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31. **Call to Order:**

On April 17, 2015, a meeting of the Board of Governors of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers was held in New York, NY. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the President at 9:30 AM Eastern Time. Attendance was as follows:

**Board of Governors**
- President: J. Robert Sims
- Immediate Past President: Madiha Kotb
- President-Elect: Julio C. Guerrero

**Other Officers**
- Senior Vice Presidents: Robert E. Grimes, Technical Events and Content
  Laura E. Hitchcock, Standards and Certification
  Cynthia M. Stong, Student and Early Career Development
  William J. Wepfer, Public Affairs and Outreach
- Secretary and Treasurer: Warren R. DeVries
- Executive Director: Thomas G. Loughlin
- Deputy Executive Director: June Ling (also Second Assistant Treasurer)
- Assistant Secretary: John Delli Venneri
- Assistant Treasurer: William Garofalo

**Board of Governors Elects**
- Bryan Erler
- Caecilia Gotama
- Sriram Somasundaram

**Senior Vice President Elect**
- Paul Stevenson

**Secretary and Treasurer Elect**
- James Coaker
Corporate Counsel
John Sare

Other Guests
Todd Allen          Diversity & Inclusion Strategy Committee
Harry Armen          Past President (2004-2005)
Dawn Bardot          ASME VV20 Standard Sub-Committee
Oscar Barton Jr.     Committee on Engineering Accreditation
Jeanne DiFrancesco   Consultant
Jennifer Dandrea     Board on Career Development
Marc Goldsmith       Past President (2012-2013)
Soren Maloney        Board on Career Development
Najib Metni          Board on Student Programs
George Napier        Consultant
Karen Ohland         Group Engagement and Transition Team
Jared Oehring        Technical Events and Content Sector Council
George Papadopulos   Technical Events and Content Sector Council
Keith Roe            Industry Advisory Board
George Saxon Jr.     Energy Conversion and Storage Leadership Team
Marc Santos          Board on Government Relations
Lester Su            Board on Government Relations
Lakshmi Singh        Nominating Committee
Justin Young         VOLT Academy
Sam Zamrik           Past President (2007-2008)

Staff
Roy Arbeit          Managing Director, Marketing & Sales
William Berger      Managing Director, Standards
Keith Bloesch       Managing Director, Project Management and Reporting
Clare Bruff         Manager, Volunteer Leadership Development
Paul Cleri          Director, Technology Development
Michael Cowan       Director, Public Information
Philip DiVietro     Managing Director, Publishing
Noha El-Ghobashy    Managing Director, Engineering Workforce and Global Development
Peter Hess          Managing Director, Marketing and Online Services
Nick Ferrari        Director, Publishing Development
John Falcioni       Editorial Director, Mechanical Engineering
Michael Ireland    Managing Director, Engineering Research & Technical Development
John Koehr          Managing Director, Technology & Personnel Certification
Phyllis Klasky      Director, Events Management
Michael Kreisberg   Director, Membership
Tom Meehan          Controller
Reese Meisinger     Managing Director, Government Relations and Engineering Education
32. **Adoption of the Agenda:** The Board VOTED: to adopt the agenda as circulated on April 2, 2015.

33. **Announcements:**

President Sims welcomed all to the meeting and recognized Past Presidents Harry Armen, Marc Goldsmith and Sam Zamrik. President Sims noted that Laura Hitchcock received the SAE International J. Cordell Breed Award for Women Leaders. Executive Director Loughlin noted that Michael Michaud is leaving ASME to become the Executive Director of the Hydraulic Institute. The Board saw a video tribute to Past President Robert Nickell, who died on January 21, 2015, and observed a moment of silence in his honor.

34. **Report on Closed Sessions**

President Sims reported on the following Closed Sessions of the Board:

At the Closed Session held the afternoon of November 15, 2014, the Board
- Received a presentation from external counsel on conduct of international business
- Received a report from Corporate Counsel

At the Closed Session held on February 12, 2015, the Board
- Received a report from the TEC/GPS Communication and Oversight Task Force
- Received a report from the Strategy Task Force
- Received an update on the FY15 Q2 Performance
- Received a report on the Executive Director and Enterprise Goals
- Received a summary of the Executive Director’s performance in Q2
- Received the Sector Management Committee Report
- Received a report from Corporate Counsel
- Received the notice of the appointment of Governor-Elect Erler to the Audit Committee
- Approved the Mid-Year Executive Director Performance Letter
- Approved appointments recommended by the Committee on Organization and Rules
- Approved By-Laws B4.2, B4.3 and B5.4 for first reading
- Approved revisions to Society Policies P-4.2, P-5.2, P-12.8, P-12.12, P-12.14, P-14.7 and P-15.2
- Ratified amendments to the ABET Constitution
- Approved the date and time of the February 11, 2016 BOG teleconference
At the Closed Session held on April 16-17, 2015, the Board
  o Received a report on the Strategy Development Project
  o Received a report on the FY16-18 Budget Targets
  o Received an update on the Audit Committee
  o Received a report from Corporate Counsel
  o Discussed Society Policy P-12.8
  o Received an update on ASME Facilities
  o Received a FY15 Incentive Update and Year-end Projection
  o Received an update from the EDESC
  o Conducted a Strategy Workshop

35. **Discussion Items:** The Board

  VOTED: to move into open session, as if in the Committee of the Whole.

