided that:
- (A) for the 12-month period beginning on the date the Employee's employment commenced, the Employer reasonably expects the Employee to work fewer than 1,000 hours of service (as defined under section 410(a)(3)(C) of the Code) in such period; and
- (B) for each Plan Year ending after the close of that 12-month period, the Employee has worked fewer than 1,000 hours of service in the preceding 12-month period.

Once an Employee becomes eligible to have Elective Deferrals made on his or her behalf under the Plan under the 20 hours per week class, the Employee cannot be excluded from eligibility to have Elective Deferrals made on his or her behalf in any later year due to working fewer than 20 hours per week as determined above.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, once an Employee completes 1,000 Hours of Service in any Eligibility Computation Period they will no longer be considered an excluded Employee.

(b) Voluntary After-Tax Contributions.

Except to the extent provided in the Adoption Agreement, each Eligible Employee as of the Effective Date who was eligible to participate in the Plan with respect to Voluntary After-Tax Contributions on or before the Effective Date shall be a Participant eligible to make Voluntary After-Tax Contributions pursuant to Article 4 on the Effective Date. Each other Eligible Employee who was not a Participant in the Plan with respect to Voluntary After-Tax Contributions on the Effective Date shall become a Participant eligible to make Voluntary After-Tax Contributions on the date specified in the Adoption Agreement; provided that he is an Eligible Employee on such date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Participant shall be eligible to make Voluntary After-Tax Contributions only to the extent such contributions are permitted in the Adoption Agreement.

(c) Mandatory After-Tax Contributions.

Except to the extent provided in the Adoption Agreement, each Eligible Employee as of the Effective Date who was eligible to participate in the Plan with respect to Mandatory After-Tax Contributions on or before the Effective Date shall be a Participant required to make Mandatory After-Tax Contributions pursuant to Article 4 on the Effective Date. Each other Eligible Employee who was not a Participant in the Plan with respect to Mandatory After-Tax Contributions on the Effective Date shall become a Participant required to make Mandatory After-Tax Contributions on the date specified in the Adoption Agreement; provided that he is an Eligible Employee on such date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Participant shall be required to make Mandatory After-Tax Contributions only to the extent such contributions are required in the Adoption Agreement.

(d) Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions.

Except to the extent provided in the Adoption Agreement, each Eligible Employee as of the Effective Date who was eligible to participate in the Plan with respect to Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions on or before the Effective Date shall be a Participant required to make Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions pursuant to Article 4 on the Effective Date. Each other Eligible Employee who was not a Participant in the Plan with respect to Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions on the Effective Date shall become a Participant required to make Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions on the date specified in the Adoption Agreement; provided that he is an Eligible Employee on such date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Participant shall be required to make Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions only to the extent such contributions are required in the Adoption Agreement.

Section 3.02 MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

Except to the extent provided in the Adoption Agreement, each Eligible Employee as of the Effective Date who was eligible to participate in the Plan with respect to Matching Contributions immediately prior to the Effective Date will be a Participant eligible to receive Matching Contributions pursuant to Article 4 on the Effective Date. Each other Eligible Employee who was not a Participant in the Plan with respect to Matching

Contributions immediately prior to the Effective Date will become a Participant eligible to receive Matching Contributions on the date specified in the Adoption Agreement; provided that he is an Eligible Employee on such date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Participant will be eligible to receive Matching Contributions only to the extent such contributions are permitted in the Adoption Agreement.

Section 3.03 **NON-ELECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Except to the extent provided in the Adoption Agreement, each Eligible Employee as of the Effective Date who was eligible to participate in the Plan with respect to Non-Elective Contributions immediately prior to the Effective Date will be a Participant eligible to receive Non-Elective Contributions pursuant to Article 4 on the Effective Date. Each other Eligible Employee who was not a Participant in the Plan with respect to Non-Elective Contributions immediately prior to the Effective Date will become a Participant eligible to receive Non-Elective Contributions on the date specified in the Adoption Agreement; provided that he is an Eligible Employee on such date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Participant will be eligible to receive Non-Elective Contributions only to the extent such contributions are permitted in the Adoption Agreement.

Section 3.04 **TRANSFERS**

If a change in job classification or a transfer results in an individual no longer qualifying as an Eligible Employee, such Employee will cease to be a Participant for purposes of Article 4 (or will not become eligible to become a Participant) as of the effective date of such change of job classification or transfer. Should such Employee again qualify as an Eligible Employee or if an Employee who was not previously an Eligible Employee becomes an Eligible Employee, he will become a Participant with respect to the contributions for which the eligibility requirements have been satisfied as of the later of the effective date of such subsequent change of status or the date the Employee meets the eligibility requirements of this Article 3.

Section 3.05 **TERMINATION AND REHIRES**

Except as provided in Section 4.03(e), if an Employee has a Termination of Employment, such Employee will cease to be a Participant for purposes of Article 4 (or will not become eligible to become a Participant) as of his Termination of Employment. An individual who has satisfied the applicable eligibility requirements set forth in Article 3 as of his Termination date, and who is subsequently reemployed by the Adopting Employer as an Eligible Employee, will resume or become a Participant immediately upon his rehire date with respect to the contributions for which the eligibility requirements of this Article 3 have been satisfied. An individual who has not so qualified for participation on his Termination date, and who is subsequently reemployed by the Adopting Employer as an Eligible Employee, will be eligible to participate as of the later of the effective date of such reemployment or the date the individual meets the eligibility requirements of this Article 3. The determination of whether a rehired Eligible Employee satisfies the requirements of Article 3 will be made after the application of any applicable break in service rules.

Section 3.06 **LIMITATIONS ON EXCLUSIONS**

Modifications. The completion of a 'fill-in' blank in the Adoption Agreement shall not be considered to be a modification to the Volume Submitter document unless the language used to complete the 'fill-in' blank is contrary to the notes and guidelines that accompany the option. If a completed 'fill-in' blank violates/is contrary to the notes and guidelines that accompany the option, the language is a modification to the Volume Submitter document.

Section 3.07 **PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION**

The Plan Administrator will prescribe such forms and may require such data from Participants as are reasonably required to enroll a Participant in the Plan or to effectuate any Participant elections made pursuant to this Article 3.

Section 3.08 **PARTICIPANTS RECEIVING DIFFERENTIAL MILITARY PAY**

To the extent selected in the Adoption Agreement and pursuant to Code section 414(u)(12), IRS Notice 2010-15 and any superseding guidance, a Participant receiving Differential Wage Payments shall be treated as an Employee of the Employer making the payment and the Differential Wage Payments may be treated as Compensation under the Plan to the extent selected in the Adoption Agreement.

ARTICLE 4 CONTRIBUTIONSSection 4.01 ELECTIVE DEFERRALS, VOLUNTARY AFTER-TAX CONTRIBUTIONS, MANDATORY AFTER-TAX CONTRIBUTIONS

(a) Elections.

Each Participant may execute elections pursuant to this Section 4.01 by executing an election and filing it with the Administrator in the form and manner prescribed by the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator will provide each Participant with the forms necessary to elect to reduce his or her Compensation by amounts specified in the Adoption Agreement (and have that amount contributed as an Elective Deferral or Voluntary Contribution on his or her behalf). This Compensation reduction election will be made on the agreement provided by the Administrator under which the Employee agrees to be bound by all the terms and conditions of the Plan. The participation election will also include designation of the Funds and Accounts therein to which Elective Deferrals or Voluntary After-Tax Contributions are to be made and a designation of Beneficiary. Any such election will remain in effect until a new election is filed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Participant will be eligible to make Voluntary After-Tax Contributions only to the extent such contributions are permitted in the Adoption Agreement.

(b) Modifications.

As of the date a Participant first meets the eligibility requirements of Section 3.01, he may elect to contribute to the Plan. Subsequent to that date, a Participant may elect to start, increase, reduce, or totally suspend his elections pursuant to this Section 4.01, effective as of the dates specified in the Adoption Agreement.

(c) Procedures.

A Participant will make an election described in Subsection (b) in such form and manner as may be prescribed by the Plan Administrator at such time in advance as the Plan Administrator may require. Such procedures may include, but not be limited to: specifying that elections be made at such time in advance as the Plan Administrator may require, allowing on a nondiscriminatory basis a Participant to make a separate election as to any bonuses or other special pay, and/or requiring elections be made in a dollar amount or percentage of pay. A Participant's election regarding Elective Deferrals may be made only with respect to an amount which the Participant could otherwise elect to receive in cash and which is not currently available to the Participant.

(d) Reduction in Elections.

The Plan Administrator may reduce or totally suspend a Participant's election if the Plan Administrator determines that such election may cause the Plan to fail to satisfy any of the requirements of Article 5.

(e) Catch-up Contributions.

If elected by the Plan Sponsor in the Adoption Agreement, all Participants who are eligible to make Elective Deferrals under this Plan will be eligible to make Age 50 Catch-up Contributions and Special Long Service Catch-up Contributions.

(f) Roth Elective Deferrals.

To the extent provided in the Adoption Agreement, Participants will be eligible to irrevocably designate some or all of their Elective Deferrals as either Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals or Roth Elective Deferrals. All elections will be subject to the same election procedures, limits on modifications and other terms and conditions on elections as specified in the Plan. If Roth Elective Deferrals are not permitted, all Elective Deferrals will be designated as Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals.

(g) Automatic Enrollment.

To the extent provided in the Adoption Agreement, upon the initial satisfaction of the eligibility requirements of Article 3 with respect to Elective Deferrals (and at the effective date of the addition of an automatic enrollment feature for current Participants), an Eligible Employee who has not made an Elective Deferral election will be deemed to have made an Elective Deferral election (in the case of a Qualified Automatic Contribution Arrangement, the Adoption Agreement may provide that all Eligible Employees will be deemed to have made an Elective Deferral election) in the amount provided in the Adoption Agreement; provided however that:

- (1) In a reasonable period of time before the deemed election takes place the Eligible Employee shall receive a notice that explains the automatic Elective Deferral election, his or her Compensation reduction percentage and the individual's right to elect to have no such Elective Deferrals made to the Plan or to alter the amount of those contributions, including the procedure for exercising that right and the timing for implementation of any such election. The Eligible Employee must have a reasonable opportunity to file an election to receive cash in lieu of Elective Deferrals before such deemed election is made.
- (2) Unless otherwise selected in the Adoption Agreement, if the Plan provides for Roth Elective Deferrals, all Elective Deferrals made under Subsection (g) shall be designated as Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals.
- (3) Administrator Discretion. The Plan Administrator may, on a uniform and nondiscriminatory basis, provide that an affirmative election expires at the end of each Plan Year and that the Employee must make a new affirmative election if he or she wants the prior rate of Elective Deferral to continue.
- (4) Elections to End or Reduce Automatic Enrollment. If Plan Administrator elects to allow withdrawals, the Eligible Employee may

file an election to receive cash in lieu of Elective Deferrals at the time such deemed election is made or within the 60 day period thereafter. Upon an election to receive cash in lieu of Elective Deferrals, the Participant shall not receive a refund of any Elective Deferral made. The Eligible Employee may make a subsequent affirmative election to make Elective Deferrals at a later date that is effective as provided in Section 4.01(b).

(h) Participant.

For purposes of this Section, "Participant" will mean an Eligible Employee who has met the eligibility requirements of Article 3 with respect to Elective Deferrals, Voluntary After-Tax Contributions, or Mandatory After-Tax Contributions for each respective contribution type.

Section 4.02 MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

(a) Amount of Matching Contributions.

Subject to the limitations described in Article 5, the Adopting Employer will contribute to the Plan an amount specified in the Adoption Agreement on behalf of each Participant who made a Matched Employee Contribution and who has completed any service requirements specified in the Adoption Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Participant will be eligible to receive an allocation of Matching Contributions only to the extent such contributions are permitted in the Adoption Agreement.

(b) Contribution and Allocation of Matching Contributions.

- (1) Matching Contributions will be made to the Plan and promptly allocated to the Matching Contribution Accounts of Participants who meet the requirements of Subsection (a) and in the amount determined pursuant to Subsection (a) as soon as administratively feasible after the end of the periods described in the Adoption Agreement. After the end of each Plan Year the Adopting Employer may make an additional Matching Contribution on behalf of each Participant in the amount of the positive difference, if any, between the Matching Contributions that would have been allocated to his account had such contributions been determined on the basis of Compensation for the entire Plan Year and the Matching Contributions previously allocated to such Participant's Account.
- (2) The Company may make an additional Matching Contribution ("true up") on behalf of each Participant in the amount of the positive difference, if any, between the Matching Contributions that would have been allocated to his Account had such contributions been determined on the basis of Compensation for the entire Plan Year and the Matching Contributions previously allocated to such Participant's Account.
- (3) If the Adoption Agreement specifies that the Age 50 Catch-up Contributions and/or Special Long Service Catch-up Contributions will not be matched, any Matching Contributions made on an Elective Deferral and, if applicable, a Voluntary Contribution that are subsequently classified as a Catch-up Contribution shall be forfeited to the extent allocated.

(c) Participant.

For purposes of this Section, "Participant" will mean an Eligible Employee who has met the eligibility requirements of Article 3 with respect to Matching Contributions.

Section 4.03 NON-ELECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

(a) Amount of Non-Elective Contributions.

Subject to the limitations described in Article 5, the Adopting Employer may, in its sole discretion, make Non-Elective Contributions to the Plan on behalf of each Participant who has completed any service requirements specified in the Adoption Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Participant will be eligible to receive an allocation of Non-Elective Contributions only to the extent such contributions are permitted in the Adoption Agreement.

(b) Allocation of Non-Elective Contributions.

- (1) Non-Elective Contributions will be allocated to the Non-Elective Contribution Accounts of each Participant eligible to share in such allocations pursuant to Subsection (a) in the manner described in the Adoption Agreement.
- (2) Integration. If the Adoption Agreement specifies that the Non-Elective Contribution will be allocated using integration Non-Elective Contributions shall first be allocated to each Participant's Non-Elective Contribution Account in the ratio that the sum of such Participant's Compensation plus his Excess Compensation bears to the sum of all eligible Participants' Compensation plus Excess Compensation, but not to exceed the permitted disparity of such sum; and the balance, if any, remaining after the allocation in subparagraph (A) shall then be allocated to each Participant's Non-Elective Account in the ratio that such Participant's Compensation bears to all eligible Participants' Compensation.

(c) Participant.

For purposes of this Section, "Participant" will mean an Eligible Employee who has met the eligibility requirements of Article 3 with respect to Non-Elective Contributions.

- (d) Former Employees. To the extent provided in the Adoption Agreement, a former employee who was a Participant at the time of Termination is deemed to have includible compensation, within the meaning of Code section 415(c)(3) and Treas. Reg. section 1.403(b)-

4(d), for the period through the end of the taxable year of the Employee in which he or she ceases to be an employee and through the end of each of the next number of taxable years of the employee as specified in the Adoption Agreement.

- (e) **Disability.** In addition to the foregoing, if the Adoption Agreement specifies that contributions described in this Section shall be allocated to Disabled Participants, a Participant who does not meet the requirements of Subsection (a) due to Disability shall be eligible to share in such contributions (including Disabled Participants that have Terminated Employment); provided that such Disability would also constitute a disability pursuant to Code section 22(e). The Company shall allocate the applicable contributions on behalf of each such Disabled Participant on the basis of the Compensation each such Participant would have received for the Limitation Year if the Participant had been paid at the rate of Compensation paid immediately before suffering a Disability. Contributions allocated to Participants suffering a Disability pursuant to this Subsection shall be fully (100%) vested when made. Such allocations shall cease on the first to occur of the following:
- (1) the last day of the Plan Year in which occurs the anniversary specified in the Adoption Agreement of the date the Plan Administrator determines that the Participant's Disability commenced;
 - (2) the date the Participant ceases to suffer from a Disability;
 - (3) the date the Participant refuses to submit to a periodic examination by the Company or its agent to determine the existence of a Disability; or
 - (4) the date the Participant dies.

Section 4.04 QUALIFIED NON-ELECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

Qualified Non-Elective Contributions. The Adopting Employer may, in its discretion, make Qualified Non-Elective Contributions for the benefit of such Participants and in such manner as permitted by law. In addition, the Adopting Employer may, in its discretion, make Qualified Non-Elective Contributions for a Plan Year that will be allocated in the manner prescribed by the Adopting Employer to correct any testing, operational, or demographic failure pursuant to any correction program or policy established by the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Labor or other applicable governmental agency.

Section 4.05 ROLLOVER CONTRIBUTIONS

- (a) To the extent provided in the Adoption Agreement, the Plan may accept the Rollover Contributions specified in Subsection (b) made in cash (or such other form that may be acceptable to the Plan Administrator) on behalf of Eligible Employees; as determined in accordance with procedures established by the Plan Administrator. Rollover Contributions will be allocated to the Eligible Employee's Rollover Contribution Account. An Eligible Employee who has not yet met any of the eligibility requirements of Article 3 will be deemed a Participant only with respect to amounts, if any, in his Rollover Contribution Account.
- (b) **Eligible Plans.** Subject to any limitations specified in the Adoption Agreement, the following are plans eligible to provide rollover contributions:
- (1) Annuity Contract described in Code section 403(a) or 403(b) that is eligible to be rolled over and would otherwise be includable in gross income.
 - (2) A qualified trust described in Code section 401(a) or 403(a) that is eligible to be rolled over and would otherwise be includable in gross income.
 - (3) An individual retirement account described in Code section 408(a), an individual retirement annuity described in Code section 408(b) that is eligible to be rolled over and would otherwise be includable in gross income.
 - (4) An eligible governmental plan described in Code section 457(b) that is eligible to be rolled over and would otherwise be includable in gross income.
 - (5) If the Plan permits Roth Elective Deferrals, the Plan may accept a rollover contribution to a Roth Elective Deferral Account only if it is a direct rollover from another Roth elective deferral account under an applicable retirement plan described in Code section 402A(e)(1) and only to the extent the rollover is permitted under the rules of Code section 402(c).
 - (6) Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, if the Plan permits Rollover Contributions to the Plan from all qualified plans and tax favored vehicles, the eligible plans will include after-tax contributions as permitted by Section 822 of PPA. The Plan will separately account for amounts so transferred, including separately accounting for the portion of such contribution which is includable in gross income and the portion of such contribution which is not so includable.
- (c) **The Plan Administrator will not accept a rollover of any of the following distributions:**
- (1) any installment payment for a period of 10 years or more,
 - (2) any distribution made as a result of an unforeseeable emergency or other distribution which is made upon hardship of the employee,
 - (3) for any other distribution, the portion, if any, of the distribution that is a required minimum distribution under Code section 401(a)(9), or
 - (4) any other distribution that does not meet the requirements of Code section 402(c)(4) and any superseding guidance and regulation.

- (d) **After-Tax Basis.** Any rollover of an Eligible Rollover Contributions that includes after-tax employee contributions or Roth Elective Deferrals will only be accepted if the Plan Administrator obtains information regarding the Participant's tax basis in the Rollover Contributions under Code section 72.

Section 4.06 TRANSFERS TO THE PLAN

- (a) The Plan Administrator may accept a direct transfer of assets, made without the consent of the affected Employees as provided in this Section 4.06. Such a transfer is permitted only if the other plan provides for the direct transfer to the Plan and the Participant is an Employee or former Employee of the Adopting Employer. The Administrator accepting such transferred amounts may require that the transfer be in cash or other property acceptable to it. The Administrator accepting such transferred amounts may require such documentation from the other plan as it deems necessary to effectuate the transfer in accordance with Treas. Reg. section 1.403(b)-10(b)(3) and to confirm that the other plan is a plan that satisfies Code section 403(b).
- (b) The amount so transferred will be credited to the Participant's Transfer Account, so that the Participant or Beneficiary whose assets are being transferred has an accumulated benefit immediately after the transfer at least equal to the accumulated benefit with respect to that Participant or Beneficiary immediately before the transfer.
- (c) The amount transferred will be held, accounted for, administered, and otherwise treated in the Plan in the same manner as the transferor plan. The Plan must impose restrictions on distributions to the Participant or Beneficiary whose assets are being transferred that are not less stringent than those imposed on the transferor plan by application of the Code, ERISA or other applicable law. The transferred amount will not be considered an Elective Deferral under the Plan in determining the maximum deferral under Section 5.01.

Section 4.07 MILITARY SERVICE

- (a) **In General.**
Notwithstanding any provision of this Plan to the contrary, contributions, benefits and service credit with respect to Qualified Military Service shall be provided in accordance with Code section 414(u).
- (b) **Death or Disability During Qualified Military Service.**
To the extent provided in IRS Notice 2010-15 and any superseding guidance; a Participant who dies or becomes Disabled while performing Qualified Military Service will be treated as if he had been employed by the Company on the day preceding death or Disability and terminated employment on the day of death or Disability and receive benefits other than benefit accruals related to the period of Qualified Military Service as provided under Code section 414(u)(8).

To the extent provided in the Adoption Agreement, pursuant to Code section 414(u)(9), IRS Notice 2010-15 and any superseding guidance; a Participant who dies or becomes Disabled while performing Qualified Military Service will be treated as if he had been employed by the Company on the day preceding death or Disability and terminated employment on the day of death or Disability and receive benefit accruals related to the period of Qualified Military Service as provided under Code section 414(u)(8), except as provided below:

- (1) All Participants eligible for benefits under the Plan by reason of this Section shall be provided benefits on reasonably equivalent terms.
- (2) For the purposes of applying Code section 414(u)(8)(C), a Participant's Elective Deferrals shall be determined based on the Participant's average actual contributions for:
- (A) the 12-month period of service with the Employer immediately prior to Qualified Military Service, or
- (B) if service with the Employer is less than such 12-month period, the actual length of continuous service with the Employer.

Beneficiaries of a Participant who dies while performing Qualified Military Service will be entitled to any additional benefits provided under this section.

Section 4.08 TIMING OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Amounts contributed to the Plan with funds provided by Participants will be transferred to the Approved Vendor as soon as practicable, but no later than the fifteenth (15th) business day of the month following the month in which such contributions were received or withheld from the Participant's Compensation unless a longer period is permitted under applicable law or regulation.

Section 4.09 MULTIPLE EMPLOYER PLAN

- (a) **Universal Availability.** In the case of a section 403(b) plan that covers the Employees of more than one section 501(c)(3) organization, the universal availability requirement of Treas. Reg. section 1.403(b)-5(b) applies separately to each common law entity. In the case of a

section 403(b) plan that covers the Employees of more than one State entity, this requirement applies separately to each entity that is not part of a common payroll. For purposes of this Section 4.09(a), an Employer that historically has treated one or more of its various geographically distinct units as separate for employee benefit purposes may treat each unit as a separate organization if the unit is operated independently on a day-to-day basis. Units are not geographically distinct if such units are located within the same Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA).

- (b) **Definitions.** The following terms are modified as used in the Plan:
- (1) "Adopting Entity" means an entity who executes a joinder agreement.
 - (2) "Adoption Agreement" means the Adoption Agreement for the Plan Sponsor. For any Adopting Entity, Adoption Agreement means the Adoption Agreement as amended in that entity's joinder agreement (as provided in Section 4.09(c)).
 - (3) "Plan Sponsor" means the executor of the Master Adoption Agreement described in Section 4.09(d).
- (c) **Other Non-discrimination.** If the Employees of more than one employer within the meaning of Code section 413(c) are covered under the Plan, the provisions of such section will apply to the Plan. The Plan Administrator may allocate contributions specifically to Participants who are employed by a Participating Employer and may restrict the allocation of any forfeitures arising hereunder to the entity for which the applicable Participant is or was employed.
- (1) **Eligibility Service.** Code section 410(a) shall be applied as if all Employees of each Employer who maintains the Plan were employed by a single Employer. An Employee who transfers employment between Adopting Entities and/or the Plan Sponsor shall not be considered to have a Termination of Employment.
 - (2) **Vesting.** Code section 411 shall be applied as if all Employers who maintain the Plan constituted a single Employer, except that the application of any rules with respect to breaks in service shall be made under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Labor.
 - (3) Each Employer will separately determine Actual Contribution, the minimum coverage requirements of Code section 410(b) and Code section 401(a)(4) testing as provided in Treas. Reg. section 1.413-2(a)(3)(ii).
- (d) **Method of Adoption.** If this Section 4.09 applies, the Plan Sponsor will execute a master Adoption Agreement and each other Participating Employer will execute a joinder agreement which contains only those Adoption Agreement provisions, if any, which may be overridden by an entity other than the Plan Sponsor.
- (e) **Other Rules.**
- (1) Contributions and forfeitures arising hereunder must be restricted to Participants who are employed by the entity under which the forfeitures arose.
 - (2) **Maximum Annual Additions.** Except as provided in Treas. Reg. section 1.415(f)-1(g)(2)(i) (regarding aggregation of multiemployer plans with plans other than multiemployer plans), for purposes of applying Section 5.05, Annual Additions attributable to a Participant from all of the Employers maintaining the Plan must be taken into account. Furthermore, in applying the limitations of Section 5.05 with respect to a Participant, the total Statutory Compensation received by the Participant from all of the Employers maintaining the Plan is taken into account under the Plan, unless Treas. Reg. section 1.415-1(e) and any superseding guidance specifies otherwise.
 - (3) For purposes of determining a Participant's Required Beginning Date, a Participant may be considered a More Than 5% Owner with one Employer and not a More Than 5% Owner with another Employer.
 - (4) **Fiduciary Act to Join the Plan.** By executing a joinder agreement, each Adopting Entity, acting as a fiduciary with respect to its current and future Employees, thereby ratifies and confirms the appointment of all parties to the Plan and all action taken to establish and maintain the Plan. The term parties to the Plan in the preceding sentence shall include, but not be limited to, the Plan Administrator, Trustee and Investment Fiduciary.
 - (5) Each Adopting Entity shall be jointly and severally liable for Plan expenses.
 - (6) Each Adopting Entity shall indemnify and hold harmless the Plan Administrator (and their delegates), any other Adopting Entities, any person serving as the Trustee and/or Investment Fiduciary from all claims, liabilities, losses, damages and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses for its failure to operate in accordance with the Plan or any intentional or negligent act or omission with respect to the Plan including but not limited to failure of oversight and or appointment. The Plan Administrator may in its discretion utilize any IRS or DOL correction program and any fees or costs associated with such program are the responsibility of the offending Adopting Entity.
- (f) **Termination of Participation.** If an Adopting Entity terminates its participation in the Plan (or is terminated by the Plan Administrator) the Plan Administrator may require the terminating Adopting Entity to do any of the following:
- (1) **Successor Plan.** Set up a successor plan unless the entity sponsors another eligible plan to receive a transfer of assets.
 - (2) **Proof of Dissolution.** In the event the Adopting Entity terminates its participation in the Plan by reason of ceasing business operations, the managing officials of such entity shall present the Plan Administrator articles of dissolution or other documentation as required by the Plan Administrator. Once acceptable documentation has been provided to the Plan Administrator, the Account balance of each affected Participant will be nonforfeitable and the affected Participant Accounts shall be distributed in a single lump sum payment unless otherwise required pursuant to Article 7.
 - (3) **Hold Assets for Twelve Months.** The Plan Administrator may hold the assets of Participants that are not otherwise eligible for

- distribution for a period of twelve months. Thereafter, provided the Adopting Entity has not set-up a plan eligible to receive the assets, the Plan Administrator will establish a spin-off plan to hold the Account balance of each affected Participant. The Plan Administrator will then terminate the spin-off plan, the Account Balance of each affected Participant will be nonforfeitable and the affected Participant Accounts shall be distributed in a single lump sum payment unless otherwise required pursuant to Article 7.
- (4) The determination of whether or not there is a termination, within the meaning of Code section 411(d)(3), is made solely by reference to the rules of Code sections 411(d)(3) and 413(c)(3).

