

**SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION  
FOR**

**Harford County Public Schools 403(b) Plan**

**1-1-2015**

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# Harford County Public Schools 403(b) Plan

## SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION

### ARTICLE 1 INTRODUCTION

Harford County Public Schools has adopted the Harford County Public Schools 403(b) Plan (the “Plan”) to help you save for retirement. As an employee of Harford County Public Schools, you may be entitled to participate in the Plan, provided you satisfy the conditions for participation as described in this Summary Plan Description.

This Summary Plan Description (“SPD”) is designed to help you understand the retirement benefits provided under the Plan and your rights and obligations with respect to the Plan. This Summary Plan Description contains a summary of the major features of the Plan, including the conditions you must satisfy to participate under the Plan, the amount of benefits you are entitled to as a Plan participant, when you may receive distributions from the Plan, and other valuable information you should know to understand your Plan benefits. We encourage you to read this SPD and contact your Employer (or other designated Plan representative) if you have any questions regarding your rights and obligations under the Plan.

This SPD does not replace the formal Plan document, which contains all of the legal and technical requirements applicable to the Plan. However, this SPD does attempt to explain the Plan language in a non-technical manner that will help you understand your retirement benefits. If the non-technical language under this SPD and the technical, legal language under the Plan document conflict, the Plan document always governs. If you have any questions regarding the provisions contained in this SPD or if you wish to receive a copy of the legal Plan document, please contact your Employer (or other designated Plan representative).

The Plan document may be amended or modified due to changes in law, to comply with pronouncements by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or Department of Labor (DOL), or due to other circumstances. If the Plan is amended or modified in a way that changes the provisions under this SPD, you will be notified of such changes.

This SPD does not create any contractual rights to employment nor does it guarantee the right to receive benefits under the Plan. Benefits are payable under the Plan only to individuals who have satisfied all of the conditions under the Plan document for receiving benefits.

### ARTICLE 2 GENERAL PLAN INFORMATION AND KEY DEFINITIONS

This Article 2 contains information regarding the day-to-day administration of the Plan as well as the definition of key terms used throughout this Summary Plan Description.

**Plan Name:** Harford County Public Schools 403(b) Plan

**Plan Number:** 001

**Employer:**

**Name:** Harford County Public Schools

**Address:**

102 South Hickory Avenue  
Bel Air, MD 21014-3731

**Telephone number:** 410-588-5321

**Employer Identification Number (EIN):** 52-6000955

**Plan Administrator:**

The Plan Administrator is responsible for the day-to-day administration and operation of the Plan. For example, the Plan Administrator maintains the Plan records, provides you with forms necessary to request a distribution from the Plan, and directs the payment of your vested benefits when required under the Plan. The Plan Administrator also will allow you to review the formal Plan document and other materials related to the Plan.

The Employer listed above is acting as Plan Administrator. The Employer may designate other persons to perform the duties of Plan Administrator.

**Service of Legal Process:**

Service of legal process may be made upon the Employer at the address listed above.

**Effective Date of Plan:**

This Plan is a restatement of an existing Plan to comply with current law. This Plan was originally effective 1-1-1972. However, unless designated otherwise, the provisions of the Plan as set forth in this Summary Plan Description are effective as of 1-1-2015.

**Plan Year:**

Many of the provisions of the Plan are applied on the basis of the Plan Year. For this purpose the Plan Year is the 12-month period ending June 30.

**Plan Compensation:**

In applying the contribution formulas under the Plan (as described in Section 4 below), your contributions may be determined based on Plan Compensation. For this purpose, Plan Compensation is based on compensation earned during the Plan Year. However, in determining Plan Compensation, no amount will be taken into account to the extent such compensation exceeds the compensation dollar limit set forth under IRS rules. For 2013, the compensation dollar limit is \$255,000. For 2014, the compensation dollar limit is increased to \$260,000. Thus, for plan years beginning in 2014, no contribution may be made under the Plan with respect to Plan Compensation above \$260,000. For subsequent plan years, the contribution dollar limit may be adjusted for cost-of-living increases.

For purposes of determining Plan Compensation, your total taxable wages or salary is taken into account, including any Salary Deferrals you make to this 403(b) plan and any other pre-tax salary reduction contributions you may make under any other plans we may maintain, including any pre-tax contributions you make under a medical reimbursement plan or "cafeteria" plan.

For purposes of determining Plan Compensation, only compensation you earn while you are a participant in the Plan will be taken into account. Thus, any compensation you earn while you are not eligible to participate in the Plan will not be considered in determining Plan Compensation.

**Special effective date provisions:** The rules for determining compensation under the Plan are effective as follows: For the purpose of making Salary Deferrals, Plan Compensation is your Base Salary, which excludes all other form of payment such as bonuses and post-severance unused leave payments.

**Normal Retirement Age:**

You will reach Normal Retirement Age under the Plan when you turn age 65.