The Board heard reports concerning and discussed the following items:

Technical Events and Content (TEC) Update by Robert Grimes (Agenda Appendix 2.2 and Minutes Appendix I); Group Engagement Transition Team (GETT) Update by Karen Ohland (Agenda Appendix 2.3 and Minutes Appendix II); BOG Task Force on Technical Events and Content (TEC) Communication and Execution by Stacey Swisher Harnetty (Appendix 2.3 and Minutes Appendix III); Sector Management Committee Report by Julio Guerrero, Cynthia Stong, and William Wepfer (Agenda Appendix 4.1.1 and Minutes Appendix IV); FY16 Retreat Discussion/Outline by Julio Guerrero and Jeanne DiFrancesco (Agenda Appendix 2.7 and Minutes Appendix V).

 President Sims said that he will form a “blue ribbon” type neutral mediation panel with the following charge: Consider concerns that develop as a result of the KCI reorganization for which a group or individual remains unsatisfied with the decision rendered. The panel does not have authority to take action, but after consideration of the position of both parties, can make recommendations on a possible resolution or path forward. The panel would report through the SMC during the tenure of the appointing President.

Following the close of the Discussion Items, the Board

  VOTED: to move into formal session.

36. **Items for Receipt:** The Board

  VOTED: to receive the following item: (1) Sector Management Committee Report (Agenda Appendix 4.1.1 and Minutes Appendix IV).

37. **Items for Action:** The Board

  VOTED: to approve the following items: (1) COFI Recommendation on Dues Adjustment (Agenda Appendix 4.2.2 and Minutes Appendix VI); (2) Proposed Appointments (Agenda Appendix 4.2.3.1 and Minutes
Appendix VII); (3) Proposed By-Laws B5.1, B5.2 and B7.1 for First Reading (Agenda Appendix 4.2.3.2.1 and Minutes Appendix VIII); (4) Proposed By-Laws for First Reading B4.1, B4.2, B4.3, B5.1, B5.2, B5.3, B5.7, B5.8, and B6.1 (Agenda Appendix 4.2.3.2.2 and Minutes Appendix IX); (6) Revisions to By-Law B5.2.6.1 for Second Reading (Agenda Appendix 4.2.3.3.1 and Minutes Appendix X); (7) Revisions to By-Laws B4.2, B4.3, and B5.4 for Second Reading (Agenda Appendix 4.2.3.3.2 and Minutes Appendix XI); (8) Pension Plan Contribution - Cash Transfer (Agenda Appendix 4.2.4 and Minutes Appendix XII); (9) 403(b) DC Pension Plan Restatement (Agenda Appendix 4.2.5 and Minutes Appendix XIII);

38. **Dates of Future Meetings.** The Board approved meeting dates and times as follows:

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(a) 2014-2015 Board of Governors (b) 2015-2016 Board of Governors

President Sims said that the Board will be polled to determine the exact dates for the September or October web conference and the January in-person meeting.

39. **Contingency Time:** President Sims discussed the Future of New Energy Summit that he attended. The Board also discussed energy issues, desalination, and cybersecurity but took no action.

40. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned on Friday, April 17, 2015 at 11:53 AM Eastern Time.

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Warren R. DeVries
Secretary
Date Submitted: April 8, 2015  
BOG Meeting Date: April 17, 2015

To: Board of Governors  
From: TEC Sector

Agenda Item Executive Summary: *(Do not exceed the space provided)*

The report updates the BOG on the sector activities and will be presented by Bobby Grimes.

Proposed motion for BOG Action: *(if appropriate)*

No Action

Attachments:  
One
Technical Events and Content (TEC) Update

Robert Grimes

TEC Sector Formation

One year ago, the Board approved the new TEC Sector; since then:

• Leaders were selected for the TEC Council and 4 Segment Leadership Teams (SLTs)
• Created Strategic Plans for TEC Sector Business, and for each market-facing Segment
• Recommended revisions to all affected bylaws and policies to COR
• Crafted new Operation Guides for the Sector and the Segments
• Crafted new RECIPE (Rules of Engagement for Conference Initiation, Planning & Execution), to replace the former EPEG (and EPEG2)
Meanwhile...

• The conferencing business kept running:
  • Successfully held all scheduled conferences
  • Continued building new commercially-focused conferences, e.g., Advanced Manufacturing, and Hydraulic Fracturing

• We have been working to process GPS requests and support Group activities (beyond Divisions)

• While communicating with and training groups, we have also dealt with numerous change management issues...