ARTICLE 5 LIMITATIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS**Section 5.01 ANNUAL LIMITATION ON ELECTIVE DEFERRALS**

- (a) Amount. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, elective deferrals (as defined in Code section 402(g)) made under this Plan, or any other qualified plan maintained by the Employer may not exceed the lesser of (a) the applicable dollar amount established under Code section 402(g)(1)(B) or (b) the Participant's Compensation for the calendar year.
- (b) Special Long Service Catch-up. If elected by the Plan Sponsor in the Adoption Agreement and if a Participant is eligible for the Special Long Service Catch-up Contribution the applicable dollar amount established under Code section 402(g)(1)(B) is increased by the amount of Special Long Service Catch-up Contribution the Participant is eligible to make.
- (c) Age 50 Catch-up. If elected by the Plan Sponsor in the Adoption Agreement and if a Participant is eligible to make Age 50 Catch-up Contributions the applicable dollar amount established under Code section 402(g)(1)(B) is increased by amount specified in Code section 414(v), as adjusted for cost of living.
- (d) Coordination of Catch-ups. Amounts in excess of the limitation set forth in Section 5.01(a) will be allocated first to the special Long Service Catch-up Contribution and next as an Age 50 Catch-up Contribution. However, in no event can the amount of the Elective Deferrals for a year be more than the Participant's Compensation for the year.
- (e) Special Rule for a Participant Covered by Another Section 403(b) Plan. For purposes of this Section 5.01, if the Participant is or has been a participant in one or more other plans under Code section 403(b) (and any other plan that permits elective deferrals under Code section 402(g)), then this Plan and all such other plans will be considered as one plan for purposes of applying the foregoing limitations of this Section. For this purpose, the Administrator will take into account any other such plan for which the Administrator receives from the Participant sufficient information concerning his or her participation in such other plan.
- (f) Refund of Excess Elective Deferrals. In the event that Elective Deferrals under this Plan when added to a Participant's other elective deferrals under any other plan or arrangement (whether or not maintained by the Employer) exceed the limit described in the preceding Subsection, the Plan Administrator shall distribute, by April 15 of the following calendar year, the excess amount of Elective Deferrals plus income thereon.
- (1) The income/loss allocable to excess deferrals is equal to the sum of the allocable gain or loss for (i) the Plan Year and, (ii) effective as of such date as specified in a prior document, the "gap period" (i.e., the period after the close of the Plan Year and prior to the distribution). Income for the gap period shall be the allocable gain or loss during that period to the extent that the excess deferrals would otherwise be credited with gain or loss if the total Account were to be distributed. The Plan Administrator may use any reasonable method for computing the income allocable to excess deferrals, provided that the method does not violate Code section 401(a)(4), is used consistently for all Participants and for all corrective distributions under the Plan for the Plan Year, and is used by the Plan for allocating income to Participant's Accounts. The Plan will not fail to use a reasonable method for computing the income allocable to excess deferrals merely because the income allocable to excess deferrals is determined on a date that is no more than 7 days before the actual distribution. In addition, the Plan Administrator may allocate income in any manner permitted under Treas. Reg. section 1.401(k)-2(b)(2)(iv).
- (2) Any refunds of Elective Deferrals that exceed the dollar limitation contained in Code section 402(g) shall be adjusted for income or loss up to the date of distribution. Effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2007, gap period income described in this Subsection shall not be distributed. The income/loss allocable to excess deferrals is equal to the sum of the allocable gain or loss for the Plan Year and, to the extent that such excess deferrals would otherwise be credited with gain or loss for the gap period (i.e., the period after the close of the Plan Year and prior to the distribution) if the total Account were to be distributed, the allocable gain or loss during that period. The Plan Administrator may use any reasonable method for computing the income allocable to excess deferrals, provided that the method does not violate Code section 401(a)(4), is used consistently for all Participants and for all corrective distributions under the Plan for the Plan Year, and is used by the Plan for allocating income to Participant's Accounts. The Plan will not fail to use a reasonable method for computing the income allocable to excess contributions merely because the income allocable to excess contributions is determined on a date that is no more than 7 days before the actual distribution. In addition, the Plan Administrator may allocate income in any manner permitted under applicable Treasury Regulations.
- A Participant's claim that the excess was caused by elective deferrals made under a plan or arrangement not maintained by the Employer shall be made in writing and shall be submitted to the Plan Administrator no later than the date specified by the Plan Administrator following the calendar year in which such deferrals occurred. For purposes of determining the necessary reduction, if the Plan permits Roth Elective Deferrals, the Plan Administrator shall determine the ordering rule for refunds of Excess Elective Deferrals. Such ordering rule may provide that the Participant may elect to have refunds made either from his Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals or Roth Elective Deferrals or any combination thereof.
- (g) Forfeiture of Matching Contributions Related to Excess Elective Deferrals. In the event a Participant receives a distribution of excess Elective Deferrals pursuant to Subsection (b), the Participant will forfeit any Matching Contributions (plus income thereon) allocated to

the Participant by reason of the distributed Elective Deferrals. Elective Deferrals not taken into account in determining Matching Contributions under Section 4.02 will be treated as being reduced first. Amounts forfeited will be used to restore forfeitures, reduce Employer contributions (or reallocate as Employer contributions) made pursuant to Article 4 or to pay Plan expenses.

Section 5.02 MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ANNUAL ADDITIONS

- (a) **Maximum Permissible Amount.** For Limitation Years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, the maximum permissible amount is the lesser of:
 - (1) \$40,000, as adjusted for increases in the cost-of-living under Code section 415(d); or
 - (2) 100% of the Participant's Compensation for the Limitation Year. The Compensation limit referred to in this Subsection (b)(2) shall not apply to any contribution for medical benefits after separation from service (within the meaning of Code sections 401(h) or 419A(f)(2)) which is otherwise treated as an Annual Addition. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, Compensation for purposes of Section 5.02 for a Participant in a defined contribution plan who is permanently and totally disabled (as defined in Code section 22(e)(3)) is the Compensation such Participant would have received for the Limitation Year if the Participant had been paid at the rate of Compensation paid immediately before becoming permanently and totally disabled.

Prior to determining the Participant's actual 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 Compensation for the Limitation Year, uniformly determined for all Participants similarly situated. As soon as is administratively feasible after the end of the Limitation Year, the maximum permissible amount for the Limitation Year will be determined on the basis of the Participant's actual Compensation for the Limitation Year.
- (b) **Aggregation of Section 403(b) Plans of the Employer.** If Annual Additions are credited to a Participant under any section 403(b) plans of the Employer in addition to this Plan for a Limitation Year, the sum of the Participant's Annual Additions for the Limitation Year under this Plan and such other section 403(b) plans may not exceed the Maximum Annual Addition as set forth in section 5.02(a).
- (c) **Aggregation Where Participant is in Control of Any Employer.** If a Participant is in control of any Employer for a Limitation Year, the sum of the Participant's Annual Additions for the Limitation Year under this Plan, any other section 403(b) plans of the Employer, any defined contribution plans maintained by controlled employers, and any section 403(b) plans of any other employers may not exceed the Maximum Annual Addition as set forth in section 5.02(a). For purposes of this paragraph, a Participant is in control of an employer based upon the rules of Code sections 414(b), 414(c), and 415(h); and a defined contribution plan means a defined contribution plan that is qualified under Code section 401(a) or 403(a), a section 403(b) plan, or a simplified employee pension within the meaning of Code section 408(k).
- (d) **Annual Notice to Participants.** The Plan Administrator will provide written or electronic notice to Participants that explains the limitation in section 5.02(c) in a manner calculated to be understood by the average Participant and informs Participants of their responsibility to provide information to the Plan Administrator that is necessary to satisfy section 5.02(c). The notice will advise Participants that the application of the limitations in section 5.02(c) will take into account information supplied by the Participant and that failure to provide necessary and correct information to the Plan Administrator could result in adverse tax consequences to the Participant, including the inability to exclude contributions to the Plan under Code section 403(b). The notice will be provided annually, beginning no later than the year in which the Employee becomes a Participant.
- (e) **Coordination of Limitation on Annual Additions Where Employer Has Another Section 403(b) Prototype Plan or Participant is in Control of Employer.** The Annual Additions which may be credited to a Participant under this Plan for any Limitation Year will not exceed the Maximum Annual Addition under section 5.02(a), reduced by the Annual Additions credited to the Participant under any other Section 403(b) Prototype Plans of the Employer in addition to this Plan and, if the Participant is in control of an employer, any defined contribution plans maintained by controlled employers and section 403(b) plans of any other employers. Contributions to the Participant's Accounts under this Plan will be reduced to the extent necessary to prevent this limitation from being exceeded.
- (f) **Excess Annual Additions.**
 - (1) If, notwithstanding sections 5.02(b) through 5.02(e), a Participant's Annual Additions under this Plan, or under this Plan and plans aggregated with this Plan under sections 5.02(b) and 5.02(c), result in an Excess Annual Addition for a Limitation Year, the Excess Annual Addition will be deemed to consist of the Annual Additions last credited, except Annual Additions to a defined contribution plan qualified under Code section 401(a) or a simplified employee pension maintained by an employer controlled by the Participant will be deemed to have been credited first.
 - (2) If an Excess Annual Addition is credited to a Participant under this Plan and another Section 403(b) Prototype Plan of the Employer on the same date, the Excess Annual Addition attributable to this Plan will be the product of:
 - (A) the total Excess Annual Addition credited as of such date, times
 - (B) the ratio of
 - (i) the Annual Additions credited to the Participant for the Limitation Year as of such date under this Plan to
 - (ii) the total Annual Additions credited to the Participant for the Limitation Year as of such date under this Plan and all

other Section 403(b) Prototype Plans of the Employer.

(C) Any Excess Annual Addition attributable to this Plan will be corrected in the manner described in section 1.8.

- (g) **Coordination of Limitation on Annual Additions Where Employer Has Another Section 403(b) Plan that is Not a Prototype Plan.** If Annual Additions are credited to the Participant for the Limitation Year under another section 403(b) plan of the Employer which is not a Section 403(b) Prototype Plan, the Annual Additions which may be credited to the Participant under this Plan for the Limitation Year will be limited in accordance with sections 5.02(e) and 5.02(f) as though the other plan were a Section 403(b) Prototype Plan unless the Employer provides other limitations in the Adoption Agreement.
- (h) **Correction of Excess Annual Additions.** A Participant's Excess Annual Additions for a taxable year are includible in the Participant's gross income for that taxable year. A Participant's Excess Annual Additions attributable to this Plan will be credited in the year of the excess to a separate account under the Plan for such Excess Annual Additions which will be maintained by the Vendor until the Excess Annual Additions are distributed. This separate account will be treated as a separate contract to which Code section 403(c) (or another applicable provision of the Internal Revenue Code) applies. Amounts in the separate account may be distributed at any time, notwithstanding any other provisions of the Plan.

ARTICLE 6 VESTING**Section 6.01 PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS**

A Participant will have a fully (100%) vested and nonforfeitable interest in his Elective Deferral Account, Voluntary Contribution Account, Mandatory After-Tax Contribution Account, Mandatory Pre-Tax Contribution Account, Qualified Non-Elective Contribution Account, and Rollover Contribution Account.

Section 6.02 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

The Participant's interest in his Matching Contribution Account and Non-Elective Contribution Account will vest based on his Years of Vesting Service in accordance with the terms of the Adoption Agreement.

For purposes of the Adoption Agreement, "2-6 Year Graded", "1-5 Year Graded", "1-4 Year Graded", "3 Year Cliff" and "2 Year Cliff" will be determined in accordance with the following schedules:

	Years of Vesting Service	Vesting Percentage
"2-6 Year Graded":	Less than Two Years	0%
	Two Years but less than Three Years	20%
	Three Years but less than Four Years	40%
	Four Years but less than Five Years	60%
	Five Years but less than Six Years	80%
	Six or More Years	100%
"1-5 Year Graded":	Less than One Year	0%
	One Year but less than Two Years	20%
	Two Years but less than Three Years	40%
	Three Years but less than Four Years	60%
	Four Years but less than Five Years	80%
	Five or More Years	100%
"1-4 Year Graded":	Less than One Year	0%
	One Year but less than Two Years	25%
	Two Years but less than Three Years	50%
	Three Years but less than Four Years	75%
	Four or More Years	100%
"3 Year Cliff":	Less than Three Years	0%
	Three or More Years	100%
"2 Year Cliff":	Less than Two Years	0%
	Two or More Years	100%

Section 6.03 FORFEITURES

- (a) **Participants Receiving a Distribution.** A Participant who receives a distribution of the value of the entire vested portion of his Account will forfeit the nonvested portion of such Account. For purposes of this Section, if the value of a Participant's vested Account balance is zero upon Termination, the Participant will be deemed to have received a distribution of such vested Account. A Participant's vested Account balance will not include accumulated deductible employee contributions within the meaning of Code section 72(o)(5)(B) for Plan

Years beginning prior to January 1, 1989. If the Participant elects to the extent permitted by Article 7 to have distributed less than the entire vested portion of the Account balance derived from Employer contributions, the part of the nonvested portion that will be treated as a forfeiture is the total nonvested portion multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount of the distribution attributable to Employer contributions and the denominator of which is the total value of the vested Employer-derived Account balance. No forfeitures will occur solely as a result of a Participant's withdrawal of employee contributions.

- (b) **Participants Not Receiving a Distribution.** The nonvested portion of the Account balance of a Participant who has a Termination of Employment and does not receive a complete distribution of the vested portion of his Account will be forfeited after the date he incurs five consecutive One-Year Breaks in Service (One-Year Periods of Severance if the Plan uses the elapsed time method).
- (c) **Reemployment.**
 - (1) **Before Five One-Year Breaks.** If a Participant receives or is deemed to receive a distribution pursuant to this Section and the Participant resumes employment covered under this Plan, the Participant's Employer-derived Account balance will be restored to the amount on the date of distribution if the Participant repays to the Plan the full amount of the distribution attributable to Employer contributions before the earlier of 5 years after the first date on which the Participant is subsequently reemployed by the Employer, or the date the Participant incurs 5 consecutive One-Year Breaks in Service (One-Year Periods of Severance if the Plan uses the elapsed time method) following the date of the distribution. If a zero-vested Participant is deemed to receive a distribution pursuant to this Section, and the Participant resumes employment covered under this Plan before the date the Participant incurs 5 consecutive One-Year Breaks in Service (One-Year Periods of Severance if the Plan uses the elapsed time method), upon the reemployment of such Participant, the Employer-derived Account balance of the Participant will be restored to the amount on the date of such deemed distribution. Forfeitures that are restored pursuant to the foregoing will be accomplished by an allocation of forfeitures, or if such forfeitures are insufficient, by a special Employer contribution.
 - (2) **After Five One-Year Breaks.** If a Participant resumes employment as an Eligible Employee after forfeiting the nonvested portion of his Account balance after 5 consecutive One-Year Breaks in Service (One-Year Periods of Severance if the Plan uses the elapsed time method) and is not fully vested upon reemployment, the Participant's Account balance attributable to his pre-break service will be kept separate from that portion of his Account balance attributable to his post-break service until such time as his post-break Account balance becomes fully vested.
- (d) **Disposition of Forfeitures.** Amounts forfeited from a Participant's Account under this Section will be used to restore forfeitures, reduce Adopting Employer contributions (or reallocate as Adopting Employer contributions) made pursuant to Article 4 or to pay Plan expenses.
- (e) **Vesting Following In-Service Withdrawals or Payment in Installments.** If a distribution is made at a time when a Participant has a nonforfeitable right to less than 100 percent of his Account derived from Employer contributions and the Participant may increase the nonforfeitable percentage in the Account:
 - (1) A separate account will be established for the Participant's interest in the Plan as of the time of the distribution, and
 - (2) At any relevant time the Participant's nonforfeitable portion of the separate account will be equal to an amount ("X") determined by the formula:

$$X = P(AB + (R \times D)) - (R \times D)$$

For purposes of applying the formula: P is the nonforfeitable percentage at the relevant time, AB is the Account balance at the relevant time, D is the amount of the distribution, and R is the ratio of the Account balance at the relevant time to the Account balance after distribution.

ARTICLE 7 DISTRIBUTIONS**Section 7.01** **COMMENCEMENT OF DISTRIBUTIONS**

- (a) **Normal Retirement.** A Participant, upon attainment of Normal Retirement Age, will be entitled to retire and to receive his Account as his benefit hereunder pursuant to Section 7.02.
- (b) **Late Retirement.** If a Participant continues in the employ of the Adopting Employer beyond his Normal Retirement Age, his participation under the Plan will continue, and his benefits under the Plan will commence following his actual Termination of Employment pursuant to Section 7.02. To the extent permitted in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant may, at any time after reaching his Normal Retirement Age but before actual retirement, elect to have the Plan Administrator commence the distribution of his benefit pursuant to Section 7.02 by providing the Plan Administrator with a written election to that effect. Any such written election will state the date upon which distribution of benefits is to commence and will be effective upon delivery to the Plan Administrator.
- (c) **Disability Retirement.** If a Participant becomes Disabled, he will become entitled to receive his vested Account pursuant to Section 7.02 following the date he has a Termination of Employment.
- (d) **Death.** If a Participant dies, either before or after his Termination of Employment, his Beneficiary designated pursuant to Section 7.04 will become entitled to receive the Participant's vested Account pursuant to Section 7.02.
- (e) **Termination of Employment.** A Participant will become entitled to receive his vested Account pursuant to Section 7.02 following the date he has a Termination of Employment.
- (f) **Retirement.** Unless otherwise elected, benefit payments under the Plan will begin to a Participant not later than the 60th day after the latest of the close of the Plan Year in which:
 - (1) the Participant attains Normal Retirement Age;
 - (2) occurs the 10th anniversary of the year in which his participation commenced; or
 - (3) the Participant has a Termination of Employment.

Section 7.02 **TIMING AND FORM OF DISTRIBUTIONS**

- (a) **Distribution for Reasons Other Than Death.** If a Participant's Account balance becomes distributable pursuant to Section 7.01 for any reason other than death and such amount is not required to be distributed in the form of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity pursuant to Section 7.09, payment of his vested Account will commence at such times and will be payable in the form and at such times as specified in the Adoption Agreement. To the extent permitted in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant may elect to have the Plan Administrator apply his entire Account toward the purchase of an Annuity Contract. The terms of such Annuity Contract will comply with the provisions of this Plan and any Annuity Contract will be nontransferable and will be distributed to the Participant.

The method of distribution will be selected by the Participant on a form prescribed by the Plan Administrator. If no such selection is made by the Participant, payment will be made in the form of a lump sum distribution unless payment is required to be made in the form of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity pursuant to Section 7.09.

- (b) **Distribution on Account of Death.** Distribution on account of death will occur as provided in the Adoption Agreement. To the extent the Adoption Agreement permits payment in a form other than a lump sum, if a Participant has more than one Beneficiary at the time of the Participant's death, then a separate Account may be maintained for each Beneficiary.
- (c) The distributable amount of a Participant's Account is the vested portion of his Account as of the Valuation Date coincident with or next preceding the date distribution is made to the Participant or Beneficiary as reduced by any subsequent distributions, withdrawals or loans.
- (d) **Ordering Rule.** The Plan Administrator will determine the ordering rules for distributions; provided that such ordering rules are nondiscriminatory. Such ordering rules may provide that the Participant may elect to have payments made first or last from his Roth Elective Deferral Account or Voluntary Contribution Account or in any combination of such accounts and any other Account.

Section 7.03 **CASH-OUT OF SMALL BALANCES**

- (a) **Vested Account Balance Does Not Exceed \$5,000.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, if involuntary cash-out is selected in the Adoption Agreement and the vested amount of an Account payable to a Participant or Beneficiary does not exceed \$5,000 (or such lesser amount specified in the Adoption Agreement) at the time such individual becomes entitled to a distribution hereunder (or at any subsequent time established by the Plan Administrator to the extent provided in applicable Treasury regulations), such vested Account shall be paid in a lump sum.
- (b) **Vested Account Balance Exceeds \$5,000.** If the value of a Participant's vested Account balance exceeds \$5,000 or such lesser amount as specified in the Adoption Agreement, the Account balance is immediately distributable, the Participant must consent to any distribution of

such Account balance. Notwithstanding the foregoing and unless otherwise specified in the Adoption Agreement, payments will commence as of the Participants Required Beginning Date in the form of a lump sum or installment payments. The Participant's consent will be obtained in writing within the 180-day period ending on the Annuity Starting Date. The Plan Administrator will notify the Participant of the right to defer any distribution until the date specified in the Adoption Agreement until his Required Beginning Date, including a description of the consequences of failing to defer receipt of the distribution. The Plan will not be treated as failing to meet these notice requirements if the Plan administrator makes a reasonable attempt to comply with the new requirements during the period that is within 90 days of the issuance of regulations. Such notification will include a general description of the material features, and an explanation of the relative values of, the optional forms of benefit available under the Plan, and will be provided no less than 30 days and no more than 180 days prior to the Annuity Starting Date. Except to the extent provided in Section 7.09, distribution may commence less than 30 days after the notice described in the preceding sentence is given, provided the Plan Administrator clearly informs the Participant that he has a right to a period of at least 30 days after receiving the notice to consider the decision of whether or not to elect a distribution (and, if applicable, a particular distribution option), and the Participant, after receiving the notice, affirmatively elects a distribution. In the event a Participant's vested Account balance becomes distributable without consent pursuant to this Subsection (b), and the Participant fails to elect a form of distribution, the vested Account balance of such Participant will be paid in a single sum except to the extent provided in Section 7.09.

- (c) For purposes of this Section 7.03, the Participant's vested Account balance will not include amounts attributable to accumulated deductible employee contributions within the meaning of Code section 72(o)(5)(B).
- (d) Required Distributions. Consent of the Participant or his spouse will not be required to the extent that a distribution is required to satisfy Code sections 401(a)(9), 401(m), 402(g) or 415. In addition, upon termination of this Plan the Participant's Account balance shall be distributed to the Participant in a lump sum distribution unless payment is made in the form of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity pursuant to Section 7.09. However, if the Employer maintains another defined contribution plan (other than an employee stock ownership plan as defined in Code section 4975(e)(7)), then the Participant's Account balance will be transferred, without the Participant's consent, to the other plan if the Participant does not consent to an immediate distribution.
- (e) Written Explanation of Right to Direct Rollover. The Plan Administrator shall provide, within a reasonable time period before making an Eligible Rollover Distribution, a written explanation to the Participant that satisfies the requirements of Code section 402(f).
- (f) This Section 7.03(f) will apply if elected by the Plan Sponsor in the Adoption Agreement and will be effective January 1, 2002 unless otherwise specified in the Adoption Agreement. For purposes of this Section 7.03, the Participant's vested Account balance will not include that portion of the Account balance that is attributable to rollover contributions (and earnings allocable thereto) within the meaning of Code sections 402(c), 403(a)(4), 403(b)(8), 408(d)(3)(A)(ii), and 457(e)(16).

Section 7.04 BENEFICIARY

- (a) Beneficiary Designation Right. Each Participant, and if the Participant has died, the Beneficiary of such Participant, will have the right to designate one or more primary and one or more secondary Beneficiaries to receive any benefit becoming payable upon such individual's death. To the extent that a Participant's Account is not subject to Section 7.09, the spouse of a married Participant will be the sole primary beneficiary of such Participant unless the requirements of Subsection (b) are met. To the extent that a Participant's Account is subject to Section 7.09, the spouse of a married Participant will be the beneficiary of 100% of such Participant's Account unless the spouse waives his or her rights to such benefit pursuant to Section 7.09. All Beneficiary designations will be in writing in a form satisfactory to the Plan Administrator and will only be effective when filed with the Plan Administrator during the Participant's lifetime (or if the Participant has died, during the lifetime of the Beneficiary of such Participant who desires to designate a further Beneficiary). Except as provided in Section 7.04(b) or Section 7.09, as applicable, each Participant (or Beneficiary) will be entitled to change his Beneficiaries at any time and from time to time by filing written notice of such change with the Plan Administrator.
- (b) Form and Content of Spouse's Consent. To the extent that a Participant's Account is not subject to Section 7.09 the Participant may designate a Beneficiary other than his spouse pursuant to this Subsection if: (i) the spouse has waived the spouse's right to be the Participant's Beneficiary in accordance with this Subsection, (ii) the Participant has no spouse, or (iii) the Plan Administrator determines that the spouse cannot be located or such other circumstances exist under which spousal consent is not required, as prescribed by Treasury regulations. If required, such consent: (i) will be in writing, (ii) will relate only to the specific alternate beneficiary or beneficiaries designated (or permits beneficiary designations by the Participant without the spouse's further consent), (iii) will acknowledge the effect of the consent, and (iv) will be witnessed by a plan representative or notary public. Any consent by a spouse, or establishment that the consent of a spouse may not be obtained, will not be effective with respect to any other spouse. Any spousal consent that permits subsequent changes by the Participant to the Beneficiary designation without the requirement of further spousal consent will acknowledge that the spouse has the right to limit such consent to a specific Beneficiary, and that the spouse voluntarily elects to relinquish such right.
- (c) In the event that the Participant fails to designate a Beneficiary, or in the event that the Participant is predeceased by all designated primary and secondary Beneficiaries, the death benefit will be payable to the Participant's spouse or, if there is no spouse, to the

Participant's estate.

Section 7.05 **MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS****(a) General Rules.**

- (1) **Effective Date.** Subject to Section 7.09, the requirements of this Section shall apply to any distribution of a Participant's interest and will take precedence over any inconsistent provisions of this Plan.
- (2) **Construction.** All distributions required under this Section shall be determined and made in accordance with the regulations under Code section 401(a)(9) and the minimum distribution incidental benefit requirement of Code section 401(a)(9)(G). Nothing contained in this Section shall be deemed to create a type of benefit (e.g., installment payments, lump sum within five years or immediate lump sum payment) to any class of Participants and/or Beneficiaries that is not otherwise permitted by the Plan.
- (3) **Limits on Distribution Periods.** As of the first distribution calendar year, distributions to a Participant, if not made in a single sum, may only be made over one of the following periods:
 - (A) the life of the Participant;
 - (B) the joint lives of the Participant and a designated Beneficiary;
 - (C) a period certain not extending beyond the life expectancy of the Participant; or
 - (D) a period certain not extending beyond the joint life and last survivor expectancy of the Participant and a designated Beneficiary.
- (4) If the Participant's Account Balance is distributed as an annuity, the distribution periods described above cannot exceed the periods specified in Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(9)-6. Payments must be made in periodic payments at intervals of no longer than 1 year and must be either non-increasing or they may increase only as provided in Q&As-1 and -4 of Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(9)-6. In addition, any distribution must satisfy the incidental benefit requirements specified in Q&A-2 of Code section 1.401(a)(9)-6.

(b) Time and Manner of Distribution.

- (1) **Required Beginning Date.** Unless an earlier date is specified in Section 7.02(b), 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:
 - (A) If the Participant's surviving spouse is the Participant's sole designated Beneficiary, then unless an earlier date is specified in Section 7.02(b), 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.
 - (B) If the Participant's surviving spouse is not the Participant's sole designated Beneficiary, then, unless otherwise specified in Section 7.02(b), 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) 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 unless an earlier date is specified in Section 7.02(b).
 - (D) 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 are required to begin, this Subsection (b)(2), other than Subsection (b)(2)(i), will apply as if the surviving spouse were the Participant except as otherwise provided in Section 7.02(b).

For purposes of this Subsection (b)(2) and Subsection (d), unless Subsection (b)(2)(iv) applies, distributions are considered to begin on the Participant's Required Beginning Date. If Subsection (b)(2)(iv) applies, distributions are considered to begin on the date distributions are required to begin to the surviving spouse under Subsection (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 Subsection (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 Subsections (c) and (d) to the extent otherwise permitted by the Plan. 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.

(c) Required Minimum Distributions During Participant's Lifetime.

- (1) **Amount of Required Minimum Distribution For Each Distribution Calendar Year.** The amount of the Required Minimum Distribution can be either be determined separately for each investment arrangement owned by the Participant as a Participant (and

not as a beneficiary) or the Participant may choose to aggregate all investment arrangements which they own as a Participant. During the Participant's lifetime, the minimum amount that will be distributed for each distribution calendar year is the lesser of:

- (A) the quotient obtained by dividing the Participant's Account balance by the distribution period in the Uniform Lifetime Table set forth in Treas. Reg. section 1.401(a)(9)-9, Q&A-2 using the Participant's age as of the Participant's birthday in the distribution calendar year; or
 - (B) 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. section 1.401(a)(9)-9, Q&A-3 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 Subsection (c) beginning with the first distribution calendar year and continuing 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.
 - (A) If the Participant's Account balance is distributed as an annuity and the Participant dies on or after required payments begin, the remaining portion of the Participant's Account balance will continue to be distributed under the contract option chosen.
 - (B) 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) 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.
 - (ii) 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.
 - (iii) 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.
 - (C) No Designated Beneficiary. If the Participant dies on or after the date distributions begin and there is no designated Beneficiary as of the 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.
 - (A) Participant Survived by Designated Beneficiary. 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 Subsection (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 Subsection (b)(2)(i), this Subsection (d)(2) will apply as if the surviving spouse were the Participant.
- (e) Definitions.
- (1) Designated Beneficiary. The individual who is designated by the Participant (or the Participant's surviving spouse) as the Beneficiary of the Participant's interest under the Plan and who is the designated Beneficiary under Code section 401(a)(9) and Treas. Reg. section 1.401(a)(9)-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 distributions are required to begin under Subsection (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 is computed by use of the Single Life Table in Treas. Reg. section 1.401(a)(9)-9, Q&A-1.
 - (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 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 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.
- (f) Application of Five Year Rule.
- (1) To the extent permitted in Section 7.02(b), if the Participant dies before distributions are required to begin and there is a designated Beneficiary, distributions to the designated Beneficiary are not required to begin by the date specified in Subsection (b)(2), but the Participant's entire interest may be distributed to the designated Beneficiary by December 31 of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the Participant's death. 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 either the Participant or the surviving spouse begin, this election will apply as if the surviving spouse were the Participant.
 - (2) To the extent permitted in Section 7.02(b), Participants or Beneficiaries may elect on an individual basis whether the 5-year rule or the life expectancy rule in Subsections (b)(2), (d)(2) and (g)(1) applies to distributions after the death of a Participant who has a designated Beneficiary. The election must be made no later than the earlier of September 30 of the calendar year in which distributions would be required to begin under Subsections (b)(2), or by September 30 of the calendar year which contains the fifth anniversary of the Participant's (or, if applicable, surviving spouse's) death. If neither the Participant nor Beneficiary makes an election under this paragraph, distributions will be made in accordance with Subsections (b)(2), (d)(2) and (g)(1).

Section 7.06 DIRECT ROLLOVERS

- (a) In General. This Section applies to distributions made after December 31, 2001. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary that would otherwise limit a distributee's election under this part, a distributee may elect, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the Plan Administrator, to have any portion of an eligible rollover distribution that is equal to at least \$500 (or such lesser amount as determined by the Plan Administrator in a nondiscriminatory manner) paid directly to an eligible retirement plan specified by the distributee in a direct rollover. If an eligible rollover distribution is less than \$500 (or such lesser amount as determined by the Plan Administrator in a nondiscriminatory manner), a distributee may not make the election described in the preceding sentence to roll over a portion of the eligible rollover distribution. This Paragraph shall be subject to Code sections 401(a)(31) and 402(f); Treas. Reg. sections 1.401(a)(31)-1, 1.402(c)-2 and 1.401(k)-1(f); and IRS Notices 2005-5, 2008-30, 2009-69, and 2009-75.

A non-spouse Beneficiary who is a designated Beneficiary within the meaning of Code section 401(a)(9)(E) may, after the death of the Participant, make a direct rollover of a distribution to an IRA established on behalf of the designated Beneficiary; provided the distributed amount satisfies all the requirements to be an eligible rollover distribution other than the requirement that the distribution be made to the Participant or the Participant's spouse. Such direct rollovers shall be subject to the terms and conditions of IRS Notice 2007-7 and superseding guidance, including but not limited to the provision in Q&A-17 regarding required minimum distributions. Effective January 1, 2010, the distributions described in this Paragraph shall be subject to Code sections 401(a)(31), 402(f) and 3405(c).