### ARTICLE 3 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

**Type of Plan.** This Plan is a special type of retirement plan commonly referred to as a 403(b) plan. Under the Plan, you may choose to have a specific percentage or dollar amount withheld from your salary and have such amount deposited directly into a 403(b) account on your behalf. This pre-tax contribution is called a "Salary Deferral." As a pre-tax contribution, you do not have to pay any income tax while your Salary Deferrals are held in the Plan, and any earnings on your Salary Deferrals are not taxed while they stay in the Plan. You also may choose to make contributions to the Plan on an after-tax basis, by designating your Salary Deferrals as Roth Deferrals. While you are taxed on a Roth Deferral in the year you contribute to the Plan, you will not be taxed on the contribution or earnings attributable to Roth Deferrals under the Plan when you elect to withdraw your Roth amounts from the Plan, as long as your withdrawal is a qualified distribution. See the discussion of Roth Deferrals under Article 4 below.

In addition to your own Salary Deferrals, if you satisfy the eligibility conditions described in Article 5 below, you may be eligible to receive an additional employer contribution under the Plan. If you are eligible to receive an employer contribution, we will deposit such contribution directly into the Plan on your behalf. Like the pre-tax Salary Deferrals discussed above, any employer contribution we make to the Plan on your behalf and any earnings on such amounts will not be subject to income tax as long as those amounts stay in the Plan. You will not be taxed on your employer contributions generally until you withdraw such amounts from the Plan. Article 4 below describes the employer contributions authorized under the Plan.

This 403(b) Plan is intended to qualify under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. As a 403(b) plan, it is not covered under Title IV of ERISA and, therefore, benefits are not insured by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

### ARTICLE 4 PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS

The Plan provides for the contributions listed below. Article 5 discusses the requirements you must satisfy to receive the contributions described in this Article 4. Article 7 describes the vesting rules applicable to your plan benefits. Special rules also may apply if you leave employment to enter qualified military service. See your Plan Administrator if you have questions regarding the rules that apply if you are on military leave.

#### Salary Deferrals

If you have satisfied the conditions for participating under the Plan (as described in Article 5 below) you are eligible to make Salary Deferrals to the Plan. To begin making Salary Deferrals, you must complete a Salary Reduction Agreement requesting that a portion of your compensation be contributed to the Plan instead of being paid to you as wages. Any Salary Deferrals you make to the Plan will be invested in accordance with the Plan's investment policies.

**Pre-Tax Salary Deferrals.** If you make Salary Deferrals to the Plan, you will not have to pay income taxes on such amounts or on any earnings until you withdraw those amounts from the Plan.

Consider the following examples:

- If you earn \$30,000 a year, are in the 15% tax bracket, are eligible to participate in the Plan and you elect to save 3% (or \$900) of your salary under the 403(b) Plan this year, you would save \$135 in Federal income taxes (15% of \$900 = \$135).
- If you earn \$30,000 a year, are in the 15% tax bracket, are eligible to participate in the Plan, and you elect to save 5% (or \$1,500) of your salary under the 403(b) Plan this year, you would save \$225 in Federal income taxes (15% of \$1,500 = \$225).

- If you earn \$30,000 a year, are in the 15% tax bracket, are eligible to participate in the Plan and you elect to save 8% (or \$2,400) of your salary under the 403(b) Plan this year, you would save \$360 in Federal income taxes (15% of \$2,400 = \$360).

As you can see, the more you are able to put away in the Plan and the higher your tax bracket, the greater your tax savings will be. In addition, if the amount of your Salary Deferrals grows due to investment earnings, you will not have to pay any Federal income taxes on those earnings until such time as you withdraw those amounts from the Plan.

**Roth Deferrals.** Effective 1-1-2012, you also may be able to avoid taxation on earnings under the Plan by designating your Salary Deferrals as Roth Deferrals. Roth Deferrals are a form of Salary Deferral but, instead of being contributed on a pre-tax basis, you must pay income tax currently on such deferrals. However, provided you satisfy the distribution requirements applicable to Roth Deferrals (as discussed in Article 8 below), you will not have to pay any income taxes at the time you withdraw your Roth Deferrals from the Plan, including amounts attributable to earnings. Thus, if you take a qualified distribution (as described in Article 8) your entire distribution may be withdrawn tax-free. You should discuss the relative advantages of pre-tax Salary Deferrals and Roth Deferrals with a financial advisor before deciding how much to designate as pre-tax Salary Deferrals and Roth Deferrals.

**Salary Reduction Agreement.** You may not begin making Salary Deferrals under the Plan until you complete a Salary Reduction Agreement. You may request a Salary Reduction Agreement from your Employer or other designated Plan representative. The Salary Reduction Agreement will permit you to designate how much you wish to defer into the Plan.

**Change of election.** You can increase or decrease the amount of your Salary Deferrals as of a designated election date, as specified in the Salary Reduction Agreement. Generally, you may revoke an existing Salary Reduction Agreement and stop making Salary Deferrals at any time. Any change you make to a Salary Reduction Agreement will become effective as of the next designated election date, and will remain in effect until modified or canceled during a subsequent election period.

### **Employer Contributions**

We are authorized under the Plan to make employer contributions on behalf of our employees. In order to receive an employer contribution, you must satisfy all of the eligibility requirements described in Article 5 below for employer contributions. If you do not satisfy all of the conditions for receiving an employer contribution, you will not share in an allocation of such employer contributions for the period for which you do not satisfy the eligibility requirements.