### Change Management: RECIPE Task Force

**TF Members:**
- Bobby Grimes, chair (SVP, TEC Sector)
- Rick Marboe (TEC Council Member-at-Large)
- Arnie Feldman (Environmental Division)
- Christina Wang (OOAE Division)
- Matt Gounis (Bio Division)
- Frank Michell (Power Division)
- Jeff Rhoads (Design Division)

**Start date:** February 17, 2015

**Target completion date:** April 7, 2015

**Task Force Charge:**
- Review feedback received from various ASME members on RECIPE*
- Ensure application of guiding principles provided by the Board of Governors and the approved TEC Sector model and mission
- Develop recommended edits to the RECIPE document in view of all the above considerations
- Provide recommendations to be considered by the TEC Sector volunteer leaders and staff for technical conference planning, execution, and closing reports.
RECIPE TF Status

• The TF delivered a revised document to the TEC Council on April 9:
  • Rebranded from RECIPE to CPEG
  • Defined and emphasized Volunteer-Staff collaboration
  • Addresses essentially all areas of feedback received over the last year plus
  • Included both volunteer & staff input in final version

• Council fast-track reviewed and approved CPEG on April 15

• Now that CPEG is approved, training materials must quickly be developed for inclusion in the Division Leadership Training Event on May 2.

Some Highlights from TEC Sector Strategic Plan
ASME TEC Strategy

2. Where do we want to go?

B. Desired Future Position

- Market Facing Strategies
- Engage Divisions & other Groups
- Target Industry Segments
- Grow Major Event Initiatives
- Sustainable Financial Operation

3. How do we get there?

ASME Annual Balanced Scorecard Objectives

1. Where are we?

A. Current Position

- Portfolio Analysis
- Market Research
- SWOT Analysis
- Financial Analysis

Portfolio Analysis - Segments Developing Strategies

**ESP**

- HFCC: Hydraulic Fracturing
- PVPC: Pressure Vessels & Piping
- OMAE: Ocean, Marine & Arctic
- OTCH: Offshore Technology Houston
- OTCB: Offshore Technology Brazil
- OTCA: Offshore Technology Asia
- IOGP: India Oil & Gas Pipeline
- IPCC: Intl. Pipeline
- ATCC: Arctic Technology
- IPGT: Intl Pipeline Geotechnical

**DMM**

- IDTC: Design, CIE & AM3D
- DSBC: Dynamic Systems & Control
- SMAS: Smart Materials Adaptive Structures
- IPAC: Electronics & Photonics Packaging
- MSEC: Manufacturing Systems
- ISPS: Information Storage & Processing
- FPMC: Fluid Power Motion Control
- RAIL: Joint Rail Conference
- AIMC: Advanced Intelligent Machines
- AM3I: AM3D India

**ECS**

- TURB: TurboExpo
- PENA: Power & Energy (ESFC) North America
- ICEF: Internal Combustion Engine
- IGTC: India Gas Turbine
- ORCC: Organic Rankin Cycle
- PEEU: Power & Energy Europe

**ESS**

- IMEC: Intl. Mechanical Engineering
- NEMB: Nano Eng. In Medicine & Biology
- MCMT: Applied Mechanics & Materials
- SBCC: Summer Bio Conf.
SWOT Analysis

1. Where are we?

**Strengths**
1. World-Class Research & Publishing
2. Academic Conferences
3. Division Organizers & Chairs
4. Meeting Planning
5. ASME Brand Reputation
6. Customer/Member Retention
7. Consistent Quality & Execution
8. Conference Longevity

**Weaknesses**
1. Value Proposition for Industry
2. Major Industry Events & Expos
3. Reorg. Shifts Control & Incentives
4. Business/Product Planning
5. Event Branding, Marketing & Sales
6. Developing New Customers
7. Programs Stagnate, not growing
8. Time to Develop New Conferences

**Opportunities**
1. Coordinated & Strategic Plans
2. New Industrial Programs
3. Commercial Exhibitions
4. Major Market Growth/Churn
5. Global Expansion
6. Financial Improvements
7. Logistics/operational improvements

**Threats**
1. Legacy plans, time to implement change
2. Same Program, Organizers & Results
3. For-profit & non-profit competition
4. Lack of agility, time to market
5. Intl event production cost, management
6. Volunteer loss of control
7. Volunteer groups loss of incentive

Summary Conference Data

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<td>22</td>
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1. Where are we?
FY15 Financial Plan: Breaking even but not covering ASME overhead

1. Where are we?
Revenue Sources

Significant opportunities to increase Sponsorships, Exhibitor fees, Workshop fees, adjusted registration fees, etc.
2. Where do we want to be?
TEC Segments develop market facing strategies

Markets
- Shale Oil/Gas
- Unconventional
- LNG
- Pipelines
- Processing

Segments
- Energy Sources & Processing (ESP)
- Power Generation
- Fuel Shift
- Renewables
- Nuclear/SMR
- Turbines
- Distribution
- Storage

BioEng.
- Nanotech
- Thermal/Fluid
- Materials Genome

Advanced Design & Manufacturing
- 3D Printing
- Robotics
- Automation
- AMNPO, NNMI

Divisions & Organizing Committees

Conferences & Content

2. Where do we want to be?
Engage divisions, other groups & individuals with RECIPE CPEG to plan and execute conferences

Roles, Responsibilities and Process
- Division / Other Group Leaders
- Event Chair (General Chair)
- Technical Program Chair
- Industrial Program Chair
- Organizing Committee
- Staff

Volunteer-Staff Partnership “Collaboration Emphasized”

Conference Chair and Organizing Committee Members nominated by the divisions, approved by the Segment
### 2. Where do we want to be?