- (b) Direct Rollovers of Roth Elective Deferral Accounts. If any portion of an eligible rollover distribution is attributable to payments or distributions from a Roth Elective Deferral Account, an eligible retirement plan will only include another Roth elective deferral account under an applicable retirement plan described in Code section 402A(e)(1) or to a Roth IRA described in Code section 408A and only to the extent the rollover is permitted under the rules of Code section 402(c). The Plan will 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 Deferral Account is 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. The provisions of this Section 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 are applied by treating any amount distributed from the 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.

- (c) **Automatic Rollover.** In the event of a mandatory distribution greater than \$1,000 (or such lesser amount as determined by the Plan Administrator in a nondiscriminatory manner) in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.03, if 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 in accordance with Article 7, then the Plan Administrator will pay the distribution in a direct rollover to an individual retirement plan designated by the Plan Administrator. Eligible rollover distributions from a Participant's Roth Elective Deferral Account are separately taken into account in determining whether the total amount of the Participant's Account balances under the Plan exceeds \$1,000 for purposes of mandatory distributions from the Plan.
- (d) **Written Explanation of Right to Direct Rollover.** The Plan Administrator shall provide, within a reasonable time period before making an Eligible Rollover Distribution, a written explanation to the Participant that satisfies the requirements of Code section 402(f).

Section 7.07 MINOR OR LEGALLY INCOMPETENT PAYEE

If a Participant or Beneficiary entitled to receive any benefits hereunder is a minor or is adjudged to be legally incapable of giving valid receipt and discharge for such benefits, or is deemed so by the Administrator, benefits will be paid to such person as the Administrator may designate for the benefit of such Participant or Beneficiary. Such payments will be considered a payment to such Participant or Beneficiary and will, to the extent made, be deemed a complete discharge of any liability for such payments under the Plan.

Section 7.08 MISSING PAYEE

If all or any portion of the distribution payable to a Participant or Beneficiary remains unpaid because the Plan Administrator has been unable to ascertain the whereabouts of the Participant or Beneficiary after making reasonable efforts to contact the Participant or Beneficiary (which may include, but not be limited to, sending a registered letter, return receipt requested, to the last known address of such Participant or Beneficiary; and/or a commercial locating service) the Plan Administrator may use a reasonable method to remove the assets from the Plan that is consistent with ERISA and the Code. Such methods may include, but not be limited to, (a) creating an individual retirement plan designated by the Plan Administrator; or (b) if, for a period of more than five years after such distribution becomes payable or six months after all attempts to locate the Participant or Beneficiary, the Plan Administrator is still unable to ascertain the whereabouts of the Participant or Beneficiary, the amount so distributable may be treated as a forfeiture under Article 6 hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a claim is subsequently made by the Participant or Beneficiary for the forfeited benefit pursuant to clause (b) of the preceding sentence, such benefit shall be reinstated without any credit or deduction for earnings and losses. Amounts forfeited from a Participant's Account under this Section shall be used pursuant to Section 6.03(d).

Section 7.09 JOINT AND SURVIVOR ANNUITIES

- (a) **Application.** Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, this Section 7.09 will only apply (1) if the Adoption Agreement indicates this plan is subject to the Retirement Equity Act requirements, (2) to the portion of their Account Balance for which a Participant elects benefits in the form of a single life annuity; or (3) to the portion of the Participant's Transfer Account attributable to funds subject to the survivor annuity requirements of ERISA section 205 that were transferred from another plan (or to such other Accounts if the amounts were subject to such survivor annuities and were not separately accounted for). This Section will only apply if the Participant's Account exceeds \$5,000 (or such lesser amount specified in the Adoption Agreement) at the time such individual becomes entitled to a distribution hereunder (or at any subsequent time established by the Plan Administrator to the extent provided in applicable Treasury Regulations). Unless otherwise specified in the Adoption Agreement and if elected by the Plan Sponsor in the Adoption Agreement, for purposes of this Section 7.09(a), the Participant's vested Account balance will not include that portion of the Account balance that is attributable to rollover contributions (and earnings allocable thereto) within the meaning of Code sections 402(c), 403(a)(4), 403(b)(8), 408(d)(3)(A)(ii), and 457(e)(16).
- (b) **Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity.** Unless otherwise elected pursuant to Subsection (d) below, a Participant's vested Account balance, to the extent provided in Subsection (a) above, will be paid to him by the purchase and delivery of an annuity in the form of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity. Effective for Annuity Starting Dates in Plan Years beginning after December 31, 2007, to the extent that the Plan must offer a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity, the Plan shall also offer a Qualified Optional Survivor Annuity as another optional form of benefit.

A Participant may waive the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity during a period that begins on the first day of the 180-day period ending on the Annuity Starting Date and ends on the later of the Annuity Starting Date or the 30th day after the Plan Administrator provides the Participant with a written explanation of the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity. The Plan Administrator shall no less than 30 days and no more than 180 days prior to the Annuity Starting Date provide each Participant a written explanation of: (1) the terms and conditions of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity; (2) the Participant's right to make and the effect of an election to waive the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity form of benefit; (3) the rights of a Participant's spouse; (4) the right to make, and the effect of, a

revocation of a previous election to waive the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity; and (5) the relative values of the various optional forms of benefits under the Plan pursuant to Treas. Reg. section 1.417(a)(3)-1(c)(2).

The Annuity Starting Date for a distribution in a form other than a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity may be less than 30 days after receipt of the written explanation described in the preceding paragraph provided: (1) the Participant has been provided with information that clearly indicates that the Participant has at least 30 days to consider whether to waive the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity and elect (with spousal consent) a form of distribution other than a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity; (2) 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 7-day period that begins the day after the explanation of the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity is provided to the Participant; and (3) the Annuity Starting Date is a date after the date that the written explanation was provided to the Participant.

- (c) **Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity.** Unless otherwise elected within the applicable election period and to the extent provided in Subsection (a) above, if a Participant dies before the Annuity Starting Date then at least 50% of the Participant's vested Account balance shall be applied toward the purchase of an annuity for the life of the surviving spouse which shall be distributed to the spouse. The surviving spouse may direct the commencement of payments under the qualified preretirement survivor annuity within a reasonable time after the Participant's death. The terms of such annuity contract shall comply with the provisions of this Plan and the annuity contract shall be nontransferable. The applicable election period shall be the period which begins on the first day of the Plan Year in which the Participant attains age 35 and ends on the date of the Participant's death. If a Participant separates from service prior to the first day of the Plan Year in which he attains age 35, the election period shall begin on the date of separation. A Participant who has not yet attained age 35 may waive the annuity specified in this Subsection (c) provided that (1) the Participant receives a written explanation pursuant to the following paragraph and (2) such election is not effective as of the first day of the Plan Year in which the Participant attains age 35. Any new waiver on or after such date shall be subject to the full requirements of this Subsection. Notwithstanding anything in this Section to the contrary, the surviving spouse may elect, in writing, to have the Account balance be distributed pursuant to Section 7.02(b).

The Plan Administrator shall provide each Participant within the applicable period for such Participant a written explanation of the annuity described in this Subsection (c) in such terms and in such manner as would be comparable to the explanation provided for meeting the requirements of Subsection (b) applicable to a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity. The applicable period for a Participant is whichever of the following periods ends last: (1) the period beginning with the first day of the Plan Year in which the Participant attains age 32 and ending with the close of the Plan Year preceding the Plan Year in which the Participant attains age 35; (2) a reasonable period ending after the individual becomes a Participant; or (3) within a reasonable period ending after Termination of Employment in the case of a Participant who separates from service before attaining age 35.

For purposes of applying the preceding paragraph, a reasonable period ending after the enumerated events described in (2) and (3) is the end of the two-year period beginning one year prior to the date the applicable event occurs, and ending one year after that date. If a Participant who separates from service before the Plan Year in which he attains age 35 thereafter returns to employment with the Employer, the applicable period for such Participant shall be redetermined.

- (d) **Elections.**

Any waiver of the annuities described in Subsections (b) and (c) above shall not be effective unless: (1) the Participant's spouse consents in writing to the election; (2) the election designates a specific Beneficiary, including any class of Beneficiaries or any contingent Beneficiaries, which may not be changed without spousal consent (or the spouse expressly permits designations by the Participant without any further spousal consent); (3) the spouse's consent acknowledges the effect of the election; and (4) the spouse's consent is witnessed by a Plan representative or notary public. Additionally, a Participant's waiver of the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity shall not be effective unless the election designates a form of benefit payment which may not be changed without spousal consent (or the spouse expressly permits designations by the Participant without any further spousal consent). If it is established to the satisfaction of a Plan representative that there is no spouse (within the meaning of Code section 417) or that the spouse cannot be located, a waiver will be deemed a qualified election.

Any consent by a spouse obtained under this provision (or establishment that the consent of a spouse may not be obtained) shall be effective only with respect to such spouse. A consent that permits designations by the Participant without any requirement of further consent by such spouse must acknowledge that the spouse has the right to limit consent to a specific Beneficiary, and a specific form of benefit where applicable, and that the spouse voluntarily elects to relinquish either or both such rights. A revocation of a prior waiver may be made by a Participant without the consent of the spouse at any time before the commencement of benefits. The number of revocations shall not be limited. No consent obtained under this provision shall be valid unless the Participant has received notice as provided in Subsections (b) and (c).

For purposes of determining a Participant's spouse, the Plan Administrator shall apply the one-year rule in Code section 417(d), Treas. Reg. section 1.401(a)-20 to the extent selected in the Adoption Agreement.

ARTICLE 8 IN-SERVICE DISTRIBUTIONS AND LOANS**Section 8.01 HARDSHIP**

- (a) **Hardship.** A Participant may receive a distribution on account of hardship from the Accounts specified in the Adoption Agreement. Unless otherwise specified in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant will only be permitted to receive a hardship distribution pursuant to this Section 8.01 from Accounts that are fully vested. In addition, an employee must obtain all other currently available distributions (including a distribution of ESOP dividends under Code section 404(k)) before receiving a hardship distribution. Notwithstanding the foregoing, hardship withdrawals cannot exceed the aggregate dollar amount of the Elective Deferrals under contract, excluding income, reduced by the amount of any previous distributions previously made from the contract.
- (b) **Hardship - Safe Harbor.** If the Adoption Agreement provides that the Plan has adopted safe harbor criteria for hardship withdrawal the following will apply:
- (1) **Immediate and Heavy Financial Need.** A hardship distribution will only be made upon the finding of an immediate and heavy financial need where such Participant lacks other available resources. The following are the only financial needs considered immediate and heavy:
 - (A) Expenses for (or necessary to obtain) medical care (as defined in Code section 213(d)) for the Employee, the Employee's spouse, Beneficiary or dependents (as defined in Code section 152, and, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, without regard to Code section 152(d)(1)(B));
 - (B) Costs directly related to the purchase of a principal residence for the Employee (excluding mortgage payments);
 - (C) Payment of tuition, related educational fees, and room and board expenses, for up to the next 12 months of post-secondary education for the Employee, or the Employee's spouse, children, Beneficiary, dependents (as defined in Code section 152, and, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, without regard to Code section 152(b)(1), (b)(2) and (d)(1)(B));
 - (D) Payments necessary to prevent the eviction of the Employee from the Employee's principal residence or foreclosure on the mortgage on that residence;
 - (E) Payments for burial or funeral expenses for the Employee's deceased parent, spouse, children, Beneficiary or dependents (as defined in Code section 152, and, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, without regard to Code section 152(d)(1)(B));
 - (F) Expenses for the repair of damage to the Employee's principal residence that would qualify for the casualty deduction under Code section 165 (determined without regard to whether the loss exceeds 10% of adjusted gross income); or
 - (G) Other expenses as provided by the Commissioner as specified in Treas. Reg. section 1.401(k)-1(d)(3)(v).
 - (2) **Amount Necessary to Satisfy Need.** A distribution will be considered as necessary to satisfy an immediate and heavy financial need of the Participant only if:
 - (A) The Participant has obtained all distributions, other than hardship distributions, and all nontaxable loans under all plans maintained by the Employer;
 - (B) All plans maintained by the Employer provide that the Participant's Elective Deferrals (and after-tax contributions) will be suspended for six months after the receipt of the hardship distribution; and
 - (C) The distribution is not in excess of the amount of an immediate and heavy financial need (including amounts necessary to pay any federal, state, or local income taxes or penalties reasonably anticipated to result from the distribution).
- (c) **Hardship - Non Safe Harbor.** If the Adoption Agreement provides that the Plan has not adopted the safe harbor criteria for hardship the following will apply:
- (1) **Immediate and Heavy Financial Need.** A hardship distribution will only be made upon the finding of an immediate and heavy financial need where such Participant lacks other available resources. Whether a Participant has an immediate and heavy financial need is to be determined based on all relevant facts and circumstances. The need to pay the funeral expenses of a family member would constitute an immediate and heavy financial need and a distribution made to a Participant for the purchase of a boat or television would not constitute a distribution made on account of an immediate and heavy financial need. A financial need may be immediate and heavy even if it was reasonably foreseeable or voluntarily incurred by the Participant.
 - (2) **Amount Necessary to Satisfy Need.** A distribution is not treated as necessary to satisfy an immediate and heavy financial need of a Participant to the extent the amount of the distribution is in excess of the amount required to relieve the financial need or to the extent the need may be satisfied from other resources that are reasonably available to the Participant. This determination generally is to be made on the basis of all relevant facts and circumstances. For purposes of this Paragraph, the Participant's resources are deemed to include those assets of the Participant's spouse and minor children that are reasonably available to the Participant. A vacation home jointly owned (regardless of the nature of legal title) by the Participant and the Participant's spouse will be deemed a resource of the Participant. However, property held for the Participant's child under an irrevocable trust or under the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act is not treated as a resource of the Participant. The amount of an immediate and heavy financial need may include any amounts necessary to pay any federal, state, or local income taxes or penalties reasonably anticipated to result from the distribution.

A distribution generally may be treated as necessary to satisfy a financial need if the Employer relies upon the Participant's written representation, unless the Employer has actual knowledge to the contrary, that the need cannot reasonably be relieved:

- (A) Through reimbursement or compensation by insurance or otherwise;
- (B) By liquidation of the Participant's assets;
- (C) By cessation of all Participant contributions under the Plan; or
- (D) By other distributions or nontaxable (at the time of the loan) loans from Plans maintained by the Employer or by any other employer, or by borrowing from commercial sources on reasonable commercial terms, in an amount sufficient to satisfy the need.

For purposes of this Paragraph, a need cannot reasonably be relieved by one of the actions listed above if the effect would be to increase the amount of the need. For example, the need for funds to purchase a principal residence cannot reasonably be relieved by a plan loan if the loan would disqualify the Employee from obtaining other necessary financing.

Section 8.02 SPECIFIED AGE

A Participant may receive a distribution on attainment of a specified age from the Accounts specified in the Adoption Agreement. Unless otherwise specified in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant will only be permitted to receive a specified age distribution pursuant to this Section 8.02 from Accounts that are fully vested.

Section 8.03 SPECIFIED AGE AND SERVICE

A Participant may receive a distribution on attainment of a specified age and specified service from the Accounts specified in the Adoption Agreement. Unless otherwise specified in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant will only be permitted to receive a specified age and specified service distribution pursuant to this Section 8.03 from Accounts that are fully vested.

Section 8.04 OTHER WITHDRAWALS

- (a) **After a Period Certain.** To the extent provided in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant may receive a distribution from his Matching Contribution to the extent that such Account has been invested in Annuity Contracts (Annuity Contract Matching Contribution Account) and his Non-Elective Contribution Account to the extent that such Account has been invested in Annuity Contracts (Annuity Contract Non-Elective Contribution Account) which has accumulated for at least twenty-four (24) months; and an individual who has been a Participant for five (5) or more Plan Years will be entitled to receive a distribution of his Annuity Contract Matching Contribution Account and Annuity Contract Non-Elective Contribution Account regardless of the length of time the funds have accumulated. Unless otherwise specified in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant will only be permitted to receive a distribution pursuant to this Section 8.04(a) from Accounts that are fully vested. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Participant may receive a distribution from his Annuity Contract Matching Contribution Account only to the extent such account has not been used to satisfy the requirements of Code section 401(m)(11) or 401(m)(12).
- (b) **At Any Time.** To the extent provided in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant may receive a distribution from his Annuity Contract Voluntary Contribution Account and his Rollover Contribution Account at any time.
- (c) **Qualified Reservist Distributions.** To the extent Qualified Reservist Distributions are provided for in the Adoption Agreement, as provided in Code section 72(t)(2)(G)(iii), Notice 2010-15 and any superseding guidance, the following shall apply:
 - (1) For purposes of Code section 401(k)(2)(B)(i) (distributions of Elective Deferrals), a Participant who is a member of the reserves who has been ordered or called to active duty for a period of more than 179 days or for an indefinite period may receive a distribution during such active duty period.
- (d) **Deemed Severance Distributions.** To the extent Deemed Severance Distributions are provided for in the Adoption Agreement, as provided in Code section 414(u)(12)(B), Notice 2010-15 and any superseding guidance, the following shall apply:
 - (1) For purposes of Code section 401(k)(2)(B)(i)(I) (distributions of Elective Deferrals), a Participant performing service in the uniformed services while on active duty for a period of more than 30 days will be treated as having terminated from employment during any period the Participant is performing services described in Code section 3401(h)(2)(A).
 - (2) If a Participant elects to receive a distribution by reason of Subsection (d), the Participant may not make an Elective Deferral or Voluntary Contribution during the 6-month period beginning on the date of distribution.
- (e) **IRS Levy.** The Plan Administrator may pay from a Participant's or Beneficiary's Account Balance the amount that the Plan Administrator finds is lawfully demanded under a levy issued by the IRS 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.
- (f) **Qualified Domestic Relations Order.** If a Qualified Domestic Relations Order is received by the Plan Administrator then the amount of the Participant's Account Balance awarded to an Alternate Payee will be paid only if such domestic relations order is determined by the Plan

Administrator to be a Qualified Domestic Relations Order, or any domestic relations order entered before January 1, 1985.

Section 8.05 TRANSFER ACCOUNT

A Participant may receive a distribution from his Transfer Account as permitted under the terms of any plan from which funds in such Account were transferred to the extent that such optional forms of benefit must be preserved pursuant to ERISA section 204(g)(1).

Section 8.06 RULES REGARDING IN-SERVICE DISTRIBUTIONS

- (a) **Frequency and Amount of Withdrawals.** The Plan Administrator may establish uniform procedures that include, but are not limited to, prescribing limitations on the frequency and minimum amount of withdrawals; provided, that no procedures involving minimum amounts will prescribe a minimum withdrawal greater than \$1,000; provided, however that if the Plan is a FICA Church Plan or a Governmental Plan, the Plan Administrator may establish other minimum withdrawal limits.
- (b) **Form of Withdrawals.** Unless otherwise provided in the Adoption Agreement, all distributions of amounts withdrawn pursuant to Sections 8.01, 8.02, 8.03, and 8.04 will be made in the form of a lump sum as soon as practicable following the Valuation Date as of which such withdrawal is made. Such distributions will be paid in cash or in-kind.
- (c) **Active Employment.** Only Employees will be eligible to receive in-service distributions pursuant to this Article 8.
- (d) **Rule for Pre-1989 Elective Deferrals and Custodial Accounts.** Withdrawal restrictions on amounts held as of the close of the taxable year beginning before January 1, 1989 relating to Elective Deferrals and Custodial Accounts will be determined pursuant to the law in effect at that time.
- (e) **Transfer Account.** A Participant may receive a distribution from the vested portion of his Transfer Account only to the extent such account was not transferred from a qualified plan subject to ERISA section 205.
- (f) **Ordering Rules.** The Plan Administrator will determine the ordering rules for in-service distributions. Such ordering rules may provide that the Participant may elect to have payments made first or last from his Roth Elective Deferral Account or Voluntary Contribution Account or in any combination of such accounts and any other Account.

Section 8.07 LOANS

- (a) **Eligible Participants.** If allowed in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant may apply for a loan from the Plan and the provisions of Code section 72(p) and Treas. Reg. section 1.72(p)-1 shall apply to the Plan and are hereby incorporated by reference. The Plan Administrator may provide that a loan may only be granted for the purpose of enabling the Participant to meet a financial hardship or an unusual or special situation in his financial affairs. Loans shall only be granted pursuant to the terms of this Section to persons who the Plan Administrator determines have the ability to repay the loan. Loans shall not be made available to Participants who are or were Highly Compensated Employees in an amount greater than the amount available to other Participants, and loans shall be made available to all Participants on a nondiscriminatory and reasonably equivalent basis.
- (b) **Maximum Loan Amount.** No loan to any Participant can be made to the extent that such loan when added to the outstanding balance of all other loans to the Participant would exceed the lesser of:
 - (1) \$50,000 reduced by the excess (if any) of the highest outstanding balance of loans during the one year period ending on the day before the loan is made, over the outstanding balance of loans from the Plan on the date the loan is made; or
 - (2) one-half the present value of the vested Account balance of the Participant or, if greater and so provided by the Plan Administrator, the total vested Account balance up to \$10,000; provided that additional security is given to the extent such loan exceeds 50% of the vested Account balance.

For the purpose of the above limitation, all loans from all qualified plans of the Employer are aggregated.

- (c) **Loan Term and Amortization.** Any loan shall by its terms require that repayment (principal and interest) be amortized in level payments, not less frequently than quarterly, over a period not extending beyond five years from the date of the loan. If so provided by the Plan Administrator, a loan term may extend beyond five years if the loan is used to acquire a dwelling unit which within a reasonable time (determined at the time the loan is made) will be used as the principal residence of the Participant.
- (d) **Minimum Loan Amount - Maximum Number of Loans.** The Plan Administrator shall specify a minimum loan amount and the maximum number of loans outstanding at any one time.
- (e) **Interest Rate.** Interest shall be charged at a rate to be fixed by the Plan Administrator and, in determining the interest rate, the Plan Administrator shall take into consideration interest rates currently being charged on similar commercial loans by persons in the business of lending money.
- (f) **Security.** All loans shall be secured by no more than one-half of the vested portion of the Participant's Accounts (determined immediately after the origination of the loan) and such additional security as the Plan Administrator may deem necessary. All loans made to

Participants under this Section are to be considered investments and shall be segregated as provided in Article 9 hereof unless the Plan Administrator provides otherwise.

- (g) **Repayment.** Loans shall be repaid in accordance with the foregoing and the Plan Administrator may require as a condition to granting such loan that it be repaid through payroll deductions. Unless the loan note provides otherwise, the principal amount of the loan and accrued interest shall become immediately due and payable upon a Termination of Employment. Repayment may be suspended pursuant to Code section 414(u).
- (h) **Loan Fees.** Fees properly chargeable in connection with a loan may be charged, in accordance with a uniform and nondiscriminatory policy established by the Plan Administrator, against the Account of the Participant to whom the loan is granted.
- (i) **Default.** In the event of default, foreclosure on the note and attachment of security shall not occur until a distributable event occurs in the Plan.
- (j) **Loan Procedures.** The Plan Administrator is authorized to adopt any administrative rules or procedures that it deems necessary or appropriate with respect to the granting and administering of loans under this Article 8.
- (k) **Ordering Rules.** The Plan Administrator shall determine from which Accounts a Participant may receive a loan and the ordering rules for loans. Such ordering rule may provide that the Participant may elect to have loans made first or last from his Roth Elective Deferral Account or Voluntary Contribution Account or in any combination of such Accounts and any other Account.
- (l) **Spousal Consent.** If Section 7.09 applies or if so provided by the Plan Administrator, a Participant must obtain the consent of his or her spouse, if any, to use the Account balance as security for a loan. Spousal consent shall be obtained no earlier than the beginning of the 180-day period that ends on the date on which the loan is to be so secured. The consent must be in writing, must acknowledge the effect of the loan, and must be witnessed by a Plan representative or notary public. Such consent shall thereafter be binding with respect to the consenting spouse or any subsequent spouse with respect to that loan. A new consent shall be required if the Account balance is used for renegotiation, extension, renewal, or other revision of the loan.

If Section 7.09 applies and a valid spousal consent has been obtained, then, notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, the portion of the Participant's vested Account balance used as a security interest held by the Plan by reason of a loan outstanding to the Participant shall be taken into account for purposes of determining the amount of the Account balance payable at the time of death or distribution, but only if the reduction is used as repayment of the loan. If less than 100% of the Participant's vested Account balance (determined without regard to the preceding sentence) is payable to the surviving spouse, then the Account balance shall be adjusted by first reducing the vested Account balance by the amount of the security used as repayment of the loan, and then determining the benefit payable to the surviving spouse.

Section 8.08 **TRANSFERS FROM THE PLAN**

- (a) At the direction of the Employer, the Administrator may transfer all or any portion of any Account Balance to another plan that satisfies Code section 403(b) in accordance with Treas. Reg. section 1.403(b)-10(b)(3). A transfer is permitted under this Section 8.08 only if the Participants or Beneficiaries are employees or former employees of the employer (or the business of the employer) under the receiving plan and the other plan provides for the acceptance of plan-to-plan transfers with respect to the Participants and Beneficiaries. Each Participant and Beneficiary will have an amount deferred under the other plan immediately after the transfer at least equal to the amount transferred.
- (b) The other plan will, to the extent any amount transferred is subject to any distribution restrictions required under Code section 403(b), impose restrictions on distributions to the Participant or Beneficiary whose assets are transferred that are not less stringent than those imposed under the Plan by application of the Code, ERISA or other applicable law. In addition, if the transfer does not constitute a complete transfer of the Participant's or Beneficiary's interest in the Plan, the other plan will treat the amount transferred as a continuation of a pro rata portion of the Participant's or Beneficiary's interest in the transferor plan (e.g., a pro rata portion of the Participant's or Beneficiary's interest in any after-tax employee contributions).
- (c) Upon the transfer of assets under this Section 8.08, the Plan's liability to pay benefits to the Participant or Beneficiary under this Plan will be discharged to the extent of the amount so transferred for the Participant or Beneficiary. The Administrator may require such documentation from the receiving plan as it deems appropriate or necessary to comply with this Section 8.08 (for example, to confirm that the receiving plan satisfies Code section 403(b) and to assure that the transfer is permitted under the receiving plan) or to effectuate the transfer pursuant to section 1.403(b)-10(b)(3) of the Income Tax Regulations.

Section 8.09 **PERMISSIVE SERVICE CREDIT TRANSFERS**

- (a) If a Participant is also a participant in a tax-qualified defined benefit governmental plan (as defined in Code section 414(d)) that provides for the acceptance of plan-to-plan transfers with respect to the Participant, then the Participant may elect to have any portion of the Participant's Account Balance transferred to the defined benefit governmental plan. A transfer under this Section 8.09 may be made before

the Participant has Terminated.

- (b) A transfer may be made under this Section 8.09 only if the transfer is either for the purchase of permissive service credit (as defined in Code section 415(n)(3)(A)) under the receiving defined benefit governmental plan or a repayment to which Code section 415 does not apply by reason of Code section 415(k)(3).
- (c) In addition, if a plan-to-plan transfer does not constitute a complete transfer of the Participant's or Beneficiary's interest in the transferor plan, the Plan will treat the amount transferred as a continuation of a pro rata portion of the Participant's or Beneficiary's interest in the transferor plan (e.g., a pro rata portion of the Participant's or Beneficiary's interest in any after-tax employee contributions).

ARTICLE 9 INVESTMENT AND VALUATION OF FUND**Section 9.01** **INVESTMENT OF ASSETS**

All existing assets of the Fund and all future contributions will be invested in applicable Funds. Except to the extent that they are inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, the terms and conditions of each Fund are hereby incorporated herein by reference. In the event of any conflict between the terms of the Plan and the terms of the Funds under the Plan (or any other documents incorporated by reference), the terms of the Plan shall govern.

The Plan Administrator will maintain a list of all Funds under the Plan. Such list is hereby incorporated as part of the Plan. Each Fund and the Administrator will exchange such information as may be necessary to satisfy section 403(b) of the Code or other requirements of applicable law. In the case of a fund which is not eligible to receive contributions under the Plan, the Employer will keep the fund informed of the name and contact information of the Plan Administrator in order to coordinate information necessary to satisfy section 403(b) of the Code or other requirements of applicable law.

Section 9.02 **PARTICIPANT SELF-DIRECTION**

- (a) **In General.** To the extent provided for in the Adoption Agreement and to the extent permitted by each applicable Fund, the Plan Administrator may permit Participants to direct the investment of their Accounts pursuant to this Section 9.02. Any Participant self-direction will be made pursuant to such uniform guidelines and procedures as the Plan Administrator may establish from time to time.
- (b) **Investment Elections.** To the extent provided in Subsection (a), each Participant will direct in the form and manner and at the time or times prescribed by the Plan Administrator the percentage of the applicable Accounts to be invested in one or more of the available Funds, subject to such rules and limitations as the Plan Administrator may prescribe. After the death of the Participant, a Beneficiary will be entitled to make investment elections as if the Beneficiary were the Participant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Plan Administrator may restrict investment transfers to the extent required to comply with applicable law.
- (c) **Loans.** If the Adoption Agreement does not permit Participant self-direction, any assets that are held in the form of a Participant loan made pursuant to Article 8 will be treated as a segregated investment unless otherwise provided in the Adoption Agreement.