Employer contributions will be contributed to your employer contribution account under the Plan at such time as we deem appropriate. Generally, employer contributions may be contributed during the Plan Year or after the Plan Year ends. Any employer contributions we make will be made in accordance with the following employer contribution formula.

- **Discretionary pro-rata employer contribution formula.** We will decide each year how much, if any, we will contribute to the Plan. Since this employer contribution is discretionary, we may decide not to make an employer contribution for a given year. The employer contribution may be determined as a uniform percentage of compensation or as a uniform dollar amount. We will inform you of the amount of your employer contribution once we determine how much we will be contributing for the year.

### **Rollover Contributions**

If you have an account balance in another qualified retirement plan or an IRA, you may move those amounts into this Plan, without incurring any tax liability, by means of a "rollover" contribution. You are always 100% vested in any amounts you contribute to the Plan as a rollover from another qualified plan or IRA. This means that you will always be entitled to all amounts in your rollover account. Rollover contributions will be affected by any investment gains or losses under the Plan.

You may accomplish a rollover in one of two ways. You may ask your prior plan administrator or trustee to directly rollover to this Plan all or a portion of any amount which you are entitled to receive as a distribution from your prior plan. Alternatively, if you receive a distribution from your prior plan, you may elect to deposit into this plan any amount eligible for rollover within 60 days of your receipt of the distribution. Any rollover to the Plan will be credited to your Rollover Contribution Account. You will be able to withdraw the amounts in your rollover account at any time, unless the in-service withdrawal of rollover contributions is specifically prohibited as described in Article 8 below.

Generally, the Plan will accept a rollover contribution from another qualified retirement plan or IRA. The Plan may have separate procedures limiting the type of rollover contributions it will accept. For example, the Plan Administrator may impose restrictions on the acceptance of after-tax contributions or Salary Deferrals (including Roth Deferrals) or may restrict rollovers from particular types of plans. In addition, the Employer may, in its discretion, apply restrictions on the acceptance of rollover contributions if you are not currently a participant in the Plan. In no event will these procedures be applied in a discriminatory manner.

If you have questions about whether you can rollover a prior plan distribution, please contact the Employer or other designated Plan representative.

## ARTICLE 5 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

This Article sets forth the requirements you must satisfy to participate under the Plan. To qualify as a participant under the Plan, you must:

- be an Eligible Employee
- satisfy the Plan's minimum age and service conditions and
- satisfy any allocation conditions required under the Plan.

### Eligible Employee

To participate under the Plan, you must be an Eligible Employee. For this purpose, you are considered an Eligible Employee if you are an employee of Harford County Public Schools, provided you are not otherwise excluded from the Plan.

For purposes of determining whether you are an Eligible Employee, the Plan excludes from participation certain designated employees. If you fall under any of the excluded employee categories, you will not be eligible to receive the designated Plan contribution until such time as you no longer fall into an excluded employee category. [See below for a discussion of your rights upon changing to or from an excluded employee classification.]

The following describes the types of employees that are not eligible to participate with respect to the different types of contributions authorized under the Plan.

**Salary Deferrals.** The following employees are not eligible to make Salary Deferrals. If you fall under one of the following classes of employees, you may not make Salary Deferrals under the Plan.

- Employees whose contribution would be \$200 or less

**Employer Contributions.** The following employees are not eligible to receive employer contributions under the Plan. If you fall under one of the following classes of employees, you will not share in any employer contributions we make to the Plan.

- All Employees are excluded except for the Superintendent of Schools.

### Minimum Age and Service Requirements

If you are an Eligible Employee, you are able to make Salary Deferrals into the Plan. There are no minimum age or service requirements to make Salary Deferrals.

In order to be eligible to receive Employer Contributions, you must satisfy certain age and service conditions under the Plan.

- **Minimum age requirement.** There is no minimum age requirement for participation in the Plan.
- **Minimum service requirement.** There is no minimum service requirement to participate under the Plan. Thus, you will be eligible to participate in the Plan (provided you are an Eligible Employee) as of the first Entry Date following your date of employment.

**Entry Date.** Once you have satisfied the eligibility conditions described above, you will be eligible to participate under the Plan on your Entry Date. For this purpose, your Entry Date is the date you satisfy the eligibility conditions described above. For example, if you satisfy the Plan's eligibility conditions on November 12, you will be eligible to enter the Plan on November 12.

**Crediting eligibility service.** In determining whether you satisfy the Plan's minimum age or service conditions, all service you perform during the year is counted. In addition, if you go on a maternity or paternity leave of absence (including a leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act) or on a military leave of absence, you may receive credit for service during your period of absence for certain purposes under the Plan.

**Eligibility upon rehire or change in employment status.** If you terminate employment after satisfying the minimum age and service requirements under the Plan and you are subsequently rehired as an Eligible Employee, you will enter the Plan on the later of your rehire date or your Entry Date. If you terminate employment prior to satisfying the minimum age and service requirements, you will have to meet the eligibility requirements as if you are a new Employee, if you should be rehired.

If you are not an Eligible Employee on your Entry Date, but you subsequently change status to an eligible class of Employee, you will be eligible to enter the Plan immediately (provided you have already satisfied the minimum age and service requirements). If you are an Eligible Employee and subsequently become ineligible to participate in the Plan, all contributions under the Plan will cease as of the date you become ineligible to participate. However, all service earned while you are employed, including service earned while you are ineligible, will be counted when calculating your vested percentage in your account balance.