**Engage Volunteers and Staff to grow major event initiatives that serve industry**

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<td>Event Margin</td>
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**Grow Major Events with substantial Expo’s**

- **OTC**
- **PVP**
- **OMAE**
- **HFCC**
- **Turbo**
- **Power & Energy**
- **Eng. Sci.**
- **IMECE**
- **Nano Bio**
- **Advanced Mfg.**
- **Design AM3D**

**Maintain & improve existing conferences while growing new initiatives**

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### 2. Where do we want to be?

**Plan and support global initiatives for new regional events around the world**

- **PVP**
- **IMECE**
- **Advanced Design Mfg.**
- **Power & Energy**
- **ESP Initiatives**
- **Advanced Mfg.**

**Regional Annual Event Strategy**

- Grow Events in Each Region
- Develop Regionally Relevant Content
2. Where do we want to be: beyond break-even

Revenue Forecast - CAGR 8%

3. How do we get there?

Initially (FY15 & 16) we are focusing program, marketing & sales resources on conferences where we can grow exhibitions.
3. How do we get there?
Focus on Increasing Sponsors & Exhibitors

Look for every possibility to further increase these revenue streams while improving the quality and customer experience at ASME conferences.

Next Steps

• Training on May 2
  o All Divisions invited to send one rep, also webcast live
  o Agenda Items:
    ✓ RECIPE CPEG changes
    ✓ Strategic Plans for each Segment presented
    ✓ Break out sessions to discuss strategy implementation
    ✓ GPS tool
    ✓ Opportunities to utilize segregated accounts
    ✓ Q&A

• Injection of new leadership on Council & SLTs
• Continue planning improved conferences for 2016, 2017 and beyond!
Conference Planning Progress

• Update on status of ASME Heat Transfer & Fluids activities:
  • Plans for the joint HTD/FED/ICNMM 2016 conference are underway, with the Hyatt Regency Washington reserved for July 10-14, 2016. Conference calls and e-mail follow-up with the HTD, FED, and ICNMM leaders, and all are in agreement. Next steps (i.e., marketing, website creation, program development) are taking shape.
  • Plans for Fluids 2017 also are underway; Segment staff and volunteers have been meeting with the FED leadership via telecon to discuss plans for venue and dates.
  • The Micro/Nanoscale Heat and Mass Transfer (MNHMT) Conference for 2016 in Singapore has been approved by the ESS-SLT. Site selection is underway.
• This is all positive news!
Date Submitted: April 8, 2015
BOG Meeting Date: April 17, 2015

To: Board of Governors
From: GETT / GPS

Agenda Item Executive Summary: *(Do not exceed the space provided)*

The report updates the BOG on the activities of the GETT and GPS. It will be presented by Karen Ohland.

Proposed motion for BOG Action: *(if appropriate)*

No Action

Attachments:
One
Group Engagement Transition Team (GETT) Update

Karen Ohland

GETT/GPS Update

Since the reorganization...

• Addressed legacy K&C issues, like merit-based funding
• Conducted several F2F & webinar-based training events
• Reached out to all four Sectors to create GETT
• Began crafting rules of engagement
• Began discussing new pathways of engagement with Sectors
• Worked with staff on processes and tools
• Over 700 Group activity approval requests processed since the launch of the “interim” activity approval tool on September 3, 2014
• The new web-based GPS Requisition Tool launched in March 2015; initial training webinars done in advance of launch
Groups Using the Requisition Tool

The tool is accessible by all volunteers recorded as Group Leadership Team (GLT) members (formerly, Executive Committees) of the following groups:

- Divisions
- Sections & Sub-Sections
- Technical Chapters
- Affinity Groups
- Research Committees
- Int’l Gas Turbine Institute (IGTI) Board Members

The tool is not currently intended for Student Sections.

Group Benefits of Using the Requisition Tool

- Intuitive and user friendly tool
  - Online tutorial videos with step-by-step instructions
- Ability to check the status of requests
- Export data and share with GLT members
- Single repository for all group activities
- Improves data reporting for leadership transition
- Increases transparency related to requests
  - All communications (including previous e-mail trails) related to a request can be logged in the request
- Eliminates the need for separate post-activity reports – this capability is present within the tool
- Enhances workflow between groups and subcommittees.
GPS Tool Homepage

Add Attachments to a Request
Check Status of Requests

State: Identifies the status of work on a ticket
Approval: Identifies the status of approval on a ticket

Provide Post-Activity Information (Actuals)
Current “Rules”/Criteria for Activity Requests

• GPS checklist
  - Is the total expense over $2,500?
  - Will the expenditure cause Group to exceed its 25% annual spend limit?
  - Does the activity generate a surplus to the Group’s segregated fund?
  - Is it outside scope of mission, vision, business and/or content strategy of ASME?
  - Will the activity subject ASME to undue risk, including legal or tax liability?
  - Does the activity compete with existing ASME programs?
  - Does it conflict with rules (requirements) of applicable Sector/Business Unit?
  - Will the activity require additional ASME resources (staff or funding)?