Section 9.03 **INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS**

To the extent provided in the Adoption Agreement, there will be maintained on the books of the Plan with respect to each Participant, as applicable, a Pre-Tax Elective Deferral Account, Roth Elective Deferral Account, Matching Contribution Account, Non-Elective Contribution Account, Voluntary Contribution Account, Mandatory After-Tax Contribution Account, Mandatory Pre-Tax Contribution Account, Rollover Contribution Account, Qualified Non-Elective Contribution Account, Transfer Account, and any other Account established by the Plan Administrator. Each such Account will separately reflect the Participant's interest in the Fund relating to such Account. Additionally, separate accounts will be maintained on the books for assets that are subject to different vesting schedules. Any portion of such account in which the participant is not vested shall be accounted for separately and treated as a contract to which Code section 403(c) applies. A Participant's interest in the Fund will be determined and accounted for based on his beneficial interest in such fund.

Section 9.04 **ALLOCATION OF EARNINGS AND LOSSES**

- (a) **Reinvestment.** The dividends, capital gains distributions, and other earnings received on the Fund will be allocated to such fund and reinvested.
- (b) **Valuation.** The assets of each Investment Fund will be valued at their current fair market value as of each Valuation Date, and Accounts of each Participant with interests in that Investment Fund will be credited with such Participant's allocable share of the earnings and losses of each Investment Fund since the immediately preceding Valuation Date. Such allocation will be done on the basis of such Participant's interest in the applicable Investment Fund. For purposes of the allocation investment earnings and losses, the Plan Administrator may adjust the value of interests of Funds in Accounts as of the preceding Valuation Date to account for any contributions, distributions, or withdrawals that occur after such preceding Valuation Date.
- (c) **Allocation to Individual Accounts.** The Accounts of each Participant will be adjusted as of each Valuation Date by (i) reducing such Accounts by any distributions and withdrawals made therefrom since the preceding Valuation Date, (ii) increasing or reducing such Accounts by the Participant's share of earnings and losses and reasonable fees charged against such accounts at the direction of the Plan Administrator, and (iii) crediting such Accounts with any contributions made thereto since the preceding Valuation Date.
- (d) **Allocation of Expenses.** The Plan Administrator may allocate all, none or any portion of the Plan's expenses to Participant Accounts. The Plan Administrator may allocate such expenses using any reasonable method which may include, but not be limited to: (i) allocating

expenses only to current or former employees (or among any other classification(s) of employees); (ii) allocating expenses directly to individual employees; (iii) allocating expenses using the per capita or pro rata method; and (iv) any combination of the foregoing. If the Adoption Agreement provides that the Plan is subject to ERISA, the Plan Administrator may allocate such expenses using any reasonable method that does not violate Title I of ERISA and, if the Adoption Agreement provides that the Plan is not a FICA Church and not a Governmental Plan, in any manner that does not discriminate in favor of Highly Compensated Employees within the meaning of applicable provisions of Code section 401(a)(4).

- (e) Valuation for Distribution. For the purposes of paying the amounts to be distributed to a Participant or Beneficiary pursuant to Articles 7 and 8, the value of the Participant's interest will be determined in accordance with the provisions of this Article as of the Valuation Date related to the date benefits are paid.
- (f) No Rights Created by Allocation. An allocation of contributions or earnings to the separate account of a Participant under this Article 9 will not cause the Participant to have any right, title or interest in any assets of the Plan except at the time and under the terms and conditions expressly provided for in the Plan.

Section 9.05 CONTRACT AND CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXCHANGES

- (a) If the conditions in paragraphs (b) through (d) of this Section 9.05 are satisfied, a Participant or Beneficiary is permitted to change the investment of his or her Account Balance, subject to Plan Administrator approval, to an investment with a fund that is not specifically approved by the Employer for use under the Plan.
- (b) The Participant or Beneficiary must have an Account Balance immediately after the exchange that is at least equal to the Account Balance of that Participant or Beneficiary immediately before the exchange (taking into account the Account Balance of that Participant or Beneficiary under both Annuity Contracts or Custodial Accounts immediately before the exchange).
- (c) The receiving fund has distribution restrictions with respect to the Participant that are not less stringent than those imposed on the investment being exchanged.
- (d) The Employer enters into an agreement with the receiving fund under which the Employer and the fund will from time to time in the future provide each other with the following information:
 - (1) Information necessary for the resulting contract or custodial account, or any other contract or custodial accounts to which contributions have been made by the Employer, to satisfy Code section 403(b), including the following:
 - (A) the Employer providing information as to whether the Participant's employment with the Employer is continuing, and notifying the fund when the Participant has had a Termination;
 - (B) the fund notifying the Employer of any hardship withdrawal under Section 8.01 if the withdrawal results in a 6-month suspension of the Participant's right to make Elective Deferrals under the Plan; and
 - (C) the fund providing information to the Employer or other Funds concerning the Participant's or Beneficiary's section 403(b) contracts or custodial accounts or qualified employer plan benefits (to enable a Fund to determine the amount of any plan loans and any rollover accounts that are available to the Participant under the Plan in order to satisfy the financial need under the hardship withdrawal rules of Section 8.01).
 - (2) Information necessary in order for the resulting contract or custodial account and any other contract or custodial account to which contributions have been made for the Participant by the Employer to satisfy other tax requirements, including the following:
 - (A) the amount of any plan loan that is outstanding to the Participant in order for a Fund to determine whether an additional plan loan satisfies the loan limitations of Section 8.05, so that any such additional loan is not a deemed distribution under section 72(p)(1); and
 - (B) information concerning the Participant's or Beneficiary's Voluntary Contributions or Roth Elective Deferrals in order for a Fund to determine the extent to which a distribution is includible in gross income.
- (e) If any Fund ceases to be eligible to receive contributions under the Plan, the Employer will enter into an information sharing agreement as described in Section 9.05(d) to the extent the Employer's contract with the Fund does not provide for the exchange of information described in Section 9.05(d)(1) and (2).

ARTICLE 10 FUND

Section 10.01 FUND

- (a) **Exclusive Benefit.** All Custodial Accounts are for the exclusive benefit of the Participants and their Beneficiaries, and such Accounts will not be used for, nor diverted to, purposes other than for the exclusive benefit of the Participants and their Beneficiaries (including the costs of maintaining and administering the Plan and Fund).
- (b) **Return of Contributions.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this the Plan, contributions made by the Adopting Employer based upon a good faith mistake of fact may be returned to the Adopting Employer within one year of such contribution if such distribution does not contravene any provision of applicable law.

ARTICLE 11 PLAN ADMINISTRATION**Section 11.01 PLAN ADMINISTRATOR**

- (a) **Designation.** The Plan Administrator will be specified in the Adoption Agreement. In the absence of a designation in the Adoption Agreement, the Plan Sponsor will be the Plan Administrator. If a Committee is designated as the Plan Administrator, the Committee will consist of one or more individuals who may be Employees appointed by the Plan Sponsor and the Committee may elect a chairman and may adopt such rules and procedures as it deems desirable. The Committee may also take action with or without formal meetings and may authorize one or more individuals, who may or may not be members of the Committee, to execute documents in its behalf.
- (b) **Authority and Responsibility of the Plan Administrator.** The Plan Administrator will be the Plan "administrator" as such term is defined in section 3(16) of ERISA (if the Adoption Agreement provides that the Plan is subject to ERISA), and as such will have total and complete discretionary power and authority:
- (1) to make factual determinations, to construe and interpret the provisions of the Plan, to correct defects and resolve ambiguities and inconsistencies therein and to supply omissions thereto. Any construction, interpretation, or application of the Plan by the Plan Administrator will be final, conclusive, and binding;
 - (2) to determine the amount, form or timing of benefits payable hereunder and the recipient thereof and to resolve any claim for benefits in accordance with this Article 11;
 - (3) to determine the amount and manner of any allocations hereunder;
 - (4) to maintain and preserve records relating to Participants, former Participants, and their Beneficiaries and Alternate Payees;
 - (5) to prepare and furnish to Participants, Beneficiaries and Alternate Payees all information and notices required under federal law or the provisions of this Plan;
 - (6) to prepare and file or publish with the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of the Treasury, their delegates and all other appropriate government officials all reports and other information required under law to be so filed or published;
 - (7) to approve and enforce any loan hereunder including the repayment thereof;
 - (8) to provide directions with respect to the purchase of life insurance, methods of benefit payment, valuations at dates other than regular Valuation Dates and on all other matters where called for in the Plan;
 - (9) to hire such professional assistants and consultants as it, in its sole discretion, deems necessary or advisable;
 - (10) to determine all questions of the eligibility of Employees and of the status of rights of Participants, Beneficiaries and Alternate Payees;
 - (11) to arrange for bonding, if required by law;
 - (12) to adjust Accounts in order to correct errors or omissions;
 - (13) to determine whether any domestic relations order constitutes a Qualified Domestic Relations Order and to take such action as the Plan Administrator deems appropriate in light of such domestic relations order;
 - (14) to retain records on elections and waivers by Participants, their spouses and their Beneficiaries and Alternate Payees;
 - (15) to supply such information to any person as may be required;
 - (16) to establish, revise from time to time, and communicate to the Investment Fiduciary and Investment Manager(s), a funding policy and method for the Plan; and
 - (17) to perform such other functions and duties as are set forth in the Plan that are not specifically given to the Investment Fiduciary.
- (c) **Procedures.** The Plan Administrator may adopt such rules and procedures as it deems necessary, desirable, or appropriate for the administration of the Plan. When making a determination or calculation, the Plan Administrator will be entitled to rely upon information furnished to it. The Plan Administrator's decisions will be binding and conclusive as to all parties.
- (d) **Allocation of Duties and Responsibilities.** The Plan Administrator may designate other persons to carry out any of his duties and responsibilities under the Plan.

Section 11.02 INVESTMENT FIDUCIARY

- (a) **Designation.** The Plan Investment Fiduciary will be designated by the Plan Sponsor. In the absence of a designation, the Plan Administrator will be the Investment Fiduciary. The Investment Fiduciary may consist of a committee consisting of one or more individuals who may be Employees appointed by the Plan Sponsor. If a committee is appointed, the committee may elect a chairman and may adopt such rules and procedures as it deems desirable. The committee may take action with or without formal meetings and may authorize one or more individuals, who may or may not be members of the committee, to execute documents in its behalf.
- (b) **Authority and Responsibility of the Investment Fiduciary.** The Investment Fiduciary will have the following discretionary authority and responsibility:
- (1) to manage the investment of the Fund;

- (2) to appoint one or more Investment Managers;
 - (3) to hire such professional assistants and consultants as it, in its sole discretion, deems necessary or advisable;
 - (4) to establish, revise from time to time, and communicate to the Investment Manager(s), an investment policy for the Plan; and
 - (5) to supply such information to any person as may be required.
- (c) Procedures. The Investment Fiduciary may adopt such rules and procedures as it deems necessary, desirable, or appropriate in furtherance of its duties hereunder. When making a determination or calculation, the Investment Fiduciary will be entitled to rely upon information furnished to it.

Section 11.03 COMPENSATION OF PLAN ADMINISTRATOR AND INVESTMENT FIDUCIARY

The Adopting Employer may provide that the Plan Administrator and Investment Fiduciary will serve with or without compensation for their services.

Section 11.04 PLAN EXPENSES

All direct expenses of the Plan, the Plan Administrator and Investment Fiduciary or any other person in furtherance of their duties hereunder will be paid or reimbursed by the Adopting Employer, and if not so paid or reimbursed, will be proper charges to the Fund and will be paid therefrom.

Section 11.05 ALLOCATION OF FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY

A Plan fiduciary will have only those specific powers, duties, responsibilities, and obligations as are explicitly given him under the Plan. It is intended that each fiduciary will not be responsible for any act or failure to act of another fiduciary. A fiduciary may serve in more than one fiduciary capacity with respect to the Plan.

Section 11.06 INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent specified in the Adoption Agreement, the Adopting Employer will indemnify and hold harmless any person serving as the Investment Fiduciary and/or Plan Administrator from all claims, liabilities, losses, damages and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, incurred by such persons in connection with their duties hereunder to the extent not covered by insurance, except when the same is due to such person's own gross negligence, willful misconduct, lack of good faith, breach of its fiduciary duties under this Plan or ERISA (if the Adoption Agreement provides that the Plan is subject to ERISA), or breach of other applicable law.

Section 11.07 WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

To the extent permitted by applicable Treasury and/or Department of Labor Regulations and accepted by the Plan Administrator and, as applicable, the Trustee, all provisions of the Plan and Trust that require written notices and elections shall be interpreted to mean authorized electronic and telephonic notices and elections. Any notice made under the terms of the Plan may be made in any electronic or telephonic method.

ARTICLE 12 AMENDMENT, MERGER AND TERMINATION

Section 12.01 AMENDMENT

The provisions of the Plan may be amended at any time and from time to time by the Plan Sponsor, provided, however, that:

- (a) No amendment to the Plan shall be effective to the extent that it has the effect of decreasing a Participant's accrued benefit and no amendment shall increase the duties and liabilities of the Trustee without the Trustee's consent. For purposes of this Subsection, a Plan amendment which has the effect of decreasing a Participant's Account balance, with respect to benefits attributable to service before the amendment, shall be treated as reducing an accrued benefit.

A Plan amendment may not decrease a Participant's accrued benefits, or otherwise place greater restrictions or conditions on a Participant's rights to Code section 411(d)(6) protected benefits, even if the amendment merely adds a restriction or condition that is permitted under the vesting rules in Code section 411(a)(3) through (11). Notwithstanding the foregoing, an amendment described in the previous sentence does not violate Code section 411(d)(6) to the extent: (1) it applies with respect to benefits that accrue after the applicable amendment date; (2) the Plan amendment changes the Plan's Vesting Computation Period and it satisfies the applicable requirements under 29 CFR 2530.203-2(c); or (3) permitted under Code section 412(d)(2) or Treas. Reg. sections 1.411(d)-3 and 1.411(d)-4 and any superseding guidance.

No amendment to the Plan shall be effective to eliminate or restrict an optional form of benefit. The preceding sentence shall not apply to a Plan amendment that eliminates or restricts the ability of a Participant to receive payment of his or her Account balance under a particular optional form of benefit if the amendment is permitted under applicable Treasury Regulations.

A Plan amendment may also provide exceptions from the general prohibition against the elimination or restriction of optional forms of benefit for in-kind distributions and elective transfers as specified under Treas. Reg. section 1.411(d)-4 Q&A 2 and 3.

- (b) Amendment by Volume Submitter Practitioner. The volume submitter practitioner may amend any part of the Plan on behalf of the Adopting Employer for changes in the Code, regulations, revenue rulings, other statements published by the Internal Revenue Service, including model, sample or other required good faith amendments, but only if their adoption will not cause the Plan to be individually designed, and for corrections of prior plans.

The volume submitter practitioner will no longer have the authority to amend the Plan on behalf of any Adopting Employer as of either: (1) the date the Internal Revenue Service requires the Employer to file Form 5300 as an individually designed plan as a result of an Employer amendment to the Plan to incorporate a type of plan not allowable in the Volume Submitter program, as described in Rev. Proc. 2007-44 and Rev. Proc. 2011-49 and superseding guidance, or (2) as of the date the Plan is otherwise considered an individually designed plan due to the nature and extent of the amendments.

The volume submitter practitioner will maintain a record of the Employers that have adopted the Plan, and such practitioner will make reasonable and diligent efforts to ensure that Adopting Employers have actually received and are aware of all Plan amendments and that such Employers adopt new documents when necessary. In the event that volume submitter practitioner licenses this document to a middleman who has not filed for a letter in their own name as an identical adopter, such middleman will be responsible for duties described in the preceding sentence.

- (c) The Plan Sponsor may: (1) change the choice of options in the Adoption Agreement; (2) add overriding language in the Adoption Agreement when such language is necessary to satisfy Code sections 415 or 416 because of the required aggregation of multiple plans; (3) amend administrative provisions of the Trust or custodial document in the case of a volume submitter plan or non-standardized prototype plan, and the name of any pooled trust in which the Plan's Trust will participate; (4) add certain sample or model amendments published by the Internal Revenue Service or other required good faith amendments which specifically provide that their adoption will not cause the Plan to be treated as individually designed; (5) add or change provisions permitted under the Plan and/or specify or change the effective date of a provision as permitted under the Plan; and (6) adopt other amendments permitted under Revenue Procedure 2011-49 and any superseding guidance that do not cause the Plan to become individually designed (this would include, but not be limited to, situations where a closing agreement under the Audit Closing Agreement Program or a compliance statement under the Voluntary Correction Program has been issued with respect to the Employer's Plan with regard to the amendment). An Employer that amends a plan other than a volume submitter plan for any other reason other than amendments permitted under Revenue Procedure 2011-49 and any superseding guidance, including a waiver of the minimum funding requirement under Code section 412(d), will no longer participate in this master or prototype plan and will be considered to have an individually designed plan.
- (d) If the Plan's vesting schedule is amended, in the case of an Employee who is a Participant as of the later of the date the amendment is

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adopted or the date it becomes effective, the nonforfeitable percentage (determined as of such date) of such Employee's Employer-derived accrued benefit will not be less than the percentage computed under the Plan without regard to such amendment.

- (e) If the Plan's vesting schedule is amended, or the Plan is amended in any way that directly or indirectly affects the computation of the Participant's nonforfeitable percentage or if the Plan is deemed amended by an automatic change to or from a Top-Heavy vesting schedule, each Participant with at least 3 Years of Vesting Service with the Employer may elect, within a reasonable period after the adoption of the amendment or change, to have the nonforfeitable percentage computed under the Plan without regard to such amendment or change. For Participants who do not have at least 1 Hour of Service in any Plan Year beginning after December 31, 1988, the preceding sentence shall be applied by substituting "5 Years of Vesting Service" for "3 Years of Vesting Service" where such language appears. The period during which the election may be made shall commence with the date the amendment is adopted or deemed to be made and shall end on the latest of:
 - (1) 60 days after the amendment is adopted;
 - (2) 60 days after the amendment becomes effective; or
 - (3) 60 days after the Participant is issued written notice of the amendment by the Plan Administrator.The election provided for in this Section 12.01 shall be made in writing and shall be irrevocable when made.
- (f) An amendment or restatement of the Plan may be made by any method including a formal record of action by the Board or other written document and execution of such amendment or restatement may be made by written or electronic means.
- (g) A Participant's benefit under the Plan shall not decrease do to merger, transfer of assets or liabilities, or consolidation of the Plan that is then followed by Plan termination.

Section 12.02 TERMINATION

- (a) It is the intention of the Plan Sponsor that this Plan will be permanent. However, the Plan Sponsor reserves the right to terminate the Plan at any time for any reason.
- (b) Each entity constituting the Adopting Employer reserves the right to terminate its participation in this Plan. Each such entity constituting the Adopting Employer will be deemed to terminate its participation in the Plan if it ceases in any way to carry on operations.
- (c) Any termination of the Plan will become effective as of the date designated by the Plan Sponsor. Except as expressly provided elsewhere in the Plan, prior to the satisfaction of all liabilities with respect to the benefits provided under this Plan, no termination will cause any part of the funds or assets held to provide benefits under the Plan to be used other than for the benefit of Participants or to meet the administrative expenses of the Plan. In the event of the termination or partial termination, or complete discontinuance of contributions under the Plan, the account balance of each affected Participant will be nonforfeitable to the extent required by applicable law.
- (d) Distribution upon Termination of the Plan. The Employer must provide that, in connection with a termination of the Plan, all Accounts will be distributed, provided that the Employer on the date of termination does not make contributions to an alternative Code section 403(b) plan that is not part of the Plan during the period beginning on the date of plan termination and ending 12 months after the distribution of all assets from the Plan, except as permitted by the Income Tax Regulations.

Section 13.03 **NO RIGHT TO EMPLOYMENT**

Nothing contained in this Plan will be construed as a contract of employment between the Employer and the Participant, or as a right of any Employee to continue in the employment of the Employer, or as a limitation of the right of the Employer to discharge any of its Employees, with or without cause.

Section 13.04 **NO RIGHT TO FUND ASSETS**

No Employee, Participant, former Participant, Beneficiary, or Alternate Payee will have any rights to, or interest in, any assets of the Fund upon termination of employment or otherwise, except as specifically provided under the Plan. All Payments of benefits under the Plan will be made solely out of the assets of the Fund.

Section 13.05 **PARTICIPANT BENEFITING**

A Participant will be treated as benefiting under the Plan for any Plan Year during which the Participant received or is deemed to receive an allocation in accordance with Treas. Reg. section 1.410(b)-3(a).

Section 13.06 **GOVERNING LAW**

This Plan will be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the state or commonwealth of organization of the Plan Sponsor to the extent not preempted by Federal law, or, if the Adoption Agreement provides that the Plan is not subject to ERISA, not preempted by other applicable law.

Section 13.07 **SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS**

If any provision of the Plan will be held invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability will not affect any other provisions hereof, and the Plan will be construed and enforced as if such provisions had not been included.

Section 13.08 **HEADINGS AND CAPTIONS**

The headings and captions herein are provided for reference and convenience only, will not be considered part of the Plan, and will not be employed in the construction of the Plan.

Section 13.09 **GENDER AND NUMBER**

Except where otherwise clearly indicated by context, the masculine and the neuter will include the feminine and the neuter, the singular will include the plural, and vice-versa.

Section 13.10 **DISASTER RELIEF**

The Plan may grant temporary disaster relief in compliance with Code sections 1400M and 1400Q, and subsequent guidance and/or law, to the extent provided in a resolution by the Plan Sponsor.

ARTICLE 13 MISCELLANEOUS**Section 13.01 NONALIENATION OF BENEFITS**

- (a) In General.
- (1) Involuntary Attachment. Except as provided in Section 13.01(b), the Fund will not be subject to any form of attachment, garnishment, sequestration or other actions of collection afforded creditors of the Adopting Employer, Participants or Beneficiaries under the Plan and all payments, benefits and rights will be free from attachment, garnishment, trustee's process, or any other legal or equitable process available to any creditor of such Adopting Employer, Participant or Beneficiary. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, if the Adoption Agreement provides that the Plan is not subject to ERISA, the Fund may be subject to attachment, garnishment, sequestration or other actions of collection afforded creditors of the Adopting Employer as permitted by applicable law.
 - (2) Voluntary Attachment. Except as provided in Section 13.01(b), no Participant or Beneficiary will have the right to alienate, anticipate, commute, pledge, encumber or assign any of the benefits or payments which he may expect to receive, contingently or otherwise, under the Plan, except the right to designate a Beneficiary. Any reference to a Participant or Beneficiary will include an Alternate Payee or the Beneficiary of an Alternate Payee.
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Plan Administrator may:
- (1) Subject to Section 13.02 below, comply with the provisions and conditions of any Qualified Domestic Relations Order pursuant to the provisions of Code section 414(p).
 - (2) Comply with any federal tax levy made pursuant to Code section 6331.
 - (3) Bring action to recover benefit overpayments.

Section 13.02 RIGHTS OF ALTERNATE PAYEES

- (a) General. An Alternate Payee will have no rights to a Participant's benefit and will have no rights under this Plan other than those rights specifically granted to the Alternate Payee pursuant to a Qualified Domestic Relations Order that are consistent with this Section 13.02.
- (b) Distribution. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, the Plan Administrator may distribute all or a portion of a Participant's benefits under the Plan to an Alternate Payee in accordance with the terms and conditions of a Qualified Domestic Relations Order. The Plan hereby specifically permits and authorizes distribution of a Participant's benefits under the Plan to an Alternate Payee in accordance with a Qualified Domestic Relations Order prior to the date the Participant has a Termination of Employment, or prior to the date the Participant attains his earliest retirement age as defined in Code section 414(p).
- (c) Funds. If the Qualified Domestic Relations Order does not specify the Participant's Accounts, or Funds in which such Accounts are invested, from which amounts that are separately accounted for will be paid to an Alternate Payee, such amounts will be distributed, or segregated, from the Participant's Accounts, and the Funds in which such Accounts are invested (excluding any amounts invested as a Participant loan), on a pro rata basis. A Qualified Domestic Relations Order may not provide for the assignment to an Alternate Payee of an amount that exceeds the balance of the Participant's vested Accounts after deduction of any outstanding loan.
- (d) Default Rules. Unless a Qualified Domestic Relations Order establishing a separate account for an Alternate Payee provides to the contrary:
- (1) Withdrawals. An Alternate Payee will not be permitted to make any withdrawals under Article 8.
 - (2) Death Benefits. An Alternate Payee will have the right to designate a Beneficiary who will receive benefits payable to an Alternate Payee which have not been distributed at the time of the Alternate Payee's death. If the Alternate Payee does not designate a Beneficiary, or if the Beneficiary predeceases the Alternate Payee, benefits payable to the Alternate Payee which have not been distributed will be paid to the Alternate Payee's estate. Any death benefit payable to the Beneficiary of an Alternate Payee will be paid in a single sum as soon as administratively practicable after the Alternate Payee's death.
 - (3) Investment Direction. An Alternate Payee will have the right to direct the investment of any portion of a Participant's Accounts payable to the Alternate Payee under such order in the same manner with respect to a Participant, which amounts will be separately accounted for in the Alternate Payee's name.
- (e) Loans. An Alternate Payee will not be permitted to make a loan from the separate account established for the Alternate Payee pursuant to the Qualified Domestic Relations Order.
- (f) Treatment as Spouse. A former spouse may 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.
- (g) Plan Procedures. The Plan Administrator will be responsible for establishing reasonable procedures for determining whether any domestic relations order received with respect to the Plan qualifies as a Qualified Domestic Relations Order, and for administering distributions in accordance with the terms and conditions of such procedures and any Qualified Domestic Relations Order.



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NOTIFICATION FOR EMPLOYER PICKUP OF EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS

This notification must be filed with STRS Ohio when an employer elects to pick up all or a portion of the required employee contributions stipulated in Section 3307.26, Revised Code, or when an existing employer pickup plan is amended. **Important:** A copy of the agreement or board action authorizing the pickup must be submitted with this notification.

Employer Clearview Local School District Employer no. 4707

Address 4700 Broadway Avenue

City Lorain ZIP code 44052-5542

Effective date of pickup is 07/01/16

Employee group covered:	School District	College/University
	<input type="checkbox"/> Superintendent	<input type="checkbox"/> President
	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrator	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative faculty
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching faculty

Employee contributions for earned compensation required under Section 3307.26, R.C., will be accounted for as follows:

Employee Contributions

Salary reduction pickup..... 14.00 %

Pickup paid by employer in addition to regular contract salary %

Is this amount included in compensation for retirement purposes? Yes No

Total STRS Ohio contributions required under Section 3307.26, R.C. .. 14.00 %

I understand this notification will remain in effect until a notice of change or termination is filed with STRS Ohio. I also understand all of the *guidelines listed on the reverse side* of this notification have been met or acknowledged.

Signed Mary Ann Howak Date 01/13/20

Title Treasurer/CFO



403(b) PLANS' DISASTER RELIEF INTERIM AMENDMENT

The current Section 13.10 is replaced with the following:

Section 13.10 DISASTER RELIEF

Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, the Plan may grant temporary disaster relief in compliance with Code sections 1400M and 1400Q, section 15345 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, section 702 of the Heartland Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2008, section 502 of the Disaster Tax Relief and Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2017, section 11028 of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, section 20102 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, and any subsequent legislation ("Applicable Law"). This Section only applies to the extent the Plan has provided some or all of the disaster relief listed below in compliance with Applicable Law. The terms "Qualified Disaster Distribution," "Qualified Individual," and "Applicable Period" are defined in the relevant sections of Applicable Law.

A. Qualified Disaster Distributions

- I. Qualified Disaster Distribution received by a Qualified Individual for Applicable Period (from all plans maintained by the Employer) may not exceed \$100,000 in aggregate.
- II. If the Plan permits rollover contributions, a Qualified Individual may at any time during the 3-year period beginning on the day after the Qualified Disaster Distribution was received contribute as a rollover to the Plan in an aggregate amount that does not exceed the amount of the Qualified Disaster Distribution.
- III. If the Plan permits rollover contributions, a Qualified Individual who received a withdrawal for the purchase of a home not due to the disaster, may contribute as a rollover to the Plan in an aggregate amount that does not exceed the amount of the Qualified Disaster Distribution.

B. Disaster Loan Provisions

- I. The maximum loan limit under Code §72(p)(2)(A) shall be applied by substituting "\$100,000" for "\$50,000" and substituting "the present value" for "one-half the present value" under the Loan Procedures for a Qualified Individual.
- II. The loan repayment for a Qualified Individual may be delayed for 1 year.
- III. Subsequent repayments will be adjusted to reflect the 1 year delay and any interest accrued during such delay.
- IV. The 1 year delay will be disregarded in determining the 5-year maximum term of loans under Code §72(p)(2)(B) and (C).

**CLEARVIEW LOCAL SCHOOLS
403(b) RETIREMENT PLAN
ADOPTION AGREEMENT**

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**ADOPTION AGREEMENT #001
NON-ERISA 403(b) PLAN
Without Retirement Income Account
Alternative One - Governmental Employers**

NOTE: This plan document is intended for use by a 403(b) plan that is not subject to ERISA. 501(c)(3) organizations that do not intend to meet the Department of Labor ERISA Safe Harbor Exemption under 29 C.F.R. section 2510.3-2(f) may not use this document.

The undersigned Adopting Employer hereby adopts this Plan. The Plan is intended to be tax-favored under Code sections 403(b) and 501(a), respectively. The Plan will consist of this Adoption Agreement, its related Basic Plan Document and any related appendix or addendum to the Adoption Agreement. Unless otherwise indicated, all section references are to sections in the Basic Plan Document.

ADOPTING EMPLOYER INFORMATION

NOTE: An amendment is not required to change the responses in items 1-13 below.