### Allocation Conditions

If you are an Eligible Employee and have satisfied the minimum age and service requirements described above, you are entitled to share in the contributions described in Article 4, provided you satisfy the allocation conditions described below.

**Salary Deferrals.** You do not need to satisfy any additional allocation conditions to make Salary Deferrals under the Plan. If you satisfy the eligibility conditions described above, you will be eligible to make Salary Deferrals, regardless of how many hours you work during the year or whether you terminate employment during the year. However, you may not continue to make Salary Deferrals after you terminate employment.

**Employer Contributions.** You will be entitled to share in any employer contributions we make to the Plan if you satisfy the eligibility conditions described above. You do not need to satisfy any additional allocation conditions to receive an employer contribution. You will receive your share of the employer contributions regardless of how many hours you work during the year or whether you terminate during the year.



## ARTICLE 6 LIMIT ON CONTRIBUTIONS

The IRS imposes limits on the amount of contributions you may receive under this Plan, as described below.

**IRS limits on Salary Deferrals.** The IRS imposes limits on the amount you can contribute as Salary Deferrals during a calendar year. For 2013 and 2014, the maximum deferral limit is \$17,500. For years after 2014, the maximum deferral limit will be adjusted for cost-of-living each year. In addition, if you are at least age 50 by December 31 of the calendar year, you also may make a special catch-up contribution in addition to the maximum deferral limit described above. For 2013 and 2014, the catch-up contribution limit is \$5,500. For years after 2014, the catch-up contribution limit will be adjusted for cost-of living each year.

**Example.** If you are at least age 50 by December 31, 2014, the maximum Salary Deferral you may make for the 2014 calendar year would be \$23,000 [i.e., \$17,500 maximum deferral limit plus \$5,500 catch-up contribution limit].

The IRS deferral limit applies to all Salary Deferrals you make in a given calendar year to this Plan or any other cash or deferred arrangement (including a cash or deferred arrangement maintained by an unrelated employer). For this purpose, cash or deferred arrangements include 401(k) plans, 403(b) plans, or simplified employee pension (SEP) plans.

If you make Salary Deferrals for a given year in excess of the deferral limit described above under this Plan or another plan maintained by the Employer (or any other employer maintaining this Plan), you will automatically receive a distribution of the excess amount and associated earnings by April 15. If you make Salary Deferrals for a given year in excess of the deferral limit described above because you made Salary Deferrals under this Plan and a plan of an unrelated employer not maintaining this Plan, you must ask one of the plans to refund the excess amount to you. If you wish to take a refund from this Plan, you must notify the Employer (or other designated Plan representative), in writing, by March 1 of the next calendar year so the excess amount and related earnings may be refunded by April 15. The excess amount is taxable for the year in which you made the excess deferral. If you fail to request a refund, you will be subject to taxation in two separate years: once in the year of deferral and again in the year the excess amount is actually paid to you.

**IRS limit on total contributions under the Plan.** The IRS imposes a maximum limit on the total amount of contributions you may receive under this Plan. This limit applies to all contributions we make on your behalf, all contributions you contribute to the Plan, and any forfeitures allocated to any of your accounts during the year. Under this limit, the total of all contributions under the Plan cannot exceed a specific dollar amount or 100% of your annual compensation, whichever is less. For 2014, the specific dollar limit is \$52,000. (For years after 2014, this amount may be increased for inflation.) For purposes of applying the 100% of compensation limit, your annual compensation includes all taxable compensation, increased for any Salary Deferrals you may make under this 403(b) plan and any other pre-tax contributions you may make to a plan such as a cafeteria plan.

**Example:** Suppose in 2014 you earn compensation of \$50,000 (after reduction for pre-tax 403(b) plan contributions of \$5,000). Your compensation for purposes of the overall contribution limit is \$55,000 (\$50,000 + \$5,000 of pre-tax deferrals). The maximum amount of contributions you may receive under the Plan for 2014 is \$52,000 (the lesser of \$52,000 or 100% of \$55,000).

## ARTICLE 7 DETERMINATION OF VESTED BENEFIT

**Vested account balance.** When you take a distribution of your benefits under the Plan, you are only entitled to withdraw your *vested* account balance. For this purpose, your *vested* account balance is the amount held under the Plan on your behalf for which you have earned an ownership interest. You earn an ownership interest in your Plan benefits if you have earned enough service with us to become *vested* based on the Plan's vesting schedule. If you terminate employment before you become fully vested in any of your Plan benefits, those non-vested amounts may be forfeited. (See below for a discussion of the forfeiture rules that apply if you terminate with a non-vested benefit under the Plan.)

The following describes the vesting schedule applicable to contributions under the Plan.

- **Salary Deferrals.** You are always 100% vested in your Salary Deferrals. In other words, you have complete ownership rights to your Salary Deferrals under the Plan.
- **Employer Contributions.** You are always 100% vested in your employer contributions. Thus, you have complete ownership rights to your employer contributions immediately after such amounts are contributed to the Plan on your behalf.