• If answer “no” to all questions, then proceed to Approve Activity
• If answer “yes” to any question, then consult with applicable Sector/ Business Unit.
• Sector/Business Unit reviews & renders decision
## Current “Rules” by Sectors/Operating Units

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<td>Group cannot invite politicians to events during an election year; Activities must comply with Policy P-15.1, Public Affairs and Public Statements; Policy P-15.10, Public Awareness; Policy P-15.11, Diversity and Inclusion</td>
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<td>Standards &amp; Certification</td>
<td>Content and speakers for any Group activity concerning codes and standards must be vetted by S&amp;C; Activities cannot be about “interpretation” on how to use a code; Groups cannot represent that what is being presented is an official ASME code committee statement</td>
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<td>Fast-track approval of student competitions if expenses are below $500</td>
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<td>Technical Events and Content</td>
<td>A Business Plan is required for proposed conferences, expos or similar events for consideration by the appropriate TEC Sector Segment Leadership Team and staff. If approved, activity must be handled by ASME Events Dept. with Group volunteers as SMEs and program organizers, consistent with <a href="#">RECIPE CPEG</a></td>
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<td>Groups cannot call activity an “ASME course,” but rather a “workshop” under the Group’s name; Groups cannot charge to issue PDHs, nor claim that they are an “ASME authorized provider of PDHs;” instead, Groups may only provide a record of attendance to participants; Speakers should be voluntary (not paid)</td>
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<td>Honors &amp; Awards</td>
<td>Minimum $45K to establish an endowment account for a Group-level award; $75K for a Society-level award; for both types of awards, the endowment amount must be within Group’s 25% annual spend limit</td>
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<td>ASME Legal</td>
<td>Any agreement can only be signed by ASME and must include indemnification terms; General liability insurance must be provided for activities where there is a risk of injury to participants or property; ASME must have records of all money granted to individuals for tax reporting purposes; The ASME name and logo can only be used as authorized by policy</td>
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<td>ASME Foundation</td>
<td>New rules for scholarships and fundraising being developed</td>
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Next Steps

• Group Engagement (initially discuss with SMC)
  • Future voice for groups regarding the request process
  • Reporting requirements - reviewing performance metrics from tool
  • Future communication with groups – what messages, by whom and from whom; training
  • Future tool development
  • Development of additional rules & pathways of engagement
  • Group compliance

• Training
  • Role in Division Leadership Training Event on May 2
  • Group Leadership Training Events in August (US & Intl.)
  • Ongoing Webinars
  • June - FY16 Budgeting & Planning
  • July - Evolving Pathways of Engagement
Date Submitted: April 8, 2015  
BOG Meeting Date: April 17, 2015

To: Board of Governors  
From: Communications Task Force

Agenda Item Executive Summary: *(Do not exceed the space provided)*

The report updates the BOG on the activities of the Communications Task Force and will be presented by Stacey Swisher Harnetty.

Proposed motion for BOG Action: *(if appropriate)*

To accept the TF recommendation as outlined on slide 8.

Attachments:
One
BOG Task Force On TEC Communications and Execution

Stacey Swisher Harnetty

Key TF Activities
• Crafted and completed Communications Plan
• Handled additional group & individual communication
• Reviewed & participated in Group training sessions
• Attended TEC and GETT business meetings
Status of Reorg Progress

• New conferences have been growing, particularly growth of industry/commercial events with exhibits
• GPS is up and running well; rules and pathways are coming together
• TEC Sector still dealing with some legacy issues:
  • Volunteer group reworking RECIPE to promote better volunteer-staff collaboration and partnership
  • Volunteers need some type of “ombudsman” or mediation role to let Sector volunteers and staff focus on work effort

Group Finances

• Groups allowed to spend up to 25% of their segregated accounts on approved activities
• FY2015 spending to date:
  • Divisions & Institutes have spent ~$1M of potential $7M
  • Sections have spent $110K of potential $1.4M
• We need increased utilization of segregated accounts to assist ASME strategy and mission.
• Communication TF is part of team creating outreach to provide more info on funding opportunities.
Next Steps

• Preparing to wind down/complete TF activities

• Attend Division Training event in Denver on May 2

• Final Report to Board in June

Need a continuing role for a mediation panel as we continue go through changes across ASME.

Proposal to BoG

• **Name:** To be decided by President

• **Purpose:** Provide recommendations for resolving change management issues

• **Composition:** Three independent “blue ribbon” quality volunteers appointed by President, including a Past President.
Proposal to BoG (cont’d)

• **Process**: Panel receives written requests for mediation, obtains additional information as needed, and makes recommendations.

• **Authority**: Implementation of the recommendation lies with the Sector or business unit.

• **Structure**: Panel reports through the SMC during the tenure of the appointing President.