1. Name of adopting employer (Plan Sponsor): Clearview Local Schools
2. Address: 4700 Broadway Ave.
3. City: Lorain
4. State: OH
5. Zip: 44052
6. Phone number: _____
7. Fax number: _____
8. Plan Sponsor EIN: _____
9. Plan Sponsor fiscal year end: _____
10. Entity Type
 - a. Plan Sponsor entity type:
 1. Public education organization (Code section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii))
 2. Tax-Exempt Organization under Code section 501(c)(3)
 3. Indian tribal government public school (Code section 7871(a)(6)(B))
 4. Church or Qualified Church-Controlled Organization
 5. Other: _____
 - b. If entity type is "Other", how does the Plan Sponsor qualify to establish and maintain a 403(b) plan:
 1. Public education organization (Code section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii))
 2. Tax-Exempt Organization under Code section 501(c)(3)
 3. Indian tribal government public school (Code section 7871(a)(6)(B))
 4. Church or Qualified Church-Controlled Organization
 5. State or local Governmental Organization that is also a 501(c)(3) organization

NOTE: If the Plan Sponsor entity type is "Tax-Exempt Organization under Code section 501(c)(3)" the Plan Sponsor is indicating that they intend to meet the Department of Labor ERISA Safe Harbor Exemption under 29 C.F.R. section 2510.3-2(f). This includes limiting contributions to Employee contributions and limited involvement on the part of the Plan Sponsor including the prohibition on making discretionary determinations.

11. State of organization of Plan Sponsor: Ohio
12. **Affiliated Service Groups**
 The Plan Sponsor is a member of an affiliated service group. List all members of the group (other than the Plan Sponsor): _____
NOTE: Affiliated service group members must have the approval of the Plan Sponsor to adopt and participate in the Plan.
NOTE: Listing affiliated service group members is for information purposes only and is optional.
13. **Controlled Groups**
 The Plan Sponsor is a member of a controlled group. List all members of the group (other than the Plan Sponsor): _____
NOTE: Controlled group members must have the approval of the Plan Sponsor to adopt and participate in the Plan.
NOTE: Listing controlled group members is for information purposes only and is optional.

PLAN INFORMATION

A. GENERAL INFORMATION**Plan Name/Effective Date**1. Plan Number: 110

2. Plan name:

a. Clearview Local Schoolsb. 403(b) Retirement Plan

3. Effective Date

a. Original effective date of Plan: 01/01/2009b. This is a restatement of a previously-adopted plan. Effective date of Plan restatement: _____*NOTE: The date specified in A.3a for a new plan may not be earlier than the first day of the Plan Year during which the Plan is adopted by the Plan Sponsor.**NOTE: If A.3b is not selected, the Effective Date of the Plan will be the date specified in A.3a. If A.3b is selected, the Effective Date of the restatement will be the date specified in A.3b. However if the Adoption Agreement states another specific effective date for any Plan provision, such stated specific effective date will apply to that provision. The date specified in A.3b for an amended and restated plan (including the initial PPA restatement) may not be earlier than the first day of the Plan Year during which the amended and restated Plan is adopted by the Plan Sponsor.**NOTE: The effective date of this restatement cannot be earlier than January 1, 2009.*

4. Plan Year

a. Plan Year means each 12-consecutive month period ending on 12/31 (e.g. December 31)b. The Plan has a short Plan Year. The short Plan Year begins _____ and ends _____

5. Limitation Year means:

a. Plan Yearb. calendar yearc. other (e.g., Employer's Fiscal Year): _____*NOTE: If A.5c is selected, the Limitation Year must be a consecutive 12-month period. This includes a year with an annual period varying from 52 to 53 weeks, as long as the year satisfies the requirements of Code section 441 (f).*

6. Frozen Plan

 The Plan is frozen as to eligibility and benefits effective _____*NOTE: If A.6 is selected, no Eligible Employee will become a Participant, no Participant will be eligible to further participate in the Plan, and no contributions will accrue as of and after the date specified.***Plan Features**

7. Elective Deferrals

a. Elective Deferrals are permitted.

i. Yesii. Formerly Allowediii. No

b. Roth Elective Deferrals are permitted.

i. Yesii. Formerly Allowediii. No*NOTE: If "No" is selected in A.7a, questions regarding Elective Deferrals are disregarded.*

8. Voluntary After-Tax Contributions

Voluntary After-Tax Contributions are permitted.

a. Yesb. Formerly Allowedc. No

NOTE: If "No", questions regarding Voluntary After-Tax Contributions are disregarded.

9. Mandatory Contributions

- a. Mandatory After-Tax Contributions are permitted.
 - i. Yes
 - ii. Formerly Allowed
 - iii. No
- b. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions are permitted.
 - i. Yes
 - ii. Formerly Allowed
 - iii. No

NOTE: If "No", questions regarding Mandatory Contributions are disregarded.

10. Matching Contributions

Matching Contributions are permitted.

- a. Yes
- b. Formerly Allowed
- c. No

NOTE: If "No", questions regarding Matching Contributions are disregarded.

11. Non-Elective Contributions

Non-Elective Contributions are permitted.

- a. Yes
- b. Formerly Allowed
- c. No

NOTE: If "No", questions regarding Non-Elective Contributions are disregarded.

12. Plan Features Effective Dates

- a. There is a special effective date for one or more features specified in A.7 through A.11. The special effective date(s) that occur after the Effective Date specified in A.3 is/are: _____
- b. A previous Plan amendment eliminated one or more of the features specified in A.7 through A.11. Specify any provisions that apply to the eliminated Plan features: _____

NOTE: If A.12a is selected, indicate the feature (Elective Deferrals, Matching Contributions, etc.) and the effective date of the feature. The effective date must be after the Effective Date specified in A.3.

NOTE: Elective Deferrals will be effective as of the later of the date specified in A.12a or the execution of an amendment/restatement that first provides for Elective Deferrals.

Compensation

13. Compensation

- a. Compensation for purposes of allocations is defined as:
 - i. W-2
 - ii. Withholding Compensation
 - iii. Section 415 Safe Harbor
- b. Compensation is determined over the period specified below ending with or within the Plan Year:
 - i. Plan Year
 - ii. calendar year
 - iii. Limitation Year
 - iv. Other twelve-month period beginning on: _____ (enter month and day)

NOTE: If "Plan Year" is not selected in A.14b, for new/rehired Employees whose date of hire is less than 12 months before the end of the 12-month period designated, Compensation will be determined over the Plan Year.

14. Compensation Inclusions

- a. Elective Deferrals
 - Elective Deferrals are included in Compensation for the following purposes:
 - i. Elective Deferrals, Voluntary Contributions, and Mandatory Contributions
 - ii. Matching Contributions
 - iii. Non-Elective Contributions

b. Deemed Code section 125 Compensation

Deemed Code section 125 Compensation is included in Compensation for the following purposes:

- i. Elective Deferrals, Voluntary Contributions, and Mandatory Contributions
- ii. Matching Contributions
- iii. Non-Elective Contributions

c. Post Severance Compensation

Post Severance Compensation is included in Compensation for the following purposes:

- i. Elective Deferrals, Voluntary Contributions, and Mandatory Contributions
- ii. Matching Contributions
- iii. Non-Elective Contributions

d. Post Year-End Compensation

Post Year-End Compensation is included in Compensation for the following purposes:

- i. Elective Deferrals, Voluntary Contributions, and Mandatory Contributions
- ii. Matching Contributions
- iii. Non-Elective Contributions

NOTE: If "Yes" is selected, amounts earned during a Plan Year and paid during the first few weeks of the following Plan Year will be included in Compensation for the prior Plan Year.

e. Other Pay

Other pay is included in Compensation for the following purposes (not otherwise included in A.14)(e.g., fringe benefits for all Participants):

- i. Describe other pay included in the definition of Compensation for Elective Deferrals, Voluntary Contributions, and Mandatory Contributions.
- ii. Describe other pay included in the definition of Compensation for Matching Contributions.
- iii. Describe other pay included in the definition of Compensation for Non-Elective Contributions.

NOTE: If other pay (A.14e) is selected, A.14e should indicate for which class of Participants the Compensation is included, must be objectively determinable, and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

Compensation Exclusions

15. Pay Before Participation

Compensation earned before participation in the Plan is excluded from Compensation for the following purposes:

- a. Elective Deferrals, Voluntary Contributions, and Mandatory Contributions
- b. Matching Contributions
- c. Non-Elective Contributions

NOTE: If selected, Compensation will include only those amounts that are actually paid to the Participant during that part of the Plan Year the Participant is eligible to participate in the Plan. If not selected, Compensation will include those amounts that are actually paid to the Participant during the period specified in A.13b.

16. 414(s) Safe Harbor Alternative Definition

Certain fringe benefits are excluded from Compensation for the following purposes:

- a. Elective Deferrals, Voluntary Contributions, and Mandatory Contributions
- b. Matching Contributions
- c. Non-Elective Contributions

NOTE: If selected, Compensation will exclude all of the following items (even if includable in gross income): reimbursements or other expense allowances, fringe benefits (cash and noncash), moving expenses, deferred compensation, and welfare benefits (Treas. Reg. section 1.414(s)-1(c)(3)).

17. Other Pay

a. Other pay excluded from Compensation for the following purposes (e.g., bonuses, commissions):

- i. Describe other pay excluded from the definition of Compensation for Elective Deferrals, Voluntary Contributions, and Mandatory Contributions.
- ii. Describe other pay excluded from the definition of Compensation for Matching Contributions.

iii. Describe other pay excluded from the definition of Compensation for Non-Elective Contributions.

b. Other pay is excluded from Compensation for the following Participants:

i. Highly Compensated Employees only

ii. All Participants

iii. Other (e.g., owners) _____

NOTE: If All Participants (A.17b.ii) is selected, the definition of Compensation will not be a safe harbor definition within the meaning of Treas. Reg. 1.414(s)-1(c).

NOTE: The pay specified above (A.17a) must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

NOTE: See Section 4.01(c) for rules regarding elections for bonuses or other special pay.

18. Disability

Definition of Disability

a. Under Code section 22(e). The Participant is unable 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 that has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months. The permanence and degree of such impairment will be supported by medical evidence.

b. Under the Social Security Act. The determination by the Social Security Administration that the Participant is eligible to receive disability benefits under the Social Security Act.

c. Inability to engage in comparable occupation. The Participant suffers from a physical or mental impairment that results in his inability to engage in any occupation comparable to that in which the Participant was engaged at the time of his disability. The permanence and degree of such impairment will be supported by medical evidence.

d. Pursuant to other Adopting Employer Disability Plan. The Participant is eligible to receive benefits under a disability plan sponsored by the Adopting Employer.

e. Under uniform rules established by the Plan Administrator. The Participant is mentally or physically disabled under a written nondiscriminatory policy.

f. Other: _____

NOTE: If A.18f is selected, provide the definition of Disability. The definition provided must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

19. Choice of Law

Name of state or commonwealth for choice of law (Section 13.06): Ohio

B. ELIGIBILITY

Exclusions - Elective Deferrals

1. For purposes of Elective Deferrals, the term "Eligible Employee" will not include (select all that apply):

a. Employees whose maximum Elective Deferrals would not exceed \$200.

b. Employees who are eligible to participate in an eligible governmental plan under section 457(b) that permits contributions or deferrals at the election of the employee.

c. Employees who are eligible to participate in a plan of the Employer offering a qualified cash or deferred election under Code section 401(k) or a contract described in Code section 403(b).

d. Employees who are non-resident aliens described in Code section 410(b)(3)(C).

e. Employees who are students performing services described in Code section 3121(b)(10).

f. Employees who normally work fewer than 20 hours per week.

NOTE: An Employee normally works fewer than 20 hours per week if, for the 12-month period beginning on the date the Employee's employment commenced, the Employer reasonably expects the Employee to work fewer than 1,000 hours of service (as defined under section 410(a)(3)(C) of the Code) in such period, and, for each Plan Year ending after the close of that 12-month period, the Employee has worked fewer than 1,000 hours of service in the preceding 12-month period. Under this provision, an Employee who works 1,000 or more hours of service in the 12-month period beginning on the date the Employee's employment commenced or in a Plan Year ending after the close of that 12-month period shall then be eligible to participate in the Plan. Once an Employee becomes eligible to have Elective Deferrals made on his or her behalf under the Plan under this standard, the Employee cannot be excluded from eligibility to have Elective Deferrals made on his or

her behalf in any later year under this standard.

NOTE: If the Plan elects to exclude either Employees who are students performing services or Employees who normally work fewer than 20 hours per week and fail to exclude an Employee who falls into one of those excluded classes as of the date the Employee was incorrectly allowed to participate in the plan all other Employees who fall into the same excluded class must be permitted to participate in the Plan.

Exclusions - Other Contributions

For purposes of the contributions specified below, the term "Eligible Employee" will not include:

2. Union Employees

An Employee who is included in a unit of Employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement, if retirement benefits were the subject of good faith bargaining, and if the collective bargaining agreement does not provide for participation in this Plan will be excluded from the Plan for the following purposes:

- a. Voluntary Contributions
- b. Mandatory After-Tax Contributions
- c. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions
- d. Matching Contributions
- e. Non-Elective Contributions

3. Leased Employees

A Leased Employee will be excluded from the Plan for the following purposes:

- a. Voluntary Contributions
- b. Mandatory After-Tax Contributions
- c. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions
- d. Matching Contributions
- e. Non-Elective Contributions

4. Non-Resident Aliens

An Employee who is a non-resident alien who received no earned income (within the meaning of Code section 911(d)(2)) that constitutes income from services performed within the United States (within the meaning of Code section 861(a)(3)) will be excluded from the Plan for the following purposes:

- a. Voluntary Contributions
- b. Mandatory After-Tax Contributions
- c. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions
- d. Matching Contributions
- e. Non-Elective Contributions

5. Other Employees

Other Employees, as defined below, will be excluded from the Plan for the following purposes (e.g., Employees paid on a salary basis):

- a. Voluntary Contributions
- b. Mandatory After-Tax Contributions
- c. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions
- d. Matching Contributions
- e. Non-Elective Contributions

Eligibility to receive a non-elective contribution, if any, is determined in accordance with the Adopting Employer's collective bargaining agreements, employment agreements, or memorandum of agreements or their equivalent with Employees of the Adopting Employer, copies of which are attached as an addendum to this Adoption Agreement.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Employer Nonelective Contributions must be nonelective by employees under relevant documents and in operation. An employee may not be permitted to take any amount of such contributions in cash at or prior to severance of employment. If Employer Nonelective Contributions are available to collectively bargained employees or to other employees subject to an employment agreement, such Employer Nonelective Contributions formula must also be clearly reflected in the terms of the collective bargaining agreement or employment agreement, as applicable, as nonelective.

NOTE: If selected, the definition of "other Employee" provided must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

Eligibility Service Rules - Elective Deferrals

6. The frequency of entry dates for Elective Deferrals will be:
- a. immediate
 - b. first day of each calendar month
 - c. other: As soon as administratively feasible following the date of hire (but no more than 60 days following the hire date) and upon employee's completion of a Salary Reduction Agreement and establishment of his/her 403(b) account with the selected service provider.

NOTE: Under the universal availability rules an Eligible Employee must enter the Plan as soon as administratively feasible following their hire date (no more than 60 days following date of hire).

Eligibility - Other Contributions

Except as otherwise provided in B.10, an Eligible Employee will be eligible to make contributions other than Elective Deferrals (if permitted pursuant to A.8-A.11) at the time specified in B.9 upon meeting the requirements of B.7 and B.8.

7. Age Requirement

Minimum age requirement for Contributions other than Elective Deferrals: (leave blank or enter "0" if none)

- Voluntary Contributions
- Mandatory After-Tax Contributions
- Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions
- Matching Contributions
- Non-Elective Contributions

8. Minimum service requirement

a. Minimum service requirement:

i. None

- a. Voluntary Contributions
- b. Mandatory After-Tax Contributions
- c. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions
- d. Matching Contributions
- e. Non-Elective Contributions

ii. Completion of one Year of Eligibility Service

- a. Voluntary Contributions
- b. Mandatory After-Tax Contributions
- c. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions
- d. Matching Contributions
- e. Non-Elective Contributions

iii. Completion of two Years of Eligibility Service

- a. Matching Contributions
- b. Non-Elective Contributions

iv. Completion of _____ Hours of Service within a twelve-month period

- a. Voluntary Contributions
- b. Mandatory After-Tax Contributions
- c. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions
- d. Matching Contributions
- e. Non-Elective Contributions

v. Completion of _____ months of service

- a. Voluntary Contributions
- b. Mandatory After-Tax Contributions
- c. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions
- d. Matching Contributions
- e. Non-Elective Contributions

vii. Completion of _____ Hours of Service in a _____ month period

- a. Voluntary Contributions
 - b. Mandatory After-Tax Contributions
 - c. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions
 - d. Matching Contributions
 - e. Non-Elective Contributions
- ix. Completion of _____ consecutive months of continuous service
- a. Voluntary Contributions
 - b. Mandatory After-Tax Contributions
 - c. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions
 - d. Matching Contributions
 - e. Non-Elective Contributions
- xi. Other (e.g., 160 hours in each of three consecutive months):
- a. Voluntary Contributions

b. _____ Mandatory After-Tax Contributions

c. _____ Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions

d. _____ Matching Contributions

e. Non-Elective Contributions

Any service requirements for the eligibility to receive a non-elective contribution, if any, are set forth in accordance with the Adopting Employer's collective bargaining agreements, employment agreements, or memorandum of agreements or their equivalent with Employees of the Adopting Employer, copies of which are attached as an addendum to this Adoption Agreement.

NOTE: Service taken into account for purposes of B.8 will be determined under the terms and conditions specified for determining a Year of Eligibility Service.

NOTE: If one or two Year of Eligibility Service (B.8a.ii or B.8a.iii) is selected, and no hours are specified, the Plan will use 1,000 Hours of Service.

NOTE: If selected, the definition of "other" provided must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

b. Enter the number of Hours of Service necessary for Year of Eligibility Service for purposes of Contributions other than Elective Deferrals: 0

9. Entry Dates

a. Frequency of entry dates for Contributions other than Elective Deferrals:

i. immediate

- a. Voluntary Contributions
- b. Mandatory After-Tax Contributions
- c. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions
- d. Matching Contributions
- e. Non-Elective Contributions

ii. first day of each calendar month

- a. Voluntary Contributions
- b. Mandatory After-Tax Contributions
- c. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions
- d. Matching Contributions
- e. Non-Elective Contributions

iii. first day of each Plan quarter

- a. Voluntary Contributions
- b. Mandatory After-Tax Contributions
- c. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions
- d. Matching Contributions
- e. Non-Elective Contributions

iv. first day of the first month and seventh month of the Plan Year

- a. Voluntary Contributions

- b. Mandatory After-Tax Contributions
- c. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions
- d. Matching Contributions
- e. Non-Elective Contributions
- v. first day of the Plan Year
 - a. Voluntary Contributions
 - b. Mandatory After-Tax Contributions
 - c. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions
 - d. Matching Contributions
 - e. Non-Elective Contributions
- vi. other: (e.g., first day of each pay period)
 - a. Voluntary Contributions
 - b. Mandatory After-Tax Contributions
 - c. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions
 - d. Matching Contributions
 - e. Non-Elective Contributions

NOTE: The entry date specified above (B.9a.vi) must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

b. Timing of Entry Dates

If B.9a.i and B.9a.vi (immediate entry/dates specified) are not selected, an Eligible Employee will become a Participant eligible to receive an allocation of Contributions other than Elective Deferrals on the entry date selected in B.9a that is _____ the date the requirements of B.7 through B.9 are met.

- i. coincident with or next following
 - a. Voluntary Contributions
 - b. Mandatory After-Tax Contributions
 - c. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions
 - d. Matching Contributions
 - e. Non-Elective Contributions
- ii. next following
 - a. Voluntary Contributions
 - b. Mandatory After-Tax Contributions
 - c. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions
 - d. Matching Contributions
 - e. Non-Elective Contributions
- iii. coincident with or immediately preceding
 - a. Matching Contributions
 - b. Non-Elective Contributions
- iv. immediately preceding
 - a. Matching Contributions
 - b. Non-Elective Contributions
- v. nearest to
 - a. Matching Contributions
 - b. Non-Elective Contributions

10. Additional requirements, limitations, conditions, or other modifications to B.7 - B.9 (e.g., Participants part of a collectively bargained for agreement will be immediately eligible for Elective Deferrals and will enter the Plan for that purpose on their date of hire.):

Voluntary Contributions

Other: _____

Mandatory After-Tax Contributions

Other: _____

Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions

Other: _____

Matching Contributions

Other: _____

Non-Elective Contributions

Other: Any additional requirements concerning when the Adopting Employer is required to make the non-elective contribution to an account of an employee who has met the requirements to receive a non-elective contribution, if any, shall be governed in accordance with the Adopting Employer's collective bargaining agreements, employment agreements, or memorandum of agreements or their equivalent with Employees of the Adopting Employer, copies of which are attached as an addendum to this Adoption Agreement.

NOTE: The additional requirements, limitations, conditions, or other modifications specified above (B.10) must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

Eligibility Service Computation Rules

11. Other Employer Service

Count years of service with employers other than the Adopting Employer for eligibility purposes. List other employers and indicate for what purposes (e.g., Non-Elective, Matching, etc.) the service applies along with any limitations (e.g., service with ABC Inc. will be included for determining eligibility for Matching Contributions): _____

NOTE: The other employer service specified above (B.11) must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

12. Break In Service

- a. Rule of parity. Exclude eligibility service before a period of five (5) consecutive One-Year Breaks in Service/Periods of Severance if an Employee does not have any nonforfeitable right to the Account balance derived from Employer contributions.
- b. One-year holdout. If an Employee has a One-Year Break in Service/Period of Severance, exclude eligibility service before such period until the Employee has completed a Year of Eligibility Service after returning to employment with the Employer.
- c. The following modifications will be made to the requirements specified in B.12a-b: _____

NOTE: B.12 applies for purposes of eligibility to receive Matching Contributions and Non-Elective Contributions only.

NOTE: B.12c could be used, for example, to require less than 500 hours of service (but not more than 500 hours) for a One-Year Break in Service under B.12a and/or B.12b, or to specify that the break in service rule(s) only apply to certain contributions.

13. Special Participation Date

- a. Allow immediate participation for all Eligible Employees employed on a specific date. All Eligible Employees employed on _____ will become eligible to participate in the Plan as of _____
- b. The Plan provides conditions or limitations on immediate participation (e.g., Employees employed under a union contract are not subject to special participation date): _____

NOTE: If B.13b applies (B.13a is selected) and is selected, describe the conditions or limitations and indicate for what purposes (e.g., Elective Deferrals, Matching, etc.) the conditions or limitations apply. The conditions/limitations must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

Eligibility Service Method

14. Eligibility Service Method

- a. Eligibility service computation method.
 - i. Hours of Service
 - Eligibility Computation Period will switch to Plan Year
 - Eligibility Computation Period will remain based on anniversary of date of hire
 - ii. Elapsed Time

NOTE: B.14.a.ii can only be chosen if B.8.a.ii, B.8.a.iv, B.8.a.vi, or B.8.a.vii (without an hours requirement specified) is chosen.

b. Select hours equivalency for eligibility purposes:

- i. None

An Employee will be credited with the following service with the Employer:

- ii. 10 Hours of Service for each day or partial day
- iii. 45 Hours of Service for each week or partial week
- iv. 95 Hours of Service for each semi-monthly payroll period or partial semi-monthly payroll period
- v. 190 Hours of Service for each month or partial month

c. The hours equivalency will apply to:

- i. All Employees
- ii. Only Employees not paid on a per-hour basis
- d. The following modifications will be made to the requirements specified in B.14a-c: Service requirements regarding whether an employee has become eligible to receive a non-elective or a matching contribution, if any, is governed by the Adopting Employer's collective bargaining agreement, employment agreements, or memorandum of agreement or equivalent with Employees of the Adopting Employer, copies of which are attached as an addendum to this Adoption Agreement.

NOTE: B.14c will not apply if B.14b.i is selected ("None").

NOTE: The responses to B.14 are used only to the extent that the Plan determines eligibility service by the Hour of Service method and will apply uniformly to B.8 wherever Hours of Service is elected unless otherwise provided in B.14d.

NOTE: If B.14d is selected, the modifications must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

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Elective Deferrals

NOTE: If A.7 is "Yes" (Elective Deferrals are permitted), an Eligible Employee will be eligible to make Elective Deferrals to the Plan in the following manner:

1. **Maximum Deferral Amounts**
Maximum Elective Deferral contribution: 100% of Compensation
2. **Modifications of Elective Deferrals**
 - a. Participants may modify/start/stop Elective Deferrals/Voluntary Contribution elections:
 - i. Each pay period
 - ii. Monthly
 - iii. Quarterly
 - iv. Semi Annually
 - v. Annually
 - vi. Pursuant to Plan Administrator procedures (at least once each calendar year)
 - b. Participants may stop an election to contribute at any time.
3. **Catch-up Contributions**
 - a. Participants may make Age 50 Catch-up Contributions (Section 5.01(c)).
 - b. Participants with fifteen years of service may make Special Long Service Catch-up Contributions (Section 5.01(b)).

Automatic Enrollment

4. **The Plan provides for traditional automatic enrollment**
 - a. Yes, traditional automatic contribution arrangement ("ACA")
 - b. No
5. **Automatic Enrollment - ACA**
 - a. The initial amount of the automatic enrollment (as a percentage of Compensation): _____%
 - b. The amount specified in C.5a will increase in the following manner (include amount and timing of increase): _____
 - c. Delayed automatic enrollment. The traditional automatic enrollment will be deemed elected _____ after the initial satisfaction of the eligibility requirements of Article 3 with respect to Elective Deferrals (and after effective date of the addition of an automatic enrollment feature for current Participants).

NOTE: For example, if the automatic enrollment amount is 3% for the first year and increases by 1% per year for five years, insert "3%" in the first blank (C.5a) and "increase by 1% on the first day of the Plan Year in the second through sixth year to a maximum of 8%" in the second blank (C.5b).
6. **Automatic Enrollment - Covered Employees**
 - a. Indicate who will be a covered employee eligible to make automatic contributions:
 - i. Eligible Employees who have not made an Elective Deferral election
 - ii. All Eligible Employees to the extent that no election was made or their Elective Deferral elections are less than the automatic

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enrollment amount

- iii. Other (e.g., Employees employed after 1/1/2016 who have not made an Elective Deferral election): _____
- b. If the Plan provides for automatic enrollment and Roth Elective Deferrals are allowed to the Plan, select whether automatic contributions will be pre- or after-tax:
 - i. Pre-Tax. All Elective Deferrals made under Section 4.01(g) will be designated as Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals.
 - ii. After-Tax. All Elective Deferrals made under Section 4.01(g) will be designated as Roth Elective Deferrals.

NOTE: C.6b only applies if A.7b is "Yes" (Roth contributions are allowed to the Plan).

Voluntary Contributions

NOTE: If A.8 is "Yes", an Eligible Employee who has met the requirements specified for Voluntary Contributions will be eligible to make Voluntary Contributions to the Plan as follows (Section 4.01):

- 7. **Minimum and Maximum Voluntary Contributions**
 - a. Minimum Voluntary Contribution: _____
 - b. Maximum Voluntary Contribution: _____%
 - c. Maximum of total combined Elective Deferral/Voluntary Contribution: _____%
 - d. Other limitations: _____

NOTE: C.7b and C.7c may not be more than 100% of Compensation.

NOTE: If C.7d is selected the requirements provided must be nondiscriminatory, objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

Mandatory Contributions

NOTE: If A.9 is "Yes" (Mandatory Contributions are permitted), an Eligible Employee who has met the requirements specified for Mandatory Contributions will be eligible to make Mandatory Contributions to the Plan as follows (Section 4.01):

- 8. **Mandatory Contribution Amount**
 - a. Mandatory After-Tax Contributions will be required in the following amount with the following limitations: _____
 - b. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions will be required in the following amount with the following limitations: _____

D. CONTRIBUTIONS - MATCHING, NON-ELECTIVE, AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Matching - Allocation Service

NOTE: If A.10 is "Yes", an Eligible Employee who has met the requirements of Section B and who has satisfied the following requirements will be eligible to receive an allocation of Matching Contributions during the applicable Plan Year.

- 1. **Allocation Service Requirements for Matching Contributions**
 - a. In order to share in the allocation of Matching Contributions, a Participant is required to complete the following Hours of Service in the applicable Plan Year _____
 - b. In order to share in the allocation of Matching Contributions, a Participant is required to be employed by the Adopting Employer on the last day of the Plan Year
 - c. In order to share in the allocation of Matching Contributions, a Participant is required to be employed by the Adopting Employer on the last day of the Plan Year or complete at least _____ Hours of Service in the applicable Plan Year
 - d. None

NOTE: D.1a and D.1b are inapplicable if D.1c is selected.

NOTE: D.1a and D.1c may not be more than 1,000.

- 2. **Matching Allocation Service Computation Rules**
 - a. Computation method for Matching Allocation Service.
 - i. Hours of Service
 - ii. Elapsed Time
 - b. Select hours equivalency:
 - i. None

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An Employee will be credited with the following service with the Employer:

- ii. 10 Hours of Service for each day or partial day
- iii. 45 Hours of Service for each week or partial week
- iv. 95 Hours of Service for each semi-monthly payroll period or partial semi-monthly payroll period
- v. 190 Hours of Service for each month or partial month

NOTE: D.2b is only applicable if D.2a.i is selected.

c. The hours equivalency will apply to:

- i. All Employees
- ii. Only Employees not paid on a per-hour basis

NOTE: D.2c is only applicable if D.2a.i is selected.

NOTE: D.2 is only applicable if D.1a or D.1c is selected.

3. Exceptions to Allocation Service Requirements for Matching Contributions

a. Modify Hour of Service requirement and/or last day requirement for a Participant who terminates employment with the Employer during the Plan Year due to:

- i. death
- ii. Disability
- iii. attainment of Normal Retirement Age
- iv. Other: (e.g., attainment of Early Retirement Age) _____

b. Any Hour of Service requirement and last day requirement will be modified as follows:

- i. Waive both the Hour of Service requirement and last day requirement
- ii. Waive the Hour of Service requirement only
- iii. Waive last day requirement only

c. The following other modifications will be made to the requirements specified in D.1-3b: _____

NOTE: D.3 is only applicable if D.1a, D.1b, or D.1c is selected.