**Protection of vested benefit.** Once you are vested in your benefits under the Plan, you have an ownership right to those amounts. While you may not be able to immediately withdraw your vested benefits from the Plan due to the distribution restrictions described under Article 8 below, you generally will never lose your right to those vested amounts. However, it is possible that your benefits under the Plan will decrease as a result of investment losses. If your benefits decrease because of investment losses, you will only be entitled to the vested amount in your account at the time of distribution.

## ARTICLE 8 PLAN DISTRIBUTIONS

The Plan contains detailed rules regarding when you can receive a distribution of your benefits from the Plan. As discussed in Article 7 above, if you qualify for a Plan distribution, you will only receive your vested benefits. This Article 8 describes when you may request a distribution and the tax effects of such a distribution.

**Distribution upon termination of employment.** When you terminate employment, you may be entitled to a distribution from the Plan. The availability of a distribution will depend on the amount of your vested account balance.

- **Vested account balance in excess of \$5,000.** If your total vested account balance exceeds \$5,000 at the time you terminate employment, you may receive a distribution from the Plan as soon as administratively feasible following your termination of employment. You must request a distribution on the appropriate forms before a distribution will be made to you. If you do not consent to a distribution of your vested account balance, your balance will remain in the Plan. If you receive a distribution of your vested benefits when you are only partially-vested in your Plan benefits, your non-vested benefits will be forfeited.

You may elect to take your distribution in any of the following forms. Prior to receiving a distribution from the Plan, you will receive a distribution package that will describe the distribution options that are available to you.

- **Lump sum.** You may elect to take a distribution of your entire vested account balance in a lump sum. In addition, you may take a distribution of only a portion of your vested account balance. A partial distribution will not be allowed in an amount less than \$1000. If you take a lump sum distribution, you may elect to rollover all (or any portion) of your distribution to an

IRA or to another qualified plan. See the *Special Tax Notice*, which you may obtain from the Plan Administrator, for more information regarding your ability to rollover your plan distribution.

- **Installment payments.** You may elect to receive a distribution in the form of a series of installment payments. If you elect distribution in the form of installments, your vested benefit will be paid out in equal annual installments over a set number of years. If the installment period is 10 years or greater, you may not rollover any of the installment payments into an IRA or into another qualified plan.
- **Annuity payments.** You also may elect to receive a distribution in the form of an annuity. If you elect to receive a distribution in the form of an annuity, your vested benefit will be used to purchase an annuity that will pay you over a designated period not to exceed your life or life expectancy (and the life or life expectancy of a designated beneficiary). Special rules apply when distributions are made in the form of an annuity. You (and your spouse, if you are married) should review all distribution forms to make sure you understand your rights with respect to the selection of an annuity form of distribution under the Plan.
- **Vested account balance of \$5,000 or less.** If your total vested account balance under the Plan is \$5,000 or less at the time you terminate employment, you will be eligible to receive a distribution of your entire vested account balance in a lump sum as soon as administratively feasible following your termination of employment. If you receive a distribution of your vested benefits when you are partially-vested in your Plan benefits, your non-vested benefits will be forfeited.

You may elect to receive your distribution in cash or you may elect to rollover your distribution to an IRA or to another qualified plan. If your total vested benefit under the Plan is between \$1,000 and \$5,000 when you terminate employment and you do not consent to a distribution of your vested account balance, your vested benefit automatically will be rolled over to an IRA selected by the Employer. If your total vested benefit exceeds \$5,000, no distribution will be made from the Plan without your consent. If your total vested benefit is \$1,000 or less when you terminate employment, your entire vested benefit will be distributed to you in a lump sum, even if you do not consent to a distribution.

If your benefit is automatically rolled over to an IRA selected by the Employer, such amounts will be invested in a manner designed to preserve principal and provide a reasonable rate of return. Common types of investment vehicles that may be used include money market accounts, certificates of deposit or stable value funds. Reasonable expenses may be charged against the IRA account for expenses associated with the establishment and maintenance of the IRA. Any such expenses will be no greater than similar fees charged for other IRAs maintained by the IRA provider. For further information regarding the automatic rollover requirements, including further information regarding the IRA provider and the applicable fees and expenses associated with the automatic rollover IRA, please contact the Employer (or other designated Plan representative).

**In-service distributions.** You may withdraw vested amounts from the Plan while you are still employed with us, but only if you satisfy the Plan's requirements for in-service distributions. Under the Plan, you may take an in-service distribution upon any of the following events:

- You are at least age 59½ at the time of the distribution.
- You have incurred a hardship, as described below.

No in-service distribution of Salary Deferrals may be made prior to age 59½ (other than a distribution on account of hardship). Thus, regardless of any in-service distribution provisions under the Plan, you may not request an in-service distribution of amounts attributable to your Salary Deferrals under the Plan prior to attaining age 59½ (other than a distribution on account of hardship).

In addition, you may withdraw amounts attributable to Rollover Contributions at any time.

**Hardship distribution.** To receive a distribution on account of hardship, you must demonstrate one of the following hardship events.