The President will form a “blue ribbon” type neutral mediation panel with the following charge:

Consider concerns that develop as a result of the KCI reorganization for which a group or individual remains unsatisfied with the decision rendered. The panel does not have authority to take action, but after consideration of the position of both parties, can make recommendations on a possible resolution or path forward. The panel would report through the SMC during the tenure of the appointing President.
Mediation Proposal

Possible names for this group:
AMP = ASME Mediation Panel
or
ASME Blue Ribbon Panel

From Wikipedia:

A blue-ribbon panel (or blue ribbon commission) is a group of exceptional people appointed to investigate or study or analyze a given question. Blue-ribbon panels generally have a degree of independence from political influence or other authority, and such panels usually have no direct authority of their own. Their value comes from their ability to use their expertise to issue findings or recommendations which can then be used by those with decision-making power to act.

AMP Membership

• Three neutral voting advisors, none with current ties to existing group leadership or ASME sector/business unit leadership:
  • Recent past president
  • Two members of the panel would have at one time represented geographic and/or technical groups of the Society
• Support for the AMP would be provided by Governance staff, who would not have input into the review and recommendation process and would not be a voting or advisory member
• The panel would be appointed by the President for a term coincident with the tenure of the appointing President
• The panel would report structurally through the SMC.
Date Submitted: March 24, 2015
BOG Meeting Date: April 16 – 17, 2015

To: Board of Governors
From: Sector Management Committee

Agenda Item Executive Summary: *(Do not exceed the space provided)*

The report updates the BOG on Sector, GPS and VOLT related activities and is for information only.

Proposed motion for BOG Action: *(if appropriate)*

No Action

Attachments:
One
SMC Overview
April 17, 2015

Employing the Content Ecosystem
Operationalizing ASME Business Development

**CONTENT STRATEGY**
- Information
- Knowledge
- Products
- Services
- Focused on target markets

**ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY**
- Individuals in global engineering community
- Government/regulators
- Academic institutions
- Companies
- Constituents we invest in

**FINANCIAL STRENGTH**
- Build Insightful Forecasts
- Growth Impact Data
- Strong Visual KPI’s
- Develop Financial Models
- Global & Program Impact Data
- Revenue by Country, Product
- Target New Initiatives
- Impactful Budgets
- Others

Targeted Market-focused Impact

Implementing Business Development

**Enterprise Strategy - BOG**

**Business Implementation Statement:**
We are a society that advances engineering knowledge, information, and solutions through a portfolio of products and services which we deliver in accordance with an integrated content strategy. We serve individuals, governments, academia, companies, and groups of constituents to enhance safety and public good.

**FY15: Market Impact Plans for Business Development**
- MIT: Energy Sources
- MIT: Power Generation
- MIT: Advanced Manufacturing

**FY16: Targeted Business Plans**
Volunteer Engagement in a Market-Facing Organization

- **Market Research and Analysis**
  - Voice of Customer, Market and Technology Trends

- **Product Development**
  - Strategic Planning, Subject Matter Experts, Qualified Content Contributors, Peer Review, Standard Development

- **Product Delivery**
  - Speakers, Publications, Webinars, ASME.org, Instructors, Local Program Delivery

- **Measurement**
  - KPIs, Peer Relationships, Mediation, Succession Planning
I. Sector Highlights

Standards & Certification – Laura Hitchcock, Bill Berger

Quarterly Highlights

- The Council on Standards and Certification (CSC) met via web conference on February 3, 2015. Highlights of recent and upcoming activities:
- The Senior VP, S&C and senior S&C staff participated in the January 22, 2015 web conference of the ASME Board of Governors to present the proposed approach for development of a Standards and Certification Strategic Plan. The S&C goal is to complete a vision of what S&C should look like 25 years from now by the end of FY 15, with strategies and tactics to accomplish this vision completed by the end of calendar year 2015. The 25 year horizon was selected because such a strategic plan would survive all existing S&C leaders. The proposed approach was supported by the Board of Governors. This item was discussed at the Feb. 3 CSC web conference; the initial draft of end-state descriptions has been distributed to members of CSC for their input that will be considered for possible revisions of the initial draft.
- A white paper on activities related to incorporating the subject of codes and standards into engineering curricula is in development. There has been initial review of the draft white paper, which has been given a working title of “Vision for Incorporating Standards into Mechanical Engineering Education”, by faculty members at Georgia Tech. A team has been established within ASME to move forward with the paper’s development.
- A group of S&C volunteers and staff is working with the new ASME Social Media Manager to identify potential expanded usage of social media to support S&C activities. The group has been reviewing social media usage by similar organizations.
- S&C has made available for free download on the web site catalog the ASME Pipeline Standards Compendium, designated as PTB-9. The Compendium is intended to inform the public and to aid users of the federal pipeline safety regulations; it identifies the ASME standard(s) relevant to the regulatory language, describes each referenced ASME standard in plain language, and also provides relevant technical excerpts from some of the ASME standards incorporated by reference in the regulations.

Upcoming Activities/What’s on the Horizon?