NOTE: D.3c may only be used to make minor changes to the requirements specified in D.1-3b and must be specified in a manner that is objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion. For example, D.3c could be used to clarify that last day but not Hours of Service is waived for death while Hours of Service and last day are waived for Disability and attainment of Normal Retirement Age.

Matching - Formula

4. Matched Employee Contribution Inclusions

The Adopting Employer will match:

- a. Elective Deferrals
- b. Age 50 Catch-up Contributions
- c. Special Long Service Catch-up Contributions
- d. Roth Elective Deferrals
- e. Voluntary Contributions
- f. Mandatory After-Tax Contributions
- g. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contributions
- h. Other (e.g., Elective Deferrals made to Company 403(b) Plan #1): _____

NOTE: The other Matched Employee Contribution specified above (D.4h) must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

5. Matching Contribution Formula

The Adopting Employer's Matching Contribution will be allocated to eligible Participants who have met the requirements of Section B and D.1 through D.3 as follows:

- a. A discretionary amount and percentage of Matched Employee Contributions
- b. Tiered Matching Formula. The Adopting Employer will contribute as a Matching Contribution an amount equal to:

Rate One

_____ % of the Participant's Matched Employee Contributions that are not in excess of
_____ % of the Participant's Compensation

c. Years of service

i. The Matching contribution will be made according to the schedule below:

A. _____ Years of service _____ % of Matched Employee Contributions

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- ii. Only Matched Employee Contributions that are not in excess of ____% of the Participant's Compensation will be matched.
- iii. In determining years of service in this D.5c, the following service will be used:
 - A. Years of Eligibility Service
 - B. Years of Vesting Service

NOTE: The first tier of Matching Contributions in D.5c.i will be available no later than the period described in 410(a)(1).

- iv. Enter the number of Hours of Service necessary to earn a year of service described in D.5c.i: _____

- d. Special schedule. Matching Contributions shall be made according to the following fixed schedule: _____

NOTE: The discretionary formula in D.5a must meet the nondiscrimination requirements regarding benefits, rights, or features described in Treas. Reg. section 1.401(a)(4)-4.

6. Additional Discretionary Matching Contributions

- Permit discretionary Matching Contributions to be made in addition to the contributions described in D.5b-d as a discretionary amount and percentage of Matched Employee Contributions

7. Additional Fixed Matching Contributions

- Permit additional fixed Matching Contributions to be made in addition to the contributions described in D.5b-d: _____

8. Maximum Allocations for Matching Contributions

Plan limits Matching Contributions to the following in each Plan Year:

- a. Maximum percentage of Compensation ____%
- b. Maximum dollar amount \$ _____
- c. Other: _____
- d. No Maximum

NOTE: If D.8c is selected the requirements provided must be nondiscriminatory, objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

9. Allocation Times for Matching Contributions

- a. Fixed Matching Contributions are allocated to Participant Accounts at the following time(s):

- i. End of Plan Year
- ii. Semi-annually
- iii. Quarterly
- iv. Each calendar month
- v. Each pay period
- vi. At such times as may be determined by the Adopting Employer

- b. Apply the dollar limit in D.8:

- i. On a Plan Year basis only
- ii. Pro rata as of each period specified in D.9a

NOTE: D.9 will not apply if the Matching Contribution formula is discretionary (D.5a is selected).

NOTE: Any service requirements specified in D.1 through D.3 will be applied pro rata to the period selected in this D.9. Any last day rule specified in D.1 through D.3 will be applied as of the end of each period selected in this D.9.

NOTE: Discretionary Matching Contributions (if selected in D.5) may be allocated at a time other than that selected in D.9.

NOTE: D.9b will only apply if a maximum dollar amount (D.8b or D.8c) is selected and end of Plan Year (D.9a.i) is not selected.

Non-Elective Contributions - Allocation Service

NOTE: If A.11 is "Yes" an Eligible Employee who has met the requirements of Section B and who has satisfied the following requirements will be eligible to receive an allocation of Non-Elective Contributions during the applicable Plan Year.

10. Allocation Service Requirements for Non-Elective Contributions

- a. In order to share in the allocation of Non-Elective Contributions, a Participant is required to complete the following Hours of Service in the applicable Plan Year _____
- b. In order to share in the allocation of Non-Elective Contributions, a Participant is required to be employed by the Adopting Employer on the last day of Plan Year
- c. In order to share in the allocation of Non-Elective Contributions, a Participant is required to be employed by the Adopting Employer on the last day of Plan Year or complete at least _____ Hours of Service in the applicable Plan Year
- d. None

NOTE: D.10a and D.10b are inapplicable if D.10c is selected.

NOTE: D.10a and D.10c may not be more than 1,000.

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11. Non-Elective Allocation Service Computation Rules

a. Computation method for Non-Elective Allocation Service.

- i. Hours of Service
- ii. Elapsed Time

b. Select hours equivalency:

- i. None

An Employee will be credited with the following service with the Employer:

- ii. 10 Hours of Service for each day or partial day
- iii. 45 Hours of Service for each week or partial week
- iv. 95 Hours of Service for each semi-monthly payroll period or partial semi-monthly payroll period
- v. 190 Hours of Service for each month or partial month

NOTE: D.11b is only applicable if D.11a.i is selected.

c. The hours equivalency will apply to:

- i. All Employees
- ii. Only Employees not paid on a per-hour basis

NOTE: D.11c is only applicable if D.11a.i is selected.

NOTE: D.11 is only applicable if D.10a or D.10c is selected.

12. Exceptions to Allocation Service Requirements for Non-Elective Contributions

a. Modify Hour of Service requirement and/or last day requirement for a Participant who terminates employment with the Employer during the Plan Year due to:

- i. death
- ii. Disability
- iii. attainment of Normal Retirement Age
- iv. Other: (e.g., attainment of Early Retirement Age) _____

b. Any Hour of Service requirement and last day requirement will be modified as follows:

- i. Waive both the Hour of Service requirement and last day requirement
- ii. Waive the Hour of Service requirement only
- iii. Waive last day requirement only

c. The following other modifications will be made to the requirements specified in D.10-12b: _____

NOTE: D.12 is only applicable if D.10a, D.10b, or D.10c is selected.

NOTE: D.12c may only be used to make minor changes to the requirements specified in D.10-12b and must be specified in a manner that is objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion. For example, D.12c could be used to clarify that last day but not Hours of Service is waived for death while Hours of Service and last day are waived for Disability and attainment of Normal Retirement Age.

Non-Elective - Formula

13. Amount of Non-Elective Contributions

- a. Discretionary in an amount as determined by the Adopting Employer
- b. _____ % of total Participant Compensation for the Plan Year
- c. \$_____ for the Plan Year
- d. Other (e.g., 5% of Employer's profits): _____

NOTE: The Non-Elective Formula specified above (D.13d) must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

14. Non-Elective Contribution allocation formula

The Adopting Employer's Non-Elective Contributions will be allocated to eligible Participants who have met the requirements of Section B and D.10 as follows (Section 4.03):

- a. Pro rata. In the ratio that each Participant's Compensation bears to the Compensation of all eligible Participants.
- b. Integrated. See D.15.
- c. Other: The formula used to calculate a non-elective contribution, if any, to be deposited into a 403(b) account upon retirement is set forth in the Adopting Employer's collective bargaining agreement, employment agreements, or memorandum of agreement or equivalent with Employees of the Adopting Employer, copies of which are attached as an addendum to this Adoption Agreement. If permitted under the Employer's collective bargaining agreement or memorandum of agreement, to the extent the amount exceeds the Participant's annual additions limit under Section 415(c) of the Code for that year, such excess shall be carried over by the Employer.

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without interest, and not contributed to the Plan in such limitation year, but shall be contributed to the Employer Contributions Account of the Participant in each of the next 5 calendar years following the Plan Year in which the Participant has a severance from employment with the Employer, up to the annual additions limit under Section 415(c) of the Code to the extent permitted by Section 403(b)(3) of the Code and applicable regulations thereunder.

NOTE: The Non-Elective Contribution allocation formula specified above (D.14c) must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

15. Non-Elective - Integration

Integration level for determining Excess Compensation:

- a. Taxable wage base (as defined under Section 230 of the Social Security Act) in effect on the first day of such Plan Year
- b. 20% of the taxable wage base (as defined under Section 230 of the Social Security Act) in effect on the first day of such Plan Year; minus \$1.00
- c. 80% of the taxable wage base (as defined under Section 230 of the Social Security Act) in effect on the first day of such Plan Year; minus \$1.00
- d. 80% of the taxable wage base (as defined under Section 230 of the Social Security Act) in effect on the first day of such Plan Year; plus \$1.00
- e. _____% (no more than 100%) of taxable wage base (as defined under Section 230 of the Social Security Act) in effect on the first day of such Plan Year
- f. Fixed dollar amount: \$ _____ (not more than the taxable wage base (as defined under Section 230 of the Social Security Act) in effect on the first day of such Plan Year)

NOTE: The amount of permitted disparity will be determined in accordance with the following table:

Integration Level	Permitted Disparity
More than \$0 but not more than 20% of the TWB	5.7%
More than 20% of the TWB but not greater than 80% of the TWB	4.3%
More than 80% of the TWB but less than 100% of the TWB	5.4%
100% of the TWB	5.7%

TWB = taxable wage base (as defined under Section 230 of the Social Security Act)

16. Allocation of Non-Elective Contributions

a. Non-Elective Contributions are allocated to Participant Accounts at the following time(s):

- i. End of Plan Year
- ii. Semi-annually
- iii. Quarterly
- iv. Each calendar month
- v. Each pay period

b. Minimum and Maximum Non-Elective Contributions

- i. Allocations of Non-Elective Contributions for a Participant will be subject to a minimum amount: _____
- ii. Allocations of Non-Elective Contributions for a Participant will be subject to a maximum amount: _____

c. Apply the dollar limit in D.16b:

- i. On a Plan Year basis only
- ii. Pro rata as of each period specified in D.16a

NOTE: Any service requirements specified in D.10 through D.12 will be applied pro rata to the period selected in this D.16a. Any last day rule specified in D.10 through D.12 will be applied as of the end of each period selected in this D.16a.

17. Non-Elective - Disability

Allocate Non-Elective Contributions to Disabled Participants who do not meet the allocation service requirements (Section 4.03(e)).

Allocations to Disabled Participants end as of the earliest of: (i) the last day of the Plan Year in which occurs the _____ anniversary of the start of the Participant's Disability or (ii) such other time specified in Section 4.03(e).

NOTE: D.17 will not be more than "tenth."

NOTE: Allocations under D.17 may occur after Termination.

18. Non-Elective - Former Participants

a. Non-Elective Contributions will be allocated to former Participants until the last day of the fifth (no more than fifth) tax year following the tax year in which the date of Termination occurs.

b. Age and Service Requirements. Former Participants must meet the following requirements to be eligible to receive Non-Elective Contributions.

- i. Former Participants must be at least _____ years old.

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- ii. Former Participants must meet the following service requirement: Any service requirement (including the definition of a year of service) mandated prior to receiving a non-elective contribution at retirement and/or separation from service, if any, shall be governed by the Adopting Employer's collective bargaining agreements, employment agreements, or memorandum of agreements or their equivalent with Employees of the Adopting Employer, copies of which are attached as an addendum to this Adoption Agreement.
- iii. Former Participants must meet the following requirement: Any requirement (including the definition of a year of service) mandated prior to receiving a non-elective contribution at retirement and/or separation from service, if any, shall be governed by the Adopting Employer's collective bargaining agreement, employment agreements, or memorandum of agreement or equivalent with Employees of the Adopting Employer, copies of which are attached as an addendum to this Adoption Agreement.
- c. The following modifications will apply to D.18b: Modifications (if any) made to the requirements that a former participant must meet prior to receiving a non-elective contribution, if any, are set forth in the Adopting Employer's collective bargaining agreements, employment agreements, or memorandum of agreements or their equivalent with Employees of the Adopting Employer, copies of which are attached as an addendum to this Adoption Agreement.
19. **Qualified Non-Elective Contributions ("QNEC")**
The Adopting Employer's discretionary Qualified Non-Elective Contribution will be allocated in the following manner:
- a. Pro rata. In the ratio that such Participant's Compensation bears to the Compensation of all eligible Participants.
- b. Fixed Amount. In an amount equal to the total additional Qualified Non-Elective Contribution divided by the number of Participants eligible to share in such contribution.
20. **Rollovers**
Rollover Contributions are permitted:
- a. No
- b. Yes - All Eligible Employees may make a Rollover Contribution even if not yet a Participant in the Plan
- c. Yes - Only active Participants may make a Rollover Contribution
- d. Yes - _____ may make a Rollover Contribution
- NOTE: The Plan Administrator has discretion under Section 4.05 to limit the types of rollover contributions accepted by the Plan and must use that discretion in a consistent and nondiscriminatory manner.*
21. **Death or Disability During Qualified Military Service**
 For benefit accrual purposes, a Participant that dies or becomes Disabled while performing Qualified Military Service will be treated as if he had been employed by the Adopting Employer on the day preceding death or Disability and terminated employment on the day of death or Disability.
22. **415 Additional Language**
 Additional language necessary to satisfy Code section 415 because of the required aggregation of multiple plans: _____.

E. VESTING

Vesting Service Rules

1. **Vesting service computation method**
- a. Hours of Service. Number of Hours of Service necessary for a Year of Vesting Service: 0
- b. Elapsed Time
- NOTE: Unless E.1.b (Elapsed Time) is selected, the Plan will use the Hours of Service method for determining vesting service. If E.1.b is selected, questions E.2 through E.3 are disregarded.*
- NOTE: E.1a may not be more than 1,000. If left blank, the Plan will use 1,000 Hours of Service.*
2. **Vesting Service Equivalencies**
- a. Select equivalency for vesting purposes:
- i. None.
- An Employee will be credited with the following service with the Employer:
- ii. 10 Hours of Service for each day or partial day
- iii. 45 Hours of Service for each week or partial week
- iv. 95 Hours of Service for each semi-monthly payroll period or partial semi-monthly payroll period
- v. 190 Hours of Service for each month or partial month

- b. The hours equivalency selected in E.2a will apply to:
- i. All Employees
 - ii. Only Employees not paid on a per-hour basis

NOTE: E.2b does not apply if E.2a.i is selected.

3. **Vesting Computation Period**

- a. Calendar year
- b. Plan Year
- c. The twelve-consecutive month period commencing on the date the Employee first performs an Hour of Service; each subsequent twelve-consecutive month period will commence on the anniversary of such date
- d. Other (must be a 12 month period): _____.

NOTE: E.3d must be a twelve-consecutive month period.

4. **Other Employer Service**

Count years of service with employers other than the Adopting Employer for vesting purposes. List other employers and indicate for what purposes (e.g., Matching, Non-Elective, etc.) the service applies along with any limitations: (e.g., service with ABC Inc. will be included for determining vesting for Matching Contributions limited to three Years of Vesting Service) _____

NOTE: The other service specified must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

5. **Vesting Exceptions**

- a. Death. Provide for full vesting for a Participant who terminates employment with the Adopting Employer due to death while an Employee.
- b. Disability. Provide for full vesting for a Participant who terminates employment with the Adopting Employer due to Disability while an Employee.
- c. Early Retirement. Provide for 100% vesting upon the attainment of Early Retirement Age while an Employee.

6. **Vesting Exclusions**

- a. Exclude Years of Vesting Service earned before age 18
- b. Exclude Years of Vesting Service earned before the Adopting Employer maintained this Plan or a predecessor plan
- c. One-year holdout. If an Employee has a One-Year Break in Service/Period of Severance, exclude Years of Vesting Service earned before such period until the Employee has completed a Year of Vesting Service after returning to employment with the Adopting Employer.
- d. Rule of parity. If an Employee does not have a nonforfeitable right to the Account balance derived from Adopting Employer contributions, exclude Years of Vesting Service earned before a period of five (5) consecutive One-Year Breaks in Service/Periods of Severance.

7. **Special Vesting Provisions**

Provide for special vesting provisions (e.g., Participants who are employed under a union contract are always 100% vested in all contributions): _____

NOTE: Any special provisions must satisfy Code section 411.

Vesting Schedules

8. **Matching Contribution Account**

Vesting Schedule for Matching Contributions:

- a. 100%
- b. 2-6 Year Graded
- c. 1-5 Year Graded
- d. 1-4 Year Graded
- e. 3 Year Cliff
- f. 2 Year Cliff
- g. Other:
 - i. Other Match Schedule - less than 1 year: _____%
 - ii. Other Match Schedule - 1 year but less than 2 years: _____%
 - iii. Other Match Schedule - 2 years but less than 3 years: _____%
 - iv. Other Match Schedule - 3 years but less than 4 years: _____%
 - v. Other Match Schedule - 4 years but less than 5 years: _____%

- vi. Other Match Schedule - 5 years but less than 6 years: _____%
- vii. Other Match Schedule - 6 or more years: 100%.

NOTE: See Section 6.02 for definitions of the applicable vesting schedules.

9. Non-Elective

Non-Elective Contribution Account Vesting Schedule:

- a. 100%
- b. 2-6 Year Graded
- c. 1-5 Year Graded
- d. 1-4 Year Graded
- e. 3 Year Cliff
- f. 2 Year Cliff
- g. Other:
 - i. Other Non-Elective Schedule - less than 1 year: _____%
 - ii. Other Non-Elective Schedule - 1 year but less than 2 years: _____%
 - iii. Other Non-Elective Schedule - 2 years but less than 3 years: _____%
 - iv. Other Non-Elective Schedule - 3 years but less than 4 years: _____%
 - v. Other Non-Elective Schedule - 4 years but less than 5 years: _____%
 - vi. Other Non-Elective Schedule - 5 years but less than 6 years: _____%
 - vii. Other Non-Elective Schedule - 6 or more years: 100%.

NOTE: See Section 6.02 for definitions of the applicable vesting schedules.

10. Other Vesting Schedule

- a. The Plan has another vesting schedule (e.g., transferred Matching Contribution assets from merger are subject to a 3 year cliff vesting schedule): _____
- b. Describe the Participants to which the other vesting schedule applies: _____

NOTE: The vesting schedule in E.10 is in addition to the vesting schedules in E.8 through E.9.

NOTE: E.10 must be applied in a consistent and nondiscriminatory manner. For example, E.10b could be used to describe a prior vesting schedule, vesting for a transfer account, or a vesting schedule that applies to Participants covered by a collective bargaining agreement provided retirement benefits were the subject of good faith bargaining.

11. Forfeitures

Forfeitures will be used in the following manner:

- a. Any permissible method (restore forfeitures, reduce Adopting Employer contributions (or reallocate as Adopting Employer contributions) made pursuant to Article 4 or to pay Plan expenses)
- b. Other: _____

NOTE: E.11b is limited to one or a combination of the options described in E.11a. E.11b may be used to further restrict the uses of forfeiture and must be applied in a consistent and nondiscriminatory manner.

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Definitions

1. Normal Retirement

- a. Normal Retirement Age means:
 - i. Attainment of age 62
 - ii. Later of attainment of age _____ and the service specified in F.1b
 - iii. Other: _____
- b. Select the type and length of service used to measure Normal Retirement Age:
 - i. Eligibility. _____ Years of Eligibility Service
 - ii. Vesting. _____ Years of Vesting Service
 - iii. Participation. _____ anniversary of participation (e.g. third, fourth, etc.)

NOTE: The age entered in F.1a may not be more than 65.

NOTE: F.1b may not require more than the fifth anniversary of participation as defined in Treas. Reg. section 1.411(a)-7(b)(1) and any superseding guidance.

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NOTE: The Normal Retirement Age will be deemed met no later than the later of age 65 or the fifth anniversary of participation as defined in Treas. Reg. section 1.411(a)-7(b)(1) and any superseding guidance.

2. Early Retirement

a. Early Retirement Age means:

- i. None. The Plan does not have an early retirement feature.
- ii. Attainment of age _____
- iii. Later of attainment of age _____ and the service specified in F.2b
- iv. Other: _____

b. Select the type and length of service used to measure Early Retirement Age:

- i. Eligibility. _____ Years of Eligibility Service
- ii. Vesting. _____ Years of Vesting Service
- iii. Participation. _____ anniversary of participation (e.g. third, fourth, etc.)

NOTE: The age entered in F.2a may not be more than 65.

NOTE: F.2b is only applicable if F.2a.iii is selected.

NOTE: See related selections E.5c (vesting upon Early Retirement Age) and G.3c (in-service distributions upon Early Retirement Age).

3. Required Beginning Date

Required Beginning Date for a Participant other than a More Than 5% Owner:

- a. Retirement. April 1 of the calendar year following the later of the calendar year in which the Participant: (x) attains age 70-1/2, or (y) retires
- b. Age 70-1/2. April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Participant attains age 70-1/2
- c. Election. The option provided in F.3a; provided that a Participant may elect to begin distributions pursuant to either F.3a or F.3b

NOTE: A Participant's Required Beginning Date is a protected benefit under Code section 411(d)(6).

Time & Form of Payment

4. REA Requirements

- a. Certain assets in the Transfer Account are subject to the REA requirements. The default form of payment for those Transfer Account assets that are subject to the REA requirements will be a Qualified Joint and _____% Survivor Annuity (not less than 50% and not more than 100%).

5. Time of Payment

Distributions after Severance from Employment for reasons other than death will commence (Section 7.02):

- a. Immediate. As soon as administratively feasible with a final payment made consisting of any allocations occurring after such Severance from Employment
- b. End of Plan Year. As soon as administratively feasible after all contributions have been allocated relating to the Plan Year in which the Participant's Account balance becomes distributable
- c. Normal Retirement Age.
- d. Other (e.g., as soon as administratively feasible following the next Valuation Date): _____

NOTE: Any entry in F.5d must comply with Code section 401(a)(9), Section 7.02 and other requirements of Article 7.

6. Form of Payment - Severance from Employment

a. Medium of distribution from the Plan:

- i. Cash only
- ii. Cash or in-kind
- iii. Cash or in-kind rollover to an individual retirement account sponsored by the following vendor: _____

b. Distributions from the Plan after Severance from Employment for reasons other than death may be made in the following forms (select all that apply):

- i. Lump sum
- ii. Substantially equal installments
- iii. Under a continuous right of withdrawal pursuant to which a Participant may withdraw such amounts at such times as he will elect
- iv. Other (e.g., Periodic Payment that are set at least quarterly): _____

NOTE: F.6b.iii and any entry in F.6b.iv must comply with Code section 401(a)(9), Section 7.02 and other requirements of Article 7.

c. Participants may take distributions in the form of an annuity:

- i. Yes - entire account
- ii. Yes - entire account except single life annuities will not be allowed

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iii. Yes - the following conditions and/or limitations will apply: _____

iv. No

NOTE: If F.6c.i, F.6c.ii, F.6c.iii is selected, a Participant may elect to have the Plan Administrator apply his vested Account to the extent provided above toward the purchase of an annuity contract, which will be distributed to the Participant. The terms of such annuity contract will comply with the provisions of this Plan and any annuity contract will be nontransferable.

NOTE: F.6c.iii must be applied in a consistent and nondiscriminatory manner (for example, limiting annuity distributions to accounts in excess of a certain dollar amount.)

Payments on Death

7. Payment upon Participant's Death

Distributions on account of the death of the Participant will be made in accordance with the following:

a. Pay entire Account balance by end of fifth year for all Beneficiaries in accordance with Sections 7.05(b) and 7.05(d) only

b. Pay entire Account balance no later than the 60th day following the end of Plan Year in which the Participant dies

c. Allow extended payments for all Beneficiaries in accordance with Sections 7.05(b) and 7.05(d)

d. Pay entire Account balance by end of fifth year for Beneficiaries in accordance with Sections 7.05(b) and 7.05(d) and allow extended payments in accordance with Sections 7.05(b) and 7.05(d) only if the Participant's spouse is the Participant's sole primary Beneficiary

e. Other: _____

NOTE: Any entry in F.7e must comply with Code section 401(a)(9), Section 7.05 and other requirements of Article 7.

8. Form of Payment

a. Medium of distribution from the Plan:

i. Cash only

ii. Cash or in-kind

iii. Cash or in-kind rollover to an individual retirement account sponsored by the following vendor: _____

b. Distributions from the Plan may be made in the following forms (select all that apply):

i. Lump sum

ii. Substantially equal installments

iii. Under a continuous right of withdrawal pursuant to which a Participant may withdraw such amounts at such times as he will elect

iv. Other (e.g., Periodic Payment that are set at least quarterly): _____

NOTE: F.8b.iii and any entry in F.8b.iv must comply with Code section 401(a)(9), Section 7.02 and other requirements of Article 7.

c. Beneficiaries may take distributions in the form of an annuity.

i. Yes - the entire Account

ii. Yes - the following conditions and/or limitations will apply: _____

iii. No

NOTE: If F.8c.i or F.8c.ii is selected, a Beneficiary may elect to have the Plan Administrator apply his Account to the extent provided above toward the purchase of an annuity contract, which will be distributed to the Beneficiary. The terms of such annuity contract will comply with the provisions of this Plan (including Section 7.05) and any annuity contract will be nontransferable.

NOTE: F.8c.ii must be applied in a consistent and nondiscriminatory manner (for example, limiting annuity distributions to accounts in excess of a certain dollar amount.)

9. Beneficiaries

a. Death benefits when there is no designated Beneficiary:

i. Standard according to Section 7.04(c)

ii. Other (e.g., Spouse first, if no surviving Spouse then Participant's estate): _____

b. Revocation. A Beneficiary designation to a spouse will be automatically revoked upon the following circumstances (e.g., divorce): _____

c. For purposes of determining a Participant's spouse, the one-year rule in Code section 417(d), Treas. Reg. section 1.401(a)-20 applies.

NOTE: If F.9a.ii (Other) is selected, death benefits when there is no designated beneficiary will be provided pursuant to F.9a.ii. The death benefits described must be definitely determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to discretion.

NOTE: If revocation is selected (F.9b) you may use this item to indicate automatic revocation upon divorce.

Cash Out

10. Cash Out

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- a. Involuntary cash-out amount for purposes of Section 7.03: \$1,000
- b. Involuntary cash-out of a terminated Participant's Account balance when it exceeds the cash-out amount specified in F.10a is deferred under Section 7.03(b) until:
- i. Later of age 62 or Normal Retirement Age - payment made in a lump sum only
 - ii. Required Beginning Date - Participant may elect payment in a lump sum or installments
 - iii. Required Beginning Date - payment made in a lump sum only
 - iv. Other (e.g., Required Beginning Date made in a direct rollover to an IRA): Money will not be forced out of the account until the participant requests or distribution is required under applicable laws and regulations.
- c. Exclude amounts attributable to Rollover Contributions in determining the value of the Participant's vested Account balance for purposes of F.10a

NOTE: F.10a has a \$5,000 maximum; \$5,000 will be entered unless otherwise specified.

NOTE: If F.10a is not selected, F.10c does not apply.

NOTE: Any entry in F.10b.iv must comply with Code section 411(a)(11), Section 7.03 and other requirements of Article 7.

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NOTE: See Section 8.06 for limits on in-service distributions.

NOTE: In-service withdrawal options are meant as enabling rules. If an in-service distribution is permitted under any option specified below, the in-service withdrawal is permissible.

Vesting Status

1. Vesting Status for In-service Withdrawals

Select one:

- In-service withdrawals otherwise permitted under Section G are allowed from Accounts that are partially vested
- An Account must be fully vested for a Participant to receive an in-service withdrawal

NOTE: The response to G.1 will be ignored if the Plan does not allow in-service withdrawals.

NOTE: Withdrawals under G.2-11 are only permitted from the portion of a Participant's Accounts described in G.1 unless otherwise specified in G.12.

Hardship

2. Hardship

NOTE: Matching Contributions held in a custodial account, and Non-Elective Contributions held in a custodial account are not eligible for hardship withdrawals.

Hardship withdrawals are allowed as follows:

- a. Hardship withdrawals are permitted.

NOTE: G.2b through G.2g is only applicable if G.2a is checked.

- b. Hardship withdrawals are permitted from the following accounts:

- i. All Accounts. A Participant may receive a distribution on account of hardship from all accounts eligible for hardship withdrawal under the Code and associated Federal Regulations.
- ii. Selected Accounts
 1. Elective Deferral Account
 2. Voluntary Contribution Account
 3. Mandatory After-Tax Contribution Account
 4. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contribution Account
 5. Matching Contribution Account
 6. Non-Elective Contribution Account
 7. Rollover Contribution Account
 8. Transfer Account
 9. Other: (e.g., Merged Assets) _____

NOTE: The "Other" accounts specified above (G.2b.ii.9) must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner

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that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

- c. The Plan will use the safe harbor criteria set forth in Section 8.01(b) in determining whether a Participant is entitled to receive a hardship withdrawal:
- i. All Accounts.
 - ii. Selected Accounts
 - 1. Elective Deferral Account
 - 2. Voluntary Contribution Account
 - 3. Mandatory After-Tax Contribution Account
 - 4. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contribution Account
 - 5. Matching Contribution Account
 - 6. Non-Elective Contribution Account
 - 7. Rollover Contribution Account
 - 8. Transfer Account
 - 9. Other: (e.g., Merged Assets) _____

NOTE: The "Other" accounts specified above (G.2c.ii.9) must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

- d. The Plan will use the more flexible criteria set forth in Section 8.01(c) in determining whether a Participant is entitled to receive a hardship withdrawal:
- i. All Accounts.
 - ii. Selected Accounts
 - 1. Elective Deferral Account
 - 2. Voluntary Contribution Account
 - 3. Mandatory After-Tax Contribution Account
 - 4. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contribution Account
 - 5. Matching Contribution Account
 - 6. Non-Elective Contribution Account
 - 7. Rollover Contribution Account
 - 8. Transfer Account
 - 9. Other: (e.g., Merged Assets) _____

NOTE: The "Other" accounts specified above (G.2d.ii.9) must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

- e. Expand the hardship criteria to include the Beneficiary of the Participant
- f. If a Participant may receive a Hardship withdrawal from his Elective Deferral Account, permit hardship withdrawals from the Participant's Roth Elective Deferral Account subject to the same terms and conditions as apply to the Participant's Elective Deferral Account:
- i. Yes
 - ii. Yes - only if the withdrawal from the Roth Elective Deferral Account qualifies as a "qualified distribution" within the meaning of Code section 402A(d)(2)
 - iii. No

- g. Other limitations on Hardship withdrawals (e.g., one Hardship withdrawal per Plan Year): _____

NOTE: If G.2d is selected, the requirements of Section 8.01(b)(2) will not apply, the amount of the hardship withdrawal may not exceed the Participant's vested interest under the applicable Account and the requirements of Revenue Ruling 71-224 and any superseding guidance will apply.