- (1) You need the distribution to pay unpaid medical expenses for yourself, your spouse or any dependent.
- (2) You need the distribution to pay for the purchase of your principal residence. You must use the hardship distribution for the *purchase* of your principal residence. You may not receive a hardship distribution solely to make mortgage payments.
- (3) You need the distribution to pay tuition and related educational fees (including room and board) for the post-secondary education of yourself, your spouse, your children, or other dependent. You may take a hardship distribution to cover up to 12 months of tuition and related fees.
- (4) You need the distribution to prevent your eviction or to prevent foreclosure on your mortgage. The eviction or foreclosure must be related to your principal residence.
- (5) You need the distribution to pay funeral or burial expenses for your deceased parent, spouse, child or dependent.
- (6) You need the distribution to pay expenses to repair damage to your principal residence (provided the expenses would qualify for a casualty loss deduction on your tax return, without regard to 10% adjusted gross income limit).

Before you may receive a hardship distribution, you must demonstrate the existence of one of the above hardship events.

In addition, if you have other distributions or loans available under this Plan (or any other plan we may maintain) you must take such distributions or loans *before* requesting a hardship distribution. Upon receiving a hardship distribution, you will be suspended from making any further Salary Deferrals for six months following the receipt of your hardship distribution.

You may not receive a hardship distribution of more than you need to satisfy your hardship. In calculating your maximum hardship distribution, you may include any amounts necessary to pay federal, state or local income taxes or penalties reasonably anticipated to result from the distribution.

**Limits on in-service distributions.** In addition to the requirements described above for receiving an in-service distribution, the Plan contains additional limits which may limit your ability to take an in-service withdrawal. For example:

- You may take only 1 in-service distribution(s) during the year.
- The following special rules apply: Notwithstanding the above: Roth Deferrals are not available for in-service and Hardship distributions. Rollover Contributions are eligible for distribution in accordance with general in-service distribution rules as set forth in Section 10-1 of the Adoption Agreement. For the purposes of the purchase of permissive service credits (as defined in Code Section 415(n)(3)(A)) and if a Participant is also a participant in a tax-qualified Defined Benefit governmental plan (as defined in Code §414(d)) that provides for the acceptance of plan-to-plan transfers with respect to the participant, the Participant may elect to have any portion of his/her Account Balance transferred to the Defined Benefit governmental plan. Any such transfer may be made even if the Participant has not had a Severance from Employment.

**Required distributions.** If you have not begun taking distributions before you attain your Required Beginning Date, the Plan generally must commence distributions to you as of such date. For this purpose, your Required Beginning Date is April 1 following the end of the calendar year in which you attain age 70½ or terminate employment, whichever is later. (For 5% owners, the Required Beginning Date is April 1 following the calendar year in which you attain age 70½, even if you are still employed.)

Once you attain your Required Beginning Date, distributions will commence as required under the Plan. You will be notified of the amount you are required to receive once you attain your Required Beginning Date.

**Distributions upon death.** If you should die before taking a distribution of your entire vested account balance, your remaining benefit will be distributed to your beneficiary or beneficiaries, as designated on the appropriate designated beneficiary election form.

If you are married, your spouse generally is treated as your beneficiary, unless you and your spouse properly designate an alternative beneficiary to receive your benefits under the Plan. If you do not designate a beneficiary to receive your benefits upon death, your benefits will be distributed first to your spouse. If you have no spouse at the time of death, your benefits will be distributed equally to your children. If you have no children at the time of your death, your benefits will be distributed to your estate. For this purpose, any designation of your spouse as designated beneficiary is automatically revoked upon a formal divorce decree unless you re-execute a new beneficiary designation form or enter into a valid Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO).

**Taxation of distributions.** Generally, you must include any Plan distribution in your taxable income in the year you receive the distribution. More detailed information on tax treatment of Plan distributions is contained in the "Special Tax Notice."

- **Roth Deferrals.** If you make Roth Deferrals under the Plan, you will not be taxed on the amount of the Roth Deferrals taken as a distribution (because you pay taxes on such amounts when you contribute them to the Plan). In addition, you will not pay taxes on any earnings associated with the Roth Deferrals, provided you take the Roth Deferrals and earnings in a qualified distribution. For this purpose, a qualified distribution occurs only if you have had your Roth Deferral account in place for at least 5 years and you take the distribution on account of death, disability, or attainment of age 59½. If you have made both pre-tax Salary Deferrals and Roth Deferrals under the Plan, you may designate the extent to which a distribution of Salary Deferrals is taken from your pre-tax Salary Deferral Account or your Roth Deferral Account. Any distribution of Salary Deferrals (including Roth Deferrals) must be authorized under the Plan distribution provisions.

**Distributions before age 59½.** If you receive a distribution before age 59½, you generally will be subject to a 10% penalty tax in addition to regular income taxation on the amount of the distribution that is subject to taxation. You may avoid the 10% penalty tax by rolling your distribution into another plan or IRA. Certain exceptions to the penalty tax may apply. For more information, please review the "Special Tax Notice."

**Rollovers and withholding.** You may "roll over" most Plan distributions to an IRA or another qualified plan and avoid current taxation. You may accomplish a rollover either directly or indirectly. In a direct rollover, you elect to have your distribution deposited directly into another plan or an IRA. In an indirect rollover, the distribution is made to you and you may rollover that distribution to an IRA or another qualified plan within 60 days after you receive the Plan distribution.