- Bylaw revisions related to elimination of the Vice President title within S&C will be on the April BoG consent agenda for second reading.

Technical Events and Content (TEC) Bobby Grimes, Michael Ireland

ECS (Energy Conversion & Storage) Segment

Quarterly Highlights

- The ESC-SLT continues to hold regular planning teleconferences.
Upcoming Activities/What’s on the Horizon?

- Power & Energy 2015 will be held June 28 – July 2 at the San Diego Convention Center and planning is well underway. Over 500 abstracts have been accepted and a presentation-only submission is still open. Four conferences will join together for the event: Power, Fuel Cell, Energy Sustainability and a Nuclear Forum. Multiple keynote sessions, plenary sessions, technical tracks, workshops, posters, social and technical tours as a well as an extensive exhibit are planned.
- Internal Combustion Engine Conference (ICEF) will take place from Nov 8-11, 2015 at the Omni Westside Hotel in Houston, Texas, with 166 abstracts received, and 138 accepted. There will be an Undergraduate Student Competition with an honorarium and travel award. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Mark Patterson, Manager New Product Development, GE Oil & Gas. Also, there will be a tour of a GE Oil & Gas facility.

ESP (Energy Sources & Processing) Segment

Quarterly Highlights

- A Collegiate Council meeting was held in Houston, TX from Jan 22-25 with 25 students from ten universities nationwide in attendance. The CC meetings involved petroleum and mechanical engineering speakers, facility tours, and dinners.
- Early Career Professionals and university students attended a technical event at the Houston Texans Grille in Houston on Jan 22 from 6-9 pm. The topic of the evening was “Dealing with Difficult Bosses, Co-workers, and Customers, by Utilizing your Technical Training” presented by Steve Bledsoe from Aker Solutions.

Upcoming Activities/What’s on the Horizon?

- The Banff Pipeline Workshops will be held in Banff, Alberta, Canada April 12-16, 2015.
- Hydraulic Fracturing (HF) 2015 was held March 16-19 in Houston. The conference included two pre-conference workshops, daily technical sessions, keynote session, and e-Poster sessions. This included 9 sponsors and a sold out exhibit floor (24 exhibitors).
- The Hydraulic Fracturing Early Career Reception will be held on March 18 from 5:30pm-7:00pm at the Westchase Marriott in Houston, TX with heavy hors d’oeuvres and networking, sponsored by the Petroleum Division’s Early Career Committee.
- HF2016 planning will take place at the Houston event; a venue search is underway now and is expected to be confirmed in April.
- ASME 2015 India Oil & Gas Pipeline Conference will be held April 17-18, 2015 in New Delhi, India. Six technical tracks will be presented with three plenary talks, an exhibition, and 28 technical papers plus poster session.
- OTC will be held in Houston, TX from May 4-7, 2015. One of the largest Oil & Gas topic conferences and exhibits held worldwide, over 100,000 attendees are expected. The sold-out exhibit is over 680,025 ft². ASME is one of 12 professional societies that founded and support the conference each year. ASME organized 12 technical sessions.

ESS (Engineering Sciences) Segment
Quarterly Highlights

- ESS-SLT will hold a F2F meeting March 18 in Houston.
- The ESS-SLT voted to approve the ASME Noise Control and Acoustics Division collaboration with the Internoise conference, to be held August 2015 in San Francisco.

Upcoming Activities/What’s on the Horizon?

- Plans for 2015 IMECE are underway. To date, more than 3400 abstracts have been submitted, surpassing the 2014 IMECE total of 2500 abstracts. Tampa, Florida has been selected as the site for 2017 IMECE.
- The 2015 NEMB will be held in Minneapolis April 19-22. Three hundred abstracts will be featured throughout six tracks, 40 sessions, six plenary talks, five tutorials, and three technical tours.
- Plans for 2016 NEMB are underway. The steering committee, led by Dr. Gang Bao, has been confirmed along with five plenary speakers. The conference will be held in Houston, with site selection to be completed by March 31.
- The ASME Nano Engineering for Energy and Sustainability (NEES) Committee continues planning for the inaugural Nanotechnology at the Nexus of Water and Energy (N-NEW), conference, to be held in Abu Dhabi in 2016.
- The ASME 2016 Heat Transfer/Fluids/ICNMM joint conference will be held in Washington, DC, July 2016.
- Plans for the 2017 Fluids Engineering Division Conference have begun, with site selection underway.
- Discussions between ASME and the Micro, Nano, and Emerging Technologies Commercialization and Education Foundation (MANCEF) (www.mancef.org) are ongoing.
- MCMAT 2015 will be held in Seattle in June.

DMM (Design, Materials, and Manufacturing) Segment

Quarterly Highlights

- DMM continues to hold a monthly teleconference for the entire group and bi-weekly for the DMM-Segment Chair, Segment Rep, and Staff Director.
- DMM is planning a F2F meeting on Sunday May 3 in Las Vegas in conjunction with the Division Training so that key DMM Division Leaders can be invited to meet with DMM-SLT.
- A teleconference was held on Feb 26, 2015 with Design Engineering Division IDETC 2016 Conference Leaders and DED Executive Committee Members who supported the RFP staff received from Charlotte, North Carolina for IDETC 2016. Next step is for DMM to recommend to approve Charlotte during its March 19, 2015 monthly meeting.
- A new .org website for AM3D scheduled for August 2015 in Boston was launched in Feb 2015 (http://go.asme.org/3dprinting). Improvements/revisions to the new website are ongoing.