NOTE: G.2f only applies if A.7b is "Yes," (Roth Elective Deferrals are permitted) and hardship withdrawals are permitted from the Elective Deferral Account.

NOTE: Any limitations in G.2g (such as limits on the number of withdrawals per year or minimum amount of distributions) must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion. Minimum amount of hardship withdrawals may not exceed \$1,000.

3. Normal/Early Retirement

- a. Allow in-service distributions after attainment of Normal Retirement Age (Section 7.01(b)) from the following Accounts:
- i. None
 - ii. All Accounts
 - iii. Selected Accounts
- b. If Selected Accounts is selected, Normal Retirement Age withdrawals may be made from the following Accounts:
- i. Elective Deferral Account

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- ii. Voluntary Contribution Account
- iii. Mandatory After-Tax Contribution Account
- iv. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contribution Account
- v. Matching Contribution Account
- vi. Non-Elective Contribution Account
- vii. Qualified Non-Elective Contribution Account
- viii. Rollover Contribution Account
- ix. Transfer Account
- x. Other: (e.g., Merged Assets) _____

NOTE: The "Other" accounts specified above (G.3b.x) must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

c. Allow in-service distributions after attainment of Early Retirement Age (Section 7.01(a)) from the following Accounts:

- i. None
- ii. All Accounts
- iii. Selected Accounts

d. If Selected Accounts is selected, Early Retirement Age withdrawals may be made from the following Accounts:

- i. Elective Deferral Account
- ii. Voluntary Contribution Account
- iii. Mandatory After-Tax Contribution Account
- iv. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contribution Account
- v. Matching Contribution Account
- vi. Non-Elective Contribution Account
- vii. Qualified Non-Elective Contribution Account
- viii. Rollover Contribution Account
- ix. Transfer Account
- x. Other: (e.g., Merged Assets) _____

NOTE: The "Other" accounts specified above (G.3d.x) must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

NOTE: If the Normal Retirement Age and/or Early Retirement Age is less than age 59-1/2 and in-service is selected, Elective Deferrals, Matching Contributions held in a custodial account, and Non-Elective Contributions held in a custodial account will not be eligible for withdrawal until the Participant attains age 59-1/2.

4. Specified Age and Service

a. In-service withdrawals are allowed on attainment of age _____ and _____ service:

- i. None
- ii. All Accounts
- iii. Selected Accounts

b. If Selected Accounts is selected, specified age and service withdrawals may be made from the following Accounts:

- i. Elective Deferral Account
- ii. Voluntary Contribution Account
- iii. Mandatory After-Tax Contribution Account
- iv. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contribution Account
- v. Matching Contribution Account
- vi. Non-Elective Contribution Account
- vii. Qualified Non-Elective Contribution Account
- viii. Rollover Contribution Account
- ix. Transfer Account
- x. Other: (e.g., Merged Assets) _____

NOTE: The "Other" accounts specified above (G.4b.x) must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

c. If a Participant may receive a withdrawal upon the attainment of a specified age and service from his Elective Deferral Account, permit such withdrawals from the Participant's Roth Elective Deferral Account subject to the same terms and conditions as apply to the Participant's Elective Deferral Account:

- i. Yes
- ii. Yes - only if the withdrawal from the Roth Elective Deferral Account qualifies as a "qualified distribution" within the meaning of Code section 402A(d)(2)

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iii. No

NOTE: If G.4a is less than age 59-1/2, Elective Deferrals, Qualified Non-Elective Contributions, Qualified Matching Contributions, Matching Contributions held in a custodial account, and Non-Elective Contributions held in a custodial account will not be eligible for withdrawal until the Participant attains age 59-1/2 and completes required service; but only to the extent withdrawals are permitted from such Accounts pursuant to G.4a and G.4b.

NOTE: G.4b only applies if G.4a.iii is selected.

NOTE: G.4c only applies if A.7b is "Yes" (Roth Elective Deferrals are permitted,) and G.4a.ii or G.4a.iii and G.4b.i is selected.

5. Specified Age

a. In-service withdrawals are allowed on attainment of age 59.5:

i. None

ii. All Accounts

iii. Selected Accounts

b. If Selected Accounts is selected, specified age withdrawals may be made from the following Accounts:

i. Elective Deferral Account

ii. Voluntary Contribution Account

iii. Mandatory After-Tax Contribution Account

iv. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contribution Account

v. Matching Contribution Account

vi. Non-Elective Contribution Account

vii. Qualified Non-Elective Contribution Account

viii. Rollover Contribution Account

ix. Transfer Account

x. Other: (e.g., Merged Assets) _____

NOTE: The "Other" accounts specified above (G.5b.x) must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

c. If a Participant may receive a withdrawal upon the attainment of a specified age from his Elective Deferral Account, permit such withdrawals from the Participant's Roth Elective Deferral Account subject to the same terms and conditions as apply to the Participant's Elective Deferral Account:

i. Yes

ii. Yes - only if the withdrawal from the Roth Elective Deferral Account qualifies as a "qualified distribution" within the meaning of Code section 402A(d)(2)

iii. No

NOTE: If G.5a is less than age 59-1/2, Elective Deferrals, Qualified Non-Elective Contributions, Qualified Matching, Matching Contributions held in a custodial account, and Non-Elective Contributions held in a custodial account will not be eligible for withdrawal until the Participant attains age 59-1/2; but only to the extent withdrawals are permitted from such Accounts pursuant to G.5a and G.5b.

NOTE: G.5b only applies if G.5a.iii is selected.

NOTE: G.5c only applies if A.7b is "Yes," (Roth Elective Deferrals are permitted), and G.5a.ii or G.5a.iii and G.5b.i is selected.

Other Withdrawals

6. Withdrawals After Period of Participation

a. Matching Contributions. In-service withdrawals are allowed from a Participant's Matching Contribution Account after _____ years of Participation

b. Non-Elective Contributions. In-service withdrawals are allowed from a Participant's Non-Elective Contribution Account after _____ years of Participation

NOTE: Withdrawals under G.6a are only permitted from the Matching Contribution Account to the extent such Account is held in annuity contracts.

NOTE: Withdrawals under G.6b are only permitted from the Non-Elective Contribution Account to the extent such Account is held in annuity contracts.

NOTE: G.6a-b may not be less than five.

7. Withdrawals After Period of Accumulation

a. Matching Contributions. In-service withdrawals are allowed from a Participant's Matching Contribution Account on funds held for _____ years.

b. Non-Elective Contributions. In-service withdrawals are allowed from a Participant's Non-Elective Contribution Account on funds

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held for _____ years.

NOTE: Withdrawals under G.7a are only permitted from the Matching Contribution Account to the extent such Account is held in annuity contracts.

NOTE: Withdrawals under G.7b are only permitted from the Non-Elective Contribution Account to the extent such Account is held in annuity contracts.

NOTE: G.7a-b may not be less than two.

8. At Any Time

In-service withdrawals are allowed from the following Accounts at any time:

- a. Voluntary Contribution Account
- b. Mandatory After-Tax Contribution Account
- c. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contribution Account
- d. Rollover Contribution Account

9. Military Distributions

- a. Qualified Reservist Distributions are permitted.
- b. Deemed Severance Distributions are permitted.

10. Transfer Account

Distributions are permitted for a Participant who has attained age 62 and who has not separated from employment from the Transfer Account.

- a. Yes - under any distribution option offered to a Participant who has incurred a Termination of Employment
- b. Yes - limited to the following terms and conditions: _____

NOTE: G.10 only applies if F.4 is selected (Plan has received a transfer of assets from a plan subject to the survivor annuity rules of Code sections 401(a)(11) and 417).

11. Disability

Allow distributions upon Disability.

NOTE: If distribution upon Disability is selected, the following Accounts may not be distributed unless a severe disability equivalent to A.18a has occurred: (i) Elective Deferral Account, (ii) Qualified Non-Elective Contribution Account. A severe disability equivalent to A.18a is as follows: the Participant is unable 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 12 months. The permanence and degree of such impairment will be supported by medical evidence.

Conditions/Limitations

12. Other Conditions/Limitations

The following limitations, conditions, and/or special rules apply to in-service withdrawals (e.g., Participant is limited to one in-service withdrawal per calendar quarter): _____

NOTE: Unless otherwise specified, the limitations will apply to all in-service withdrawals (G.1 through G.11). G.12 must be applied in a consistent and nondiscriminatory manner. For example, G.12 could be used to specify the number of withdrawals permitted in a specified time period. See Section 8.06.

13. Form of Payment - In-Service Distribution other than Hardship Distributions

a. Medium of distribution from the Plan:

- i. Cash only
- ii. Cash or in-kind
- iii. Cash or in-kind rollover to an individual retirement account sponsored by the following vendor: _____

b. Distributions from the Plan may be made in the following forms (select all that apply):

- i. Lump sum
- ii. Substantially equal installments
- iii. Under a continuous right of withdrawal pursuant to which a Participant may withdraw such amounts at such times as he will elect
- iv. Other (e.g., Periodic Payment that are set at least quarterly): _____

NOTE: G.13b.iii and any entry in G.13b.iv must comply with Code section 401(a)(9), Section 7.02 and other requirements of Article 7.

c. Participants may take distributions in the form of an annuity.

- i. Yes - the entire Account
- ii. Yes - entire account except single life annuities will not be allowed
- iii. Yes - the following conditions and/or limitations will apply: _____

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iv. No

NOTE: If G.13c.i or G.13c.iii is selected, a Participant may elect to have the Plan Administrator apply his vested Account to the extent provided above toward the purchase of an annuity contract, which will be distributed to the Participant. The terms of such annuity contract will comply with the provisions of this Plan (including Section 7.05) and any annuity contract will be nontransferable.

NOTE: G.13c.iii must be applied in a consistent and nondiscriminatory manner (for example, limiting annuity distributions to accounts in excess of a certain dollar amount.)

NOTE: If G.13c.i or G.13c.iii is selected, and the Plan has elected to be exempt from the REA requirements, the annuity cannot be in the form of a single life annuity. If the participant in the Plan that has elected to be exempt from the REA requirements the distribution used to purchase the single life annuity will be subject to the REA requirements.

Roth In-Plan Rollovers

14. Roth In-Plan Rollovers

a. If the Plan allows for Roth contributions, In-Plan Roth Rollovers are permitted:

i. No

ii. Yes - only if the Plan otherwise allows for the distribution/in-service withdrawal

iii. Yes - all distributions/in-service withdrawals permitted under the Code even if not otherwise provided under the Plan

iv. Yes - at any time

NOTE: In-Plan Roth Rollovers may only be permitted for eligible distributions that are also rollover distributions (as defined in Code section 402(c)(4)) except they do not have to be eligible for distribution under the Code.)

b. In-Plan Roth Rollovers are permitted from partially vested Accounts

c. Additional limitations will apply to In-Plan Roth Rollovers:

i. Yes, _____. (Describe the limitations and/or conditions.) (e.g., one In-Plan Roth Rollover per calendar quarter)

ii. No.

NOTE: To prevent terminated Employees from taking an In-Plan Roth Rollover or to limit In-Plan Roth Rollovers to a nondiscriminatory class, choose "limitations and/or conditions apply" and describe the circumstances under which Participants can make an In-Plan Roth Rollover.

d. Enter the effective date of the In-Plan Roth Rollovers: ____ (must be after Sept. 27, 2010)

e. In-Plan Roth Rollover Accounts will be distributable:

i. at any time

ii. when the originating Account of the In-Plan Roth Rollover assets are distributable

iii. Other: (e.g., upon attainment of age 59.5) _____

NOTE: G.14e.ii must be chosen if G.14a.iv is chosen.

NOTE: The distribution event specified above (G.14e.iii) must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

Loans

15. Loans

Loans are permitted

Exchanges

16. Exchanges

Exchanges are permitted

Transfers to Purchase Service Credit

17. Transfers to Purchase Service Credit

Transfers to Purchase Service Credit are permitted

H. PLAN OPERATIONS

Plan Operations

1. Permitted Investments

- a. Annuity Contracts
 b. Custodial Accounts

2. Participant Self-Direction

a. Specify the extent to which the Plan permits Participant self-direction:

- i. All Accounts
 ii. Some Accounts
 iii. None

b. If Some Accounts is selected, a Participant may self-direct the following Accounts:

- i. Elective Deferral Account
 ii. Voluntary Contribution Account
 iii. Mandatory After-Tax Contribution Account
 iv. Mandatory Pre-Tax Contribution Account
 v. Matching Contribution Account
 vi. Non-Elective Contribution Account
 vii. Qualified Non-Elective Contribution Account
 viii. Rollover Contribution Account
 ix. Transfer Account
 x. Other (e.g., QMAC Contribution Account): _____

NOTE: The other account specified above (H.2b.x) must be objectively determinable and may not be specified in a manner that is subject to Adopting Employer discretion.

c. Participants may also establish individual brokerage accounts.

d. Participants may exercise voting rights with respect to the following investments:

- i. All investments
 ii. Selected investments: _____

NOTE: If H.2a.iii (None) is selected, H.2b through H.2d do not apply.

NOTE: H.2b only applies if H.2a.ii is selected.

3. Valuation Date

Enter Valuation Date:

- a. Last day of Plan Year
 b. Last day of each Plan quarter
 c. Last day of each month
 d. Each business day
 e. Other (e.g., first and fifteenth day of each month): _____ (Must be at least annually).

4. Plan Administration

a. Designation of Plan Administrator:

- i. Plan Sponsor
 ii. Committee appointed by Plan Sponsor

iii. Other (Complete name of designated Plan Administrator.) (e.g., TPA Service Provider Inc.): Omni Financial Group, Inc.

b. Establishment of procedures for the Plan Administrator and the Investment Fiduciary:

- i. Plan Administrator and Investment Fiduciary adopt own procedures
 ii. Governing body of the Plan Sponsor sets procedures for Plan Administrator and Investment Fiduciary

c. Type of indemnification for the Plan Administrator and Investment Fiduciary:

- i. None - the Adopting Employer will not indemnify the Plan Administrator or the Investment Fiduciary
 ii. Standard according to Section 11.06
 iii. Provided pursuant to an outside agreement

d. The following modifications will be made to the duties of the applicable parties: _____

NOTE: H.4d may be used to reallocate duties between the Plan Sponsor and the Plan Administrator. It may also be used to designate additional parties to perform specific Plan Administrator and/or Plan Sponsor duties.

I. MISCELLANEOUS

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

The Plan will consist of this Adoption Agreement #001, its related Basic Plan Document #008 (Non-ERISA 403(b)) and any related appendix or addendum specifically created in response to a question within the Adoption Agreement.

The Adopting Employer may rely on an advisory letter issued by the Internal Revenue Service as evidence that the Plan is tax-favored under Code section 403 only to the extent provided in Revenue Procedure 2013-22 and any superseding guidance. The Adopting Employer may not rely on the advisory letter in certain other circumstances or with respect to certain qualification requirements, which are specified in the advisory letter issued with respect to the Plan and in Revenue Procedure 2011-49 and any superseding guidance. In order to have reliance in such circumstances or with respect to such tax-favored requirements, application for a determination letter must be made to Employee Plans Determinations of the Internal Revenue Service. The volume submitter Practitioner will inform the Adopting Employer of any amendments made to the Plan or of the discontinuance or abandonment of the Plan. The Volume Submitter Practitioner may be contacted at OMNI Financial Group Inc may be contacted at Water Tower Park, 1099 Jay St, Bldg F, Rochester, NY 14611; 585-436-6664.

J. EXECUTION PAGE

The undersigned agree to be bound by the terms of this Adoption Agreement and Basic Plan Document and acknowledge receipt of same. By signing this Adoption Agreement, the undersigned acknowledges having reviewed the Appendices and Amendments to the Basic Plan Document.

The parties have caused this Plan to be executed this _____ day of _____, 2019.

CLEARVIEW LOCAL SCHOOLS (ADOPTING EMPLOYER):

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

ADMINISTRATIVE AND VENDOR APPENDIX

Clearview Local Schools 403(b) Retirement Plan

An amendment is not required to make changes to this appendix. Use of this Addendum will not be considered a modification to the volume submitter document.

Approved vendors that accept ongoing contributions from the Adopting Employer and the investment types offered.

1. AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company
 Mutual Funds
 Annuities
2. Great American Insurance Group
 Mutual Funds
 Annuities
3. GNW/Employee Deposit Acct
 Mutual Funds
 Annuities
4. Horace Mann Life Ins. Co.
 Mutual Funds
 Annuities
5. MetLife
 Mutual Funds
 Annuities
6. National Life Group (LSW)
 Mutual Funds
 Annuities
7. NY Life Ins. & Annuity Corp.
 Mutual Funds
 Annuities
8. Security Benefit
 Mutual Funds
 Annuities
9. Voya Financial (VRIAC)
 Mutual Funds
 Annuities

Service Providers

- a. Omni Financial Group, Inc. will perform the following services for the plan: The services Omni Financial Group, Inc. ("OMNI") provides to the Adopting Employer are set forth in the Service Agreement between the Adopting Employer and OMNI.

Plan Sponsor

The following administrative functions will be performed by the Plan Sponsor:

The services the plan sponsor (i.e., the Adopting Employer) will provide are set forth in the Services Agreement between the Adopting Employer and OMNI.

EFFECTIVE DATE ADDENDUM

Use this Addendum to provide any effective dates for Plan provisions other than the Effective Date specified in A.3. Any date entered may not override an effective date required by the Internal Revenue Code, Treasury & Department of Labor Relations or other formal guidance. Use of this Addendum shall not be considered a modification to the prototype document.

Effective dates regarding special terms and conditions regarding elective deferrals, matching contributions, and nonelective contributions are contained in the applicable collective bargaining agreements, employment agreements, or their equivalent between the Adopting Employer and its employees.

Between 1/1/18 and 2/17/19, the plan modified the safe harbor immediate and heavy financial need expense relating to damage to a principal residence (i.e., 1.401(k)-1(d)(3)(iii)(B)(6)) to include expenses for the repair of damage to the Employee's principal residence that would qualify for the casualty deduction under Code section 165. Effective 2/18/19, the plan modified the safe harbor immediate and heavy financial need expense relating to damage to a principal residence (i.e., 1.401(k)-1(d)(3)(iii)(B)(6)) to include expenses for the repair of damage to the Employee's principal residence that would qualify for the casualty deduction under Code section 165 (determined without regard to section 165(h)(5) and whether the loss exceeds 10% of adjusted gross income).

CUSTOM LANGUAGE ADDENDUM

Any conditions precedent prior to receiving a matching or non-elective contributions, the amount of the matching or non-elective contribution and the date on which the Adopting Employer will deposit the matching or non-elective contribution into the 403(b) account of an employee is governed by the Adopting Employer's collective bargaining agreement, employment agreements, or memorandum of agreement or equivalent with Employees of the Adopting Employer, copies of which are attached as an addendum to this Adoption Agreement.

HARDSHIP DISTRIBUTION ADDENDUM

This Addendum is intended as a good faith effort to comply with the requirements of the hardship distribution final regulations and is to be construed in accordance with same. Both the Addendum and the provisions of the hardship distribution final regulations will supersede any inconsistent Plan provisions.

For each item below, if the check boxes are empty, the *italicized* provision will apply.

1. **Safe Harbor Contributions/QNECs/QMACs**

Effective on the first day of the first plan year after 12/31/2018, if available under the Plan, Qualified Non-Elective Contributions (QNECs), Qualified Matching Contributions (QMACs) or contributions used to satisfy the safe harbor requirements of Code sections 401(k)(12) or 401(k)(13), or 401(m)(11) or 401(m)(12), not held in a Custodial Account will be available for hardship distributions.

- Effective 1/1/2020, hardship distributions are permitted from Qualified Non-Elective Contributions, Qualified Matching Contributions or contributions used to satisfy the safe harbor requirements of Code sections 401(k)(12) or 401(k)(13), or 401(m)(11) or 401(m)(12), if available under the Plan and not held in a Custodial Account.
- Hardship distributions continue to be prohibited from Qualified Non-Elective Contributions, Qualified Matching Contributions or contributions used to satisfy the safe harbor requirements of Code sections 401(k)(12) or 401(k)(13), or 401(m)(11) or 401(m)(12).

2. **Amount Necessary to Satisfy Need Requirement**

Effective on the first day of the first plan year after 12/31/2018, a hardship distribution will be considered necessary to satisfy an immediate and heavy financial need of the Participant only if:

- *The distribution is not in excess of the amount required to satisfy the financial need (including any amounts necessary to pay any federal, state or local income taxes or penalties reasonably anticipated to result from the distribution);*
- *The Participant has obtained all other currently available distributions, other than hardship distributions, under any deferred compensation plan, whether qualified or nonqualified, maintained by the Employer; and*
- *Effective for distributions made on or after 01/01/2020, the Participant has represented (in writing or by an electronic medium) that he has insufficient cash or other liquid assets to satisfy the financial need.*

Effective 1/1/2020, a distribution will be determined to satisfy an immediate and heavy financial need only if the three criteria listed above are met.

The following provisions will be used for complying with the amount necessary to satisfy need requirement: _____

3. **Six-Month Suspension**

If the Safe Harbor criteria are used for hardship distributions, effective on the first day of the first plan year after 12/31/2018, the six-month suspension period for Elective Deferrals (and after-tax contributions) will no longer be a condition for obtaining a hardship distribution, even if the hardship distribution was made in the prior plan year.

Effective 1/1/2020, the Plan will not initiate a six-month suspension period on Elective Deferrals (and after-tax contributions) following a hardship distribution (cannot be later than 01/01/2020).

The Plan will discontinue any remaining portion of the suspension period for hardship distributions made prior to the entered effective date.

The Plan will continue any remaining portion of the full six-month suspension period for hardship distributions made prior to the entered effective date.

4. **Loan Requirement**

If the Safe Harbor criteria are used for hardship distributions, effective on the first day of the first plan year after 12/31/2018, Participants are not required to take all nontaxable loans under all plans maintained by the Employer prior to applying for a hardship distribution.

- Effective 1/1/2020, Participants are not required to take all available nontaxable loans before applying for a hardship distribution.
- Participants must continue to take all nontaxable loans under all plans maintained by the Employer before applying for a hardship distribution.

5. **Safe Harbor Financial Needs**

If the Safe Harbor criteria are used for hardship distributions, the following immediate and heavy financial needs are considered as safe harbor criteria for hardship distributions made on or after 01/01/2018:

- *Expenses for the repair of damage to the Employee's principal residence that would qualify for the casualty deduction under Code section 165 (determined without regard to section 165(h)(5) and whether the loss exceeds 10% of adjusted gross income).*
- *Expenses and losses (including loss of income) incurred by the Employee on account of a disaster declared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, provided that the Employee's principal residence or principal place of employment at the time of the disaster was located in an area designated by FEMA for individual assistance with respect to the disaster.*

- Effective 1/1/2020, the immediate and heavy financial needs listed above are considered as safe harbor criteria for hardship distributions.
- The immediate and heavy financial needs listed above are not considered as safe harbor criteria for hardship distributions.

ADDENDA EXECUTION PAGE

The undersigned agree to be bound by the terms of the foregoing addenda to the Plan and acknowledge receipt of same. The addenda are executed this ____ day of _____, 2019.

CLEARVIEW LOCAL SCHOOLS:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title/Position: _____



TAX EXEMPT AND
GOVERNMENT ENTITIES
DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20224

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Plan Description: Volume Submitter 403(b) Plan
FFN: 315E077FT08-001 Case: 201700532 EIN: 16-1538542
Letter Serial No: J501044a
Date of Submission: 10/13/2017

OMNI FINANCIAL GROUP INC
WATER TOWER PARK
1099 JAY ST., BLDG. F
ROCHESTER, NY 14611

Contact Person:
Janell Hayes
Telephone Number:
513-975-6319
In Reference To: TEGE:EP:7521
Date: 10/17/2017

Dear Applicant.

In our opinion, the form of the plan identified above is acceptable under section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code for use by eligible employers for the benefit of their employees. This opinion relates only to the acceptability of the form of the plan under the Internal Revenue Code. It is not an opinion of the effect of other Federal or local statutes.

You must furnish a copy of this letter, a copy of the approved plan, and copies of any subsequent amendments to each eligible employer who adopts this plan.

This letter considers the changes contained in the final regulations under Code section 403(b) (sections 1.403(b)-1 through 1.403(b)-11) that were published on July 26, 2007 (72 FR 41128) and the applicable requirements of the 2012 Cumulative List of Changes in Plan Qualification Requirements contained in Notice 2012-76, 2012-62 I.R.B. 775.

Our opinion on the acceptability of the form of the plan is not a ruling or determination as to whether an eligible employer's plan satisfies Code section 403(b). However, an eligible employer that adopts this plan may rely on this letter with respect to the satisfaction of its plan under Code section 403(b), as provided for in Rev. Proc. 2013-22, 2013-18 I.R.B. 985, and outlined below. An eligible employer that adopts this Code section 403(b) volume submitter plan may rely upon an advisory letter issued for the plan that the form of the adopting eligible employer's plan satisfies the requirements of Code section 403(b) except (i) to the extent that the employer modifies the terms of the approved specimen plan (other than by selecting options that are permitted under the terms of the approved specimen plan) and (ii) if the plan is not a Code section 414(d) governmental plan or a plan of a Church or Qualified Church Controlled Organization (QCCO) as defined in Rev. Proc. 2013-22 with respect to whether nonelective contributions under the plan satisfy the requirements of Code sections 401(a)(4) and 410(b). The terms of the plan must be followed in operation

This is not a ruling or determination with respect to any language in the plan that reflects Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act, Pub. L. 104-199, 110 Stat. 2419 (DOMA) or U.S. v. Windsor, 570 U.S. 12 (2013), which invalidated that section, except to the extent that the definition of spouse is relevant for purposes of required minimum distributions under Code section 401(a)(9) and spousal rollover rights under Code section 402(c)(9).

In general our opinion may not be relied on with respect to the requirements of Code section 415 if the adopting eligible employer or any of its related employers maintains another Code section 403(b) plan covering any of the same participants as this Code section 403(b) plan. For this purpose, the term "related

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employers" means all employers that are aggregated with the adopting eligible employer under Code sections 414(b) and (c) (each as modified by IRC 415(h), (m), and (o), including Regulation 1.414(c)-5. See Regulations 1.415(c)-1(d) and 1.415(f)-1(f) for special rules applicable to Code section 403(b) plans.

This letter may not be relied upon with respect to issues of an inherently factual nature.

This letter does not rule on whether this plan meets any requirements of a multiple employer plan.

This letter does not express an opinion with respect to the terms of any investment arrangements under the plan of any adopting eligible employer or any other documents that may be incorporated by reference into an adopting eligible employer's plan. In the event of any conflict between the terms of the plan and the terms of investment arrangements under the plan (or any other documents incorporated by reference into the plan) the terms of the plan shall govern.

This letter does not express an opinion, and may not be relied upon, with respect to whether any plan is subject to the requirements of Title I of ERISA or whether a plan satisfies any of those requirements.

Our opinion does not constitute a determination that the plan is a Code section 414(d) governmental plan or that the adopting employer is a Church or QCCO

If you, the volume submitter practitioner, have any questions concerning the IRS processing of this case, please call the above telephone number. This number is only for use of the practitioner. Individual participants and/or adopting eligible employers with questions concerning the plan should contact the volume submitter practitioner. The plan's adoption agreement, if applicable, must include the practitioner's address and telephone number for inquiries by adopting employers.

If you write to the IRS regarding this plan, please provide your telephone number and the most convenient time for us to call in case we need more information. Whether you call or write, please refer to the Letter Serial Number and File Folder Number shown in the heading of this letter.

You should keep this letter as a permanent record. Please notify us if you modify or discontinue sponsorship of this plan.

Sincerely Yours,

Khin M. Chow

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Director, EP Rulings & Agreements



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This notification must be filed with STRS Ohio when an employer elects to pick up all or a portion of the required employee contributions stipulated in Section 3307.26, Revised Code, or when an existing employer pickup plan is amended. **Important:** A copy of the agreement or board action authorizing the pickup must be submitted with this notification.

Employer Clearview Local School District Employer no. 4707

Address 4700 Broadway Avenue

City Lorain ZIP code 44052-5542

Effective date of pickup is 07/01/16

- Employee group covered:
- | | |
|---|---|
| School District | College/University |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Superintendent | <input type="checkbox"/> President |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrator | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative faculty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching faculty |

Employee contributions for earned compensation required under Section 3307.26, R.C., will be accounted for as follows:

Employee Contributions

Salary reduction pickup.....	_____ %
Pickup paid by employer in addition to regular contract salary	<u>14.00</u> %
<i>Is this amount included in compensation for retirement purposes?</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Total STRS Ohio contributions required under Section 3307.26, R.C. ...	<u>14.00</u> %

I understand this notification will remain in effect until a notice of change or termination is filed with STRS Ohio. I also understand all of the *guidelines listed on the reverse side* of this notification have been met or acknowledged.