If you are eligible to directly rollover a distribution but choose not to, 20% of your taxable distribution will be withheld for federal income tax withholding purposes. You will receive the appropriate forms for choosing a direct rollover prior to receiving a distribution from the Plan. For more information, see the "Special Tax Notice."

Certain benefit payments are not eligible for rollover and therefore will not be subject to 20% mandatory withholding. The types of benefit payments that are not "eligible rollover distributions" include:

- annuities paid over your lifetime,
- installments payments for a period of at least ten (10) years,
- minimum required distributions at age 70½, and
- hardship withdrawals.

**[Note:** *All of the above distribution options may not be available under this Plan.*]

**Non-assignment of benefits and Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDROs)** Your benefits cannot be sold, used as collateral for a loan, given away, or otherwise transferred, garnished, or attached by creditors, except as provided by law. However, if required by applicable state domestic relations law, certain court orders could require that part of your benefit be paid to someone else—your spouse or children, for example.

This type of court order is known as a Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO). As soon as you become aware of any court proceedings that might affect your Plan benefits, please contact your Employer (or other designated Plan representative). You may request a copy of the procedures concerning QDROs, including those procedures governing the qualification of a domestic relations order, without charge.

## **ARTICLE 9 PLAN INVESTMENTS AND FEES**

**Investment of Plan assets.** You have the right to direct the investment of Plan assets held under the Plan on your behalf. The Plan Administrator will provide you with information on the amounts available for direction, the investment choices available to you, the frequency with which you can change your investment choices and other investment information. Periodically, you will receive a benefit statement that provides information on your account balance and your investment returns. If you have any questions about the investment of your Plan accounts, please contact the Plan Administrator or other Plan representative.

Although you have the opportunity to direct the investment of your benefits under the Plan, the Plan Administrator may decline to implement investment directives where it deems it is appropriate in fulfilling its role as a fiduciary under the Plan. The Plan Administrator may adopt rules and procedures to govern Participant investment elections and directions under the Plan.

**Valuation Date.** To determine your share of any gains or losses incurred as a result of the investment of Plan assets, the Plan is valued on a regular basis. For this purpose, the Plan is valued on a daily basis. Thus, you will receive an allocation of gains or losses under the Plan at the end of each business day during which the New York Stock Exchange is open.

**Plan fees.** There may be fees or expenses related to the administration of the Plan or associated with the investment of Plan assets that will affect the amount of your Plan benefits. Any fees related to the administration of the Plan or associated with the investment of Plan assets may be paid by the Plan or by the Employer. If the Employer does not pay Plan-related expenses, such fees or expenses will generally be allocated to the accounts of Participants either proportionally based on the value of account balances or as an equal dollar amount based on the number of participants in the Plan. If you direct the investment of your benefits under the Plan, you will be responsible for any investment-related fees incurred as a result of your investment decisions. Prior to making any investment, you should obtain and read all available information concerning that particular investment, including financial statements, prospectuses, and other available information.

In addition to general administration and investment fees that are charged to the Plan, you may be assessed fees directly associated with the administration of your account. For example, if you terminate employment, your account may be charged directly for the pro rata share of the Plan's administration expenses, regardless of whether the Employer pays some of these expenses for current Employees. Other fees that may be charged directly against your account include:

- Fees related to the processing of distributions upon termination of employment.
- Fees related to the processing of in-service distributions (including hardship distributions).
- Fees related to the processing of required minimum distributions at age 70½ (or termination of employment, if later).
- Participant loan origination fees and annual maintenance fees.
- Charges related to processing of a Qualified Domestic Relation Order (QDRO) where a court requires that a portion of your benefits is payable to your ex-spouse or children as a result of a divorce decree.

If this Plan is subject to the requirements of ERISA and you are permitted to direct the investment of your benefits under the Plan, each year you will receive a separate notice describing the fees that may be charged under the Plan. In addition, you will also receive a separate notice describing any actual fees charged against your account. Please contact the Plan Administrator if you have any questions regarding the fees that may be charged against your account under the Plan.

## ARTICLE 10 PARTICIPANT LOANS

The Plan permits Participants to take a loan from the Plan. Thus, you may take a loan from your vested benefits under the Plan. The Plan Administrator will develop procedures for administering Participant loans, including the establishment of procedures for applying for a loan and limits on the total amount of loan proceeds that may be outstanding at any time. For more information regarding the procedures for receiving a Participant loan, please contact the Plan Administrator.

## ARTICLE 11 PLAN AMENDMENTS AND TERMINATION

**Plan amendments.** We have the authority to amend this Plan at any time. Any amendment, including the restatement of an existing Plan, may not decrease your vested benefit under the Plan, except to the extent permitted under the Internal Revenue Code, and may not reduce or eliminate any “protected benefits” (except as provided under the Internal Revenue Code or any regulation issued thereunder) determined immediately prior to the adoption or effective date of the amendment (whichever is later). However, we may amend the Plan to increase, decrease or eliminate benefits on a prospective basis.

**Plan termination.** Although we expect to maintain this Plan indefinitely, we have the ability to terminate the Plan at any time. For this purpose, termination includes a complete discontinuance of contributions under the Plan or a partial termination. If the Plan is terminated, all amounts credited to your account shall become 100% vested, regardless of the Plan’s current vesting schedule. In the event of the termination of the Plan, you are entitled to a distribution of your entire vested benefit. Such distribution shall be made directly to you or, at your direction, may be transferred directly to another qualified retirement plan or IRA. If you do not consent to a distribution of your benefit upon termination of the Plan, your vested benefit will be transferred directly to an IRA established for your benefit. Except as permitted by Internal Revenue Service regulations, the termination of the Plan shall not result in any reduction of protected benefits.

A partial termination may occur if either a Plan amendment or severance from service excludes a group of employees who were previously covered by this Plan. Whether a partial termination has occurred will depend on the facts and circumstances of each case. If a partial termination occurs, only those Participants who cease participation due to the partial termination will become 100% vested. You will be advised if a partial termination occurs and how such partial termination affects you as a Participant.

## ARTICLE 12 PLAN PARTICIPANT RIGHTS AND CLAIM PROCEDURES

**Participant rights.** If the Plan is covered by Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), you, as a participant, are entitled to certain rights and protections. ERISA provides that all Plan participants shall be entitled to:

- Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator’s office, all Plan documents including copies of all documents filed by the Plan Administrator with the U.S. Department of Labor.
- Obtain copies of all Plan documents and other Plan information upon written request to the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator may assess a reasonable charge for the copies.

- Receive a summary of the Plan's annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to provide each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.
- Obtain a statement telling you whether you have a right to receive benefits under the Plan and, if so, what your current benefits are. You must request this statement in writing and you may only request this statement once a year. The Plan Administrator will provide the statement free of charge.
- File a claim for benefits.

**Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries.** In addition to creating rights for Plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the Plan. These people, called "fiduciaries," have a duty to operate the Plan prudently and in the best interests of you, other Plan participants and beneficiaries. You may not be fired or otherwise discriminated against in any way solely to prevent you from obtaining a Plan benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

**Enforcement of Rights.** If you have a claim for benefits under the Plan that is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules. For example, if you request a copy of Plan documents or the latest annual report from the Plan and do not receive the requested documents within 30 days, you may file suit in a federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the documents and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the documents, unless the documents were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Plan Administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or Federal court. In addition, if you disagree with the Plan's decision or lack thereof concerning the qualified status of a divorce decree that affects the payment of benefits under the Plan, you may file suit in federal court. If the Plan's fiduciaries misuse the Plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

**Assistance with Questions.** If you have any questions about the Plan or this SPD, you should contact the Plan Administrator. If you have any questions about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the Plan Administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

**Claim for benefits.** If you feel you are entitled to benefits under the Plan that have not been paid, you may submit to the Plan Administrator a written claim for benefits. Your request for Plan benefits will be considered a claim for Plan benefits, and it will be subject to a full and fair review. The Plan Administrator will evaluate your claim (including all relevant documents and records you submit to support your claim) to determine if benefits are payable to you under the terms of the Plan. The Plan Administrator may solicit additional information from you if necessary to evaluate the claim.

If the Plan Administrator determines the claim is valid, then you will receive a statement describing the amount of benefit, the method or methods of payment, the timing of distributions and other information relevant to the payment of the benefit.

If the Plan Administrator denies all or any portion of your claim, you will receive within a reasonable period of time (not to exceed 90 days after receipt of the claim form), a written or electronic notice setting forth the reasons for the denial (including references to the specific provisions of the Plan on which the decision is based), a description of any additional information needed to perfect your claim, and the steps you must take to submit the claim for review. If the Plan Administrator determines that special circumstances require an extension of time for processing your claim, it may extend the 90-day period described in the prior sentence to 180 days, provided the Plan Administrator provides you with written notice of the extension and prior to the



expiration of the original 90-day period. The extension notice will indicate the special circumstances requiring an extension of time and the date by which the Plan Administrator expects to render its decision.

If the Plan Administrator denies your claim, you will have 60 days from the date you receive notice of the denial of your claim to appeal the adverse decision of the Plan Administrator. You may submit to the Plan Administrator written comments, documents, records and other information relating to your claim for benefits. You will be provided, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records and other information relevant to the claim. The Plan Administrator's review of the claim and of its denial of the claim shall take into account all comments, documents, records and other information relating to the claim, without regard to whether these materials were submitted or considered by the Plan Administrator in its initial decision on the claim. If the Plan Administrator denies your claim for benefits upon review, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or Federal court.

If your claim is based on disability benefits, different claim procedures and deadlines will apply. If your benefits are provided or administered by an insurance company, insurance service, or other similar organization which is subject to regulation under the insurance laws, the claims procedure relating to those benefits may provide for review. If so, that company, service, or organization will be the entity to which claims are addressed. Ask the Plan Administrator if you have any questions regarding the proper person or entity to address claims or the deadlines for making a claim for benefits.

#### **ADDENDUM ADDITIONAL SPD PROVISIONS**

**Special rules.** In addition to the provisions described in this Summary Plan Description, the following special rules apply: This Plan is not subject to ERISA. Notwithstanding the above, the Plan will permit elective contract to contract exchanges directed TO the Alliance Program. The Plan will not permit elective contract to contract exchanges FROM the Alliance Program.