Signed Mary Ann Nowak Date 01/13/20
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Pickup paid by employer in addition to regular contract salary 14.00 %

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CLEARVIEW LOCAL SCHOOLS 2020 - 2021

August 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

September 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

October 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

November 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

December 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

January 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

February 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

March 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

April 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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





May 2021

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31				

June 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
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Codes

- Inservice 
- Grade Period 
- Vacation 
- Holiday 
- Parent/Teacher Conf. 
- Teacher Records 
- Professional Dev. 

NO SCHOOL DAYS FOR STUDENTS

- August 17th, 18th - Teacher In-service
- September 7th - Labor Day
- October 9th - NEOEA Teacher In-service
- October 12th - Professional Dev.
- November 2nd - Professional Dev.
- Nov. 25th - Nov. 27th - Thanksgiving Break

Fall Homecoming vs. John Hay
September 11, 2020

FIRST DAY SCHOOL: August 19, 2020
LAST DAY SCHOOL: May 28, 2021

(2nd Semester Begins : January 05, 2021)

- Dec. 21- Dec. 31 - Winter Break
- January 4th - Teacher Records
- January 18th - Martin Luther King Day
- February 15th - President's Day
- March 19th - Professional Dev.
- April 2nd- Good Friday
- April 5th- April 9th - Spring Break
- May 10th - Professional Dev.
- May 31st - Memorial Day
- June 1st - Teacher Records

GRADING PERIODS

- 1st Aug. 19th—Oct. 19th (42 days)
- 2nd Oct. 20th—Dec. 18th (42 days)
- 3rd Jan. 5th— March 15th (48 days)
- 4th March 16th—May 28th (48 days)

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

CHS	DMS
Sept. 17th	Oct. 8th
Nov. 19th	Nov. 18th
Feb. 11th	Feb. 18th

VES

Oct. 29th
Nov. 5th
Feb. 4th

OPEN HOUSES

- Vincent:** Aug. 18th - 3:30-5:00 p.m. (Grades 1-4)
- Aug. 21st - 3:30-5:00 p.m. (Kindergarten only)
- Durling:** Aug. 20th - 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- 5th Grade Orientation - Aug. 17th, 3:00-4:00 p.m.**
- Clearview:** Aug. 18th - 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Freshmen Orientation - Aug. 18th, 4:00-5:00 p.m.**

GRADUATION: @ Palace Civic Center - May 26, 2021 (7:00 p.m.)

Board Adopted :



**CLEARVIEW LOCAL SCHOOLS
LITERACY PLAN
2019-2020**

Outline

Committee Members:

Paul Kish	Cassidy Byham	Denise Bevins	Chrissy Foster
Jamie Dodson	Johnna Dimacchia	Karrie Stafford	
Holly Miller	Hollie Sloboda	Laura Golak	

Goals of the Committee:

1. Create a working document that identifies, outlines, and promotes literacy instruction in the district.
2. Create a working document that identifies district vision, plan, resources, and goals in regards to literacy instruction
3. Create a working document that promotes common language, instructional best practices, and fidelity of program implementation in regards to literacy instruction.
4. Create a learning community in which literacy serves as a foundation for lifelong learning.
5. Improve the overall academic achievement for our students.

Plan Components:

1. Outline
2. Mission
3. Resources / Programs
4. Promotion and Family Engagement
5. Goals
6. Action Plans
7. Evaluation

Timeline:

The Clearview Literacy Plan will set a goal for implementation by the start of the 2019-2020 school year. A continual evaluation and review will occur thereafter.

Budget:

Budget aspects of the plan will work within the district's general budget and state and federal program budget with a commitment to spending as it pertains to literacy resources, professional development, and promotional events.

Plan Evaluation:

1. An annual district survey will be given to staff, students, and community to assess plan progress regarding literacy instruction within the district.
2. Academic data will be reviewed and analyzed: EOC, AIR, STAR, AR

Mission

The mission of the Clearview Local Schools Literacy Plan Committee is to create a learning community in which reading, writing, speaking, and listening serve as the foundation for lifelong learning. The mission of the Clearview Literacy Plan is built upon the following beliefs:

- All children should view themselves as readers and writers.
- Children need to be engaged in authentic daily reading and writing activities.
- Literacy means not only to read, write, speak, and listen, but also to use language to learn, think, and communicate effectively.
- Classrooms need to be print-rich and to contain a wide variety of reading materials, resources, and technology to support a child's literacy development.
- Literacy as the foundation of learning is an instructional priority K-12.
- All learners, no matter the complexity of their disability, have the potential to grow their skills and knowledge in language and literacy.
- Children need to enjoy reading and writing and develop lifelong literacy habits.
- Curiosity should be fostered in and outside of the classroom to further literacy habits.
- Students should be engaged through meaningful choices in the material that they read.

The Clearview Literacy Plan is an extension of the overall Mission of the school district:

Through the involvement of staff, parents, and the community, the Clearview Schools will provide a positive environment which enables students with various abilities, interests and cultures to learn life skills and acquire the knowledge necessary to reach their potential as citizens and to meet the challenges of an ever-changing global society.

Resources and Programs

The Clearview Local School Literacy Plan is grounded on the concept of Five Big Ideas of Literacy Instruction and student literacy development. With fidelity, the teaching staff will utilize several programs in support of literacy instruction in the district.

Big Ideas for Early Reading

1. Phonemic Awareness

Phonemic awareness is the ability to hear and manipulate individual spoken sounds or phonemes within words. It includes the understanding that the phonemes of spoken language work together to make words and can be taken apart to spell words. To benefit from phonics instruction, students must be able to hear phonemes within words in order to identify the letters that correspond with the individual phonemes. The two most critical skills of phonemic awareness are blending and segmenting.

2. Alphabetic Principle

Alphabetic principle involves an understanding that written letters represent spoken sounds and that letter sounds can be blended together to read words and segmented to spell words. Students learn and apply the alphabetic principle through beginning phonics instruction. Students must develop the skills and habits for automatic and accurate reading, relying on the letters in the word rather than the context or pictures so that all of their cognitive energy can go into comprehending what the text means.

3. Fluency With Connected Text

Fluency represents the ability to effortlessly read words accurately, at an appropriate rate, and with expression. All three components of reading fluency are needed.

4. Vocabulary

Vocabulary refers to the words we must know to communicate effectively through listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

5. Comprehension

Comprehension is the result of a student's interaction with text to construct meaning and learn from text. Strong reading comprehension is related to a student's ability to read with accuracy (decoding) as well as the student's language comprehension.

Big Ideas for Adolescent Reading

1. Advanced Word Study/Phonics

Advanced word study/phonics involves continued instruction in the application of more advanced phonics to reading, such as teaching students how to:

- Identify and break words into syllable types.
- Read multisyllabic words by blending the parts together.
- Recognize irregular words that do not follow predictable patterns.
- Apply the meaning of common prefixes, suffixes, inflectional endings, and roots when reading.

2. Fluency With Connected Text

Fluency represents the ability to effortlessly read words accurately, at an appropriate rate, and with expression. All three components of reading fluency are needed.

3. Vocabulary

Vocabulary refers to the words we must know to communicate effectively through listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

4. Comprehension

Comprehension is the result of a student's interaction with text to construct meaning and learn from text. Strong reading comprehension is related to a student's ability to read with accuracy (decoding) as well as the student's language comprehension.

5. Motivation

Motivation is related to a student's perceived probability of success. We know that adolescent readers often lack the motivation to read, which can negatively impact their academic performance. This is especially true for struggling readers.

Simple View of Reading

- $\text{Decoding} \times \text{Language Comprehension} = \text{Reading Comprehension}$
- Decoding is the ability to transform print into spoken language (print concepts, fluency (accuracy, rate, expression), word knowledge, phonics and word recognition, phonological awareness,
- Language comprehension is the ability to understand spoken language (Background knowledge, Academic Vocabulary, Narrative language skills, Inferential Language skills,)

Vincent Elementary Literacy Programs

- Whole group instruction – Vocabulary and Comprehension
 - Teaching skill/standard
- Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Grade K-1
- Foundations K-2; grade 3 uses for intervention
- Guided Reading K-4
- STAR, K-4 / Accelerated Reader
- Wilson Just Words Tier 2 Intervention Grade 4
- Wilson Reading System (TBD)
- Title Services Intervention
- Progress Monitoring - Data collection and support per RIMP/RTI plan
- EASY CBM- grade 3 title and one intervention specialist currently have access

Durling Middle School Literacy Programs

- Reading Class grades 5 & 6 in addition to English Language Arts class
- 90 minute block ELA for 7 & 8 grade
- Grades 5 and 6 Guided Reading
- (STAR / Accelerated Reader)
- Wilson Just Words Tier 2 Intervention
- Wilson Reading System (TBD)
- Title Services Intervention
- CommonLit, ReadWork, Newsela

Clearview High School Literacy Programs

- English Language Arts Level 1-4 ODE Standards
- Wilson Just Words Tier 2 Intervention
- Wilson Reading System (TBD)
- CommonLit/ReadWorks/Newsela
- Sadlier Oxford Vocabulary

Heggerty Phonemic Awareness

Heggerty Phonemic Awareness is a well-organized 35-week curriculum of daily phonemic awareness lesson plans. Developed on a systematic scope and sequence of skills, each level focuses on eight phonemic awareness Skills, along with two additional activities to develop Letter and Sound recognition, and Language Awareness. The lessons are designed to deliver Tier I phonemic awareness instruction in a whole group setting and only take 10-12 minutes. For

students in need of extra support, portions of lessons could be used in a small group and serve as a “second dose” of phonemic awareness instruction.

Primary Curriculum- 1st grade

The Primary version of these lessons (yellow book) includes 10 components that are taught within each lesson, eight phonemic awareness skills and 2 additional activities to develop letter name and letter sound recognition and language awareness activities. The lessons should be taught daily in Kindergarten and 1st grade classrooms and can be used for intervention support for students in 2nd grade and above who struggle to decode. Through the daily lessons, students engage in activities teaching early skills such as rhyming and onset fluency, basic skills of blending and segmenting sounds, and working with the complex and advanced skills of substituting, adding, and deleting phonemes. Through teacher modeling and daily practice, students receive scaffolded support to meet the needs of all learners in a classroom. The skills taught are supplemental to the literacy curriculum that is currently in place. When the lessons are taught consistently each day, teachers see improvement in students’ reading, spelling, and writing, as the students learn to hear the sounds in words.

The Primary curriculum can also be used with older learners who demonstrate difficulty in struggling to decode words. Teachers, interventionists, Reading Specialists, and Special education teachers can use the lessons to provide explicit phonemic awareness instruction in addition to explicit phonics instruction, as both skills are essential in helping all students learn to read. The phonemic awareness screener assessment can be used as a tool to determine the skills that should be taught to meet the individual needs of students.

Kindergarten Curriculum

The Kindergarten version of these lessons (blue book) includes 10 components that are taught within each lesson, eight phonemic awareness skills and 2 additional activities to develop letter name and letter sound recognition and language awareness activities. During the language awareness activities, the students learn nursery rhymes. The lessons can be used for instruction within a half-day or full-day Kindergarten program.

Through the daily lessons, students engage in activities teaching early skills such as rhyming and onset fluency, basic skills of blending and segmenting sounds, and working with the complex and advanced skills of substituting, adding, and deleting phonemes. Through teacher modeling and daily practice, students receive scaffolded support to meet the needs of all learners in a classroom. The skills taught are supplemental to the literacy curriculum that is currently in place. When the lessons are taught consistently each day,

teachers see improvement in students' reading, spelling, and writing, as the students learn to hear the sounds in words.

Scholastic Guided Reading

Guided reading is an instructional approach that involves a teacher working with a small group of students who demonstrate similar reading behaviors and can read similar levels of texts. The text is easy enough for students to read with your skillful support; it offers challenges and opportunities for problem solving, but is easy enough for students to read with some fluency. You choose selections that help students expand their strategies.

The purpose of Scholastic Guided Reading is for you select books that students can read with about 90 to 94 percent accuracy. Students can understand and enjoy the story because it's accessible to them through their own strategies, supported by your introduction.

They focus on meaning but also use problem-solving strategies to figure out words they don't know, deal with difficult sentence structure, and understand concepts or ideas they have never before encountered in print.

Procedure for Guided Reading

- You work with a small group of students with similar needs (Kinder and 1st gr groups no larger than 4 students at a time per Scholastic coach).
- You provide introductions to the text that support students' later attempts at problem solving.
- Each student reads the whole text or a unified part of the text.
- Readers figure out new words while reading for meaning.
- You prompt, encourage, and confirm students' attempts at problem solving.
- You and your students engage in meaningful conversations about what they are reading.
- You and your student revisit the text to demonstrate and use a range of comprehension strategies.

Scholastic EDGE (Kindergarten only)

Scholastic EDGE is an in-class small-group approach that scaffolds instruction in a way that keeps students connected to the learning goals of the classroom and helps to close the achievement gap. Keeping students in class helps them stay connected to other parts of the whole class literacy block. It creates a "through line" of transferable strategies and skills that does not isolate or separate them, but allows them to remain a part of the classroom community.

Scholastic EDGE is designed to:

- Motivate readers by providing successful reading experiences
- Offer increasingly challenging age-appropriate leveled texts and related tasks to assure students grow as readers
- Allow for students to make strong gains and have the opportunity to reach proficiency

- Strengthen the connection between guided reading and the goals of independent reading, with the ultimate goal of independence and transfer.

Wilson Reading Systems

Tiers 1 & 2 for Grades K-3

Fundations® is the program appropriate for Tier 1 & 2 instruction in grades K-3. Each COMPASS Plan for Fundations implementation includes the Level-specific workshops to be delivered; staff members to be selected for Facilitator Certification and teacher-leader roles; the coaching that would be provided and the schools in which the coaching would take place; all materials required for training purposes, and for teachers and students to use in class; the schedule of events and activities; and an orientation workshop for administrators.

Tier 2 for Grades 4-12

Just Words® is the program appropriate for Tier 2 instruction in grades 4-12. Each COMPASS Plan for Just Words implementation includes the workshops to be delivered; staff members to be selected for Facilitator Certification and teacher-leader roles; the coaching that would be provided and the schools in which the coaching would take place; all materials required for training purposes, and for teachers and students to use in class; the schedule of events and activities; and an orientation workshop for administrators.

Tier 3 for Grades 2-12

The Wilson Reading System® (WRS) provides intensive Tier 3 instruction in grades 2-12. Each COMPASS Plan for WRS implementation includes a WRS Introductory Course as well as the WRS Level I Certification Program. The WRS plan requires the selection of a cohort of teachers to enroll in the WRS Intensive Instruction: Online Course (Steps 1-6) and the WRS Level I Steps 1-6 Practicum. This plan could also include the WRS Advanced Strategies for Multisensory Structured Language (MSL) Group Instruction Workshop, which prepares teachers for group instruction, WRS Level II Certification, or the development of a WRS Trainer .

Renaissance STAR Reading

Star Reading and Early Star Literacy is an online assessment program developed by Renaissance Learning for students in grades K-12. The program uses a combination of the cloze method and traditional reading comprehension passages to assess forty-six reading skills across eleven domains. The program is used to determine a student's overall reading level as well as identify a student's individual strengths and weaknesses. The program is designed to provide teachers with individual student data, quickly and accurately. It typically takes a student minimum 20 minutes to complete an assessment, and reports are available immediately upon completion.

The assessment consists of approximately thirty questions. Students are tested on foundational reading skills, literature components, reading informational text, and language. Students have one minute to answer each question before the program automatically moves them to the next

question. The program is adaptive, so the difficulty will increase or decrease based on how a student performs.

EasyCBM

Easy CBM is an online system which provides reading and math benchmark and progress monitoring assessments and reports for district, school, and teacher use. It was designed by researchers at the University of Oregon as an integral part of an RTI (Response to Intervention) model. It was developed in close collaboration with school district partners across the United States. It is designed to give teachers insight into which of their students may need additional instructional supports as well as to provide a means by which they can measure the effectiveness of their teaching. System reports provide information that supports evidence-based decision making, and the Interventions interface streamlines the process of keeping track of students' instructional program, a feature that is particularly helpful for student study team meetings and parent conferences.

K-3 Program Structure

- The K-3 program is based on the philosophy that students Kindergarten through Grade 2 are learning to read and students Grade 3 to Grade 12 are reading to learn.
- Kindergarten students entering Vincent Elementary will have literacy skills identified through an initial Kindergarten screener administered by staff.
- Students in the fall of their Kindergarten school year will be administered the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment.
- Jump Start to Kindergarten to screen incoming Kindergarteners
- Students in Kindergarten through Grade 3 identified below grade level in reading through Renaissance STAR benchmarking standards will receive additional Title I services.
- Students identified below reading level subject to fall below benchmark for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee will be placed on a Reading Improvement Plan (RIMP) and receive additional progress monitoring and intervention. Time built into the school day to do Tier II (RIMP students) intervention to be explored.
- Students in grade 3 that did not pass the AIR test from the previous year will receive tutoring intervention from an outside Educational Service Center tutor.
- Students in Grades K through 4 will participate in the Renaissance Accelerated Reader Program.
- Students in Kindergarten through Grade 3 identified to be below Renaissance STAR benchmarking standard will be invited to participate in a Summer Reading Program to continue Accelerated Reader progress and support.
- When students are identified as Tier III students, Wilson Reading System intervention and support will be explored.

Grade 4-12 Program Structure

- The K-3 program is based on the philosophy that students Kindergarten through Grade 3 are learning to read and students Grade 4 to Grade 12 are reading to learn.
- Students in Grade 4 identified through Renaissance STAR benchmarking standards will be strategically placed in reading intervention groups by the 4th grade team.
- Students in Grades 4 through 6 identified through Renaissance STAR benchmarking standards will receive additional Title I services using Wilson Just Words.
- Students in Grades 5-8 identified to be below Renaissance STAR benchmarking standards will be strategically placed in middle school FLEX groups (dependant on grade level and what the teachers decide for that particular group/quarter) for additional monitoring, intervention, and support.
- Students in Grades 4-8 will participate in the Renaissance Accelerated Reader Program.
- Elective/Special class for one quarter per year for each grade level in enrichment reading taught by Title 1 teachers.
- Students in Grades 4-8 identified to be below Renaissance STAR benchmarking standard will be invited to participate in a Summer Reading Program Accelerated Reader progress and support.
- Wilson Reading System Tier 3 intervention will be explored for grades 4-12.
- Wilson Just Words Tier 2 intervention will be explored for Clearview High School.
- Students in Grades 9-12 identified to be below benchmark standard for English Language Arts will be strategically placed in Clearview High School Connections class for additional monitoring, intervention, and support.
- Students in Grades 9-12 identified as needing support to pass the English Language Arts End-of-Course State Exams will receive tutoring services provided after school for additional monitoring, intervention, and support.

Elementary School Writing Plan:

- A. Resources
 - a. Mary Mariotti (IdeaStream)
 - b. Literacy Plan Committee
 - c. Jennifer Seravallo Writing Strategies Text
- B. Instructional Best Practices
 - a. I do, We do, You do
 - b. Modeling
 - c. Anchor Charts
 - d. Writers Workshop/ Conferences

Middle School Writing Plan:

- A. Resources
 - a. Dr. Lori Wilfong's Writing Strategies

- b. Jennifer Serravallo Writing Strategies Text
- c. Literacy Plan Committee
- B. Instructional Best Practices
 - a. R.A.C.E (Restate, Answer, Cite, Explain)
 - b. Unlocking Complex Text: Summarizing
 - c. Graphic Organizers/Outline
 - d. Anchor Charts
 - e. Dr. Lori Wilfong's Writing Workshop
 - f. Modeling (I do, We do, You do)
 - g. Conferencing

High School Writing Plan

- A. Resources and Programs
 - a. Dr. Lori Wilfong
 - b. CommonLit, ReadWorks
 - c. Literacy Plan Committee
- B. Instructional Best Practices
 - a. Dr. Lori Wilfong's Writers Workshop
 - b. Point, Evidence, Explanation organizer
 - c. Mentor and model texts
 - d. Cross curricular rubric to be explored

Speaking Plan K-12

Speaking and presentation instruction will vary by grade level, curricular area, content, and purpose. However, Clearview classrooms will establish seven criterion skills and expectations as a consistent, repeated standard for students K-12. These expectations will be posted in all classrooms in the district at each of the three buildings. The seven criterion skills and expectations will also be part of speaking and presentation assessment K-12.

1. Posture
2. Eye Contact
3. Facial Expression
4. Volume
5. Inflection
6. Hand Gestures
7. Confidence

Posture: the way in which the body is positioned when sitting or standing. When speaking and/or presenting students will stand/sit up straight and face their audience.

Eye Contact: visual contact with another person's eyes. When speaking and presenting students will make eye contact with all members of the audience reaching each area of the room.

Facial Expression: a gesture executed with the facial muscles. Feeling expressed in one's face. When speaking and presenting students will exude facial expression to match purpose, including smiling when appropriate.

Volume: the degree of loudness or the intensity of a sound. When speaking and presenting students will speak at a volume that meets the needs of the audience and setting.

Inflection: change in pitch or loudness of the voice. When speaking and presenting students will use voice inflection in an effort to exude meaning and emotion.

Hand Gestures: a movement usually of the hands that expresses or emphasizes an idea, sentiment, or attitude. When speaking and presenting students will use hand gestures for added non-verbal expression.

Confidence: having or showing assurance and self-reliance. When speaking and presenting students will exude certainty and assertion through their verbal and nonverbal expressions.

Listening Plan K-12

Clearview classrooms K-12 will promote the concept of Active Listening: fully concentrating on what is being said rather than just passively hearing the message of the speaker. Active listening involves listening with all senses. As well as giving full attention to the speaker, it is important that the active listener is also seen to be listening.

Clearview classrooms will establish five criterion skills and expectations as a consistent, repeated standard for Active Listening for students K-12.

1. Eye Contact
2. Posture
3. Don't Interrupt
4. Question
5. Repeat

Eye Contact: visual contact with another person's eyes. When listening to others students will make eye contact with the speaker.

Posture: the way in which the body is positioned when sitting or standing. When listening to others students will stand/sit up straight and face the speaker and presenter.

Don't Interrupt: without stopping or hindering by breaking in. When listening to others students will allow the speaker to complete communication without purposely stopping their progress.

Question: an act or instance of asking; a request for information. When listening to others students will pay attention to the speaker to the extent of being able to ask questions related to the content presented.

Repeat: to say or state again. When listening to others students will pay attention to the speaker to the extent of being able to repeat content presented.

Promotion and Family Engagement

Part of the Clearview Local School Literacy Plan is to encourage, promote, and instill a love of reading in our students. In addition, family engagement and support of literacy is an important element to create a learning community in which reading, writing, speaking, and listening serve as a foundation for lifelong learning. This building level ideas listed below identify the various initiatives in support literacy promotion and family engagement. Each Building Leadership Team will conduct activities accordingly in this regard as part of the overall Clearview Literacy Plan.

Vincent Elementary School

- Reading Buddies (grade levels mix with another grade level and read to each other and with each other, possibly monthly or weekly?)
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Book in a bag - when a child finishes a book, they write a review or give a synopsis of a character and share it in the classroom or in the hall, other children could read it and if interested in the book, check out the book.
- Teachers share what they are reading too to model the love of reading, teachers make a book in a bag too!
- Encourage students to do interest survey and using it to choose books
- Literacy nights, perhaps quarterly. Have the last literacy night be an invitation for students to tour the next grade level and do activities that they would start the next school year.
- Connecting real life experiences with books. Invite community members that relate to topics in books being read to make those connections (ex. Invite a dentist if reading about dental health)
- Write letters to businesses that relate to books being read
- Summer school reading program. AR and reading promotion; DMS and VES

Durling Middle School

- One School, One Book
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Bookmobile with Young Adult books for 7th & 8th graders
- High Interest section in library
- Build classroom libraries
- GoodReads
- Teacher modeling during silent reading
- Summer school reading program. AR and reading promotion; DMS and VES

Clearview High School

- Book Club- including current magazines focused on student interest
- Teachers introducing new texts each week to students from their classroom inventory
- Increased text availability in classrooms and media center (subscriptions)
- Reading nook space/corner- in media center
- Bookmobile
- Scholastic Book Fair
- “What are you reading?” promotion. Promotion for all students and staff to have an answer to the question, “What are you reading?” District-wide campaign with potential rewards/incentives.
- Social media sharing with reading promotion.
- Texts available in English and Spanish to support ELL students.

Goals

Goal 1: Leadership

- By the 2019-20 school year, the Principal and Literacy Team at each school building will encourage the implementation of the Clearview Local Schools Literacy Plan.

Goal 2: Assessment

- By the 2020-21 school year, instructional staff will be knowledgeable in using assessment data to identify student literacy strengths/weaknesses, identify interventions and supports, and improve instructional practice in teaching literacy standards. (Content Specific)

Goal 3: Instruction

- By the 2020-21 school year, instructional staff will implement with fidelity, consistent, appropriate, identified research based literacy strategies in reading and writing.

Goal 4: Professional Development

- By the 2020-21 school year, Clearview Local Schools will identify and provide a suggested schedule of professional development for instructional staff as it pertains to literacy based programs and research based instructional strategies across the curriculum or content areas.

Goal 5: Student Support and Intervention

- By the 2020-21 school year the instructional staff will identify and implement a Multi-Tiered System of Support for literacy intervention for all students.

Goal 6: Assessment Data

- By June 2022, 75% of all Clearview Local School students in grades 3-12 will read at or above grade level as measured by approved district and state assessments.

Action Plans

Goal 1: Leadership

- By the 2019-20 school year, the Principal and Literacy Team at each school building will lead the implementation of the Clearview Local Schools Literacy Plan.

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Staff Responsible</u>	<u>Timeline</u>	<u>Evaluation</u>
Making this plan readily available and accessible for all staff.	Committee Members Administration BLT/DLT	Introduction before end of year; new school year (Aug-Sept) to design specific implementations	Reflection at end of each quarter
TBT, BLT, DLT ensure that staff is feeling supported and is implementing literacy plan.	Administration and TBT/BLT/DLT.	A minimum of two meetings per calendar school year.	TBT, BLT, DLT reflection and evaluation of progress of plan goals

Goal 2: Assessment

- By the 2020-21 school year, instructional staff will be proficient in using assessment data to identify
- Student literacy strengths/weaknesses, identify interventions and supports, and improve instructional practice in teaching literacy standards.

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Staff Responsible</u>	<u>Timeline</u>	<u>Evaluation</u>
Dedicate TBT meetings to identifying overall literacy strengths, weaknesses, and appropriate interventions and supports.	TBTs	At least during every interim period of each quarter	Administration observation of TBTs and assessment. (Teacher checksheet)

In addition to low grade reports, staff share their own reading level reports and discuss patterns, trends, instructional best practices.	Individual staff members bring data to TBT meetings	Logged with quarterly grades	District wide TBD
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Goal 3: Instruction

- By the 2020-21 school year, instructional staff will implement with fidelity, consistent, appropriate, identified research based literacy strategies in reading and writing.

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Staff Responsible</u>	<u>Timeline</u>	<u>Evaluation</u>
Each building will establish a reading plan that works across all content areas.	All core teachers	Established June 2020. Ongoing	Plan documented and posted throughout the building
Each building will establish a writing plan that works across all content areas.	All core teachers	Established June 2020. Ongoing	Plan documented and posted throughout the building

Goal 4: Professional Development

- By the 2020-21 school year, Clearview Local Schools will identify and provide a consistent schedule of professional development for instructional staff as it pertains to literacy based programs and research based instructional strategies.

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Staff Responsible</u>	<u>Timeline</u>	<u>Evaluation</u>
Content area reading/writing full staff PD - Guest speakers	Administration TBTs	August 2019- ongoing	OST test/EOC testing

Survey to staff to establish PD needs of the district	Curriculum Director Administration	On or before August, 2019	Survey results
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Goal 5: Student Support and Intervention

- By the 2020-21 school year the instructional staff will identify and implement a Multi-Tiered System of Support for literacy intervention for all students.

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Staff Responsible</u>	<u>Timeline</u>	<u>Evaluation</u>
Establish MTSS committee and plan	TBD- MTSS committee	Establish by end of 19/20 school year	Plan documented and posted
Protocol for identifying Tier III students	TBD	Establish by end of 20/21 school year	Have students identified and serviced with Tier III intervention

Goal 6: Assessment Data

- By June 2022, 75% of all Clearview Local School students in grades K-12 will read at or above grade level as measured by approved district and state assessments.

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Staff Responsible</u>	<u>Timeline</u>	<u>Evaluation</u>
(K-8) Establish a schedule to review benchmark scores and create Title intervention groups	Curriculum Director Administration Title teachers	3 times a year, following the Fall, Winter, Spring benchmark testing	Flexible groups are established and serviced within 2 weeks of the ending of each benchmark period
(9-12) Establish a schedule to review quarterly grades to create Connections groups	Administrator, BLT members, and Guidance Counselor	4 times a year following each quarter of school	Connections groups are establish and serviced within 2 weeks of quarter's end.

Evaluation

- The evaluation of the Clearview Local Schools Literacy Plan will involve periodic review of the above listed action plan steps as identified in the timeline and a review of the identified assessment data. The Literacy Plan Committee will meet during the 2019-2020 school year to identify, review, discuss, analyze, and modify aspects of the plan as needed in order to implement the plan and attain goals.
- An annual district survey will be given to staff, students, and community to assess plan progress regarding literacy instruction within the district.
- The Clearview Local Schools District Leadership Team will meet four times throughout the school year to identify, review, discuss, analyze, and modify aspects of the Ohio Improvement Process and the goals associated with the OIP document. The Literacy Plan will also be evaluated as part of the overall OIP process by the District Leadership Team.