Upcoming Activities/What’s on the Horizon?
• A planning teleconference is being scheduled with Design Engineering Division Executive Committee to discuss IDETC/CIE with DMM and Staff in March 2015.

• The inaugural AM3D India will be held April 20-21, 2015 in Pune, India. A financial keynote sponsorship has been secured from GE. Eleven (11) available exhibit stalls have been sold to India-based 3D printing companies. Updated target audience is 250 professionals.

• DMM tabled approval of IDETC August 2015 Business Plan pending the outcome of the proposed Design Engineering Division Executive Committee planning teleconference. Design Engineering Division Executive Committee Leaders will be invited to HQ to meet with DMM and staff after the May 2015 Las Vegas Division Training is completed.

• DMM tabled approval of ESDA 2016 Business Plan pending further input from ASME Brussels Office on their proposed cost structure to manage such an event.

Programs

Public Affairs & Outreach – Bill Wepfer, Reese Meisinger

Joint GR/EE Initiative

• A new ASME Fellow has been placed at America Makes, The National Additive Manufacturing Institute in Youngstown, OH. Maureen Fang started in early January, and will serve a one-year term with the option to renew. In her role, she will look at how to leverage ASME’s products and services for America Makes’ member company needs. The placement makes ASME a gold member of America Makes.

• Ed Morris, Director, America Makes and Maureen Fang, ASME Advanced Manufacturing Fellow at America Makes conducted an orientation webinar followed by a visit to ASME/HQ on February 12-13, 2015 for cross-sector staff meetings with key representatives of Standards & Certification, Engineering Education, Student & Early Career Development, Communications and Marketing and the TEC sector of publications and conferences. The objective of the meetings was to determine promising alignments between ASME and America Makes programs and operations. Ms. Fang continued to work out of the ASME/HQ the following week holding additional, more detailed meetings with ASME staff.

Engineering for Global Development/E4C

Quarterly Highlights

• EGD Conference Programming: Finalizing videos from the successful IMECE 2014 EGD Keynote and Forum for dissemination through EGD and E4C social media platforms.

• E4C 2.0: After an extensive research and discovery phase, the process of converting the data to design has begun. We expect to have the designs complete in April.

• Engineering for Change Solutions Library 2.0: Alpha phase concluded with a hands-on workshop to define content prioritization and long-term scaling strategy for SL2.0. Eighteen (18) select EDG SMEs participated and confirmed the value of rigorous and normalized data, prioritized data categories and analyzed E4C’s approach. The alpha phase is currently undergoing synthesis and will be leveraged as design guidelines for SL2.0 integration with E4C 2.0 re-design.

• DEMAND, ASME Global Development Review: ASME Global Development Review business plan has been delivered for review. The plan reflects a shift in editorial
approach, sustainable content sourcing strategy, and a revised distribution plan focused on primarily digital channels and supporting operational framework.

Upcoming Activities/What’s on the Horizon

- IDETC 2015: Programmatic efforts are underway for the third annual EGD forum co-hosted by the Design Automation Conference.
- I-Show Global: Applications close on March 15. The platform has secured several strong collaborations around the world including highway1 (a leading hardware incubator) and indiegogo (a crowd-funding platform). Finalists will compete for a share of $500,000 in cash and technical assistance in India (Pune, 4/20), USA (DC, 5/14) and Kenya (Nairobi, 6/24). For more information, visit go.asme.org/ishow.

K12/Diversity / Scholarships

Quarterly Highlights

- INSPIRE Middle School Program -The target of engaging 300 schools this academic year has been exceeded, with ASME INSPIRE now actively engaged in 345 schools in 37 states and reaching 11,717 students. Of the 345 schools, 175 are high schools, 170 middle schools with the most aggressive pick-up over January in California, Florida, and North Carolina. In-school celebration events are being planned in the spring for five regions: New York, North Carolina, Texas, Washington DC-Metro, and Georgia.
- Scholarships - Over 2,000 applications were received on March 1st (deadline). We added two new scholarships this year: a joint ASME/SHPE scholarship for $5K for one undergraduate student and one graduate student. Matching funds for these grants come from both the ASME Foundation and SHPE (Society for Hispanic Professional Engineers). Discussions are now taking place to add joint scholarships with SWE (Women Engineers) and NSBE (Black Engineers) for next year.

Engineering Education

Quarterly Highlights

- Five (5) ME departments were selected from some 20 who expressed interest in the NSF/WEPAN/ASME “TECAID” project aimed at helping ME departments transform their approach to diversity and inclusion on under-represented students and faculty. Teams from the selected departments at Texas Tech, Oregon State, University of Oklahoma, Purdue and Michigan Tech will participate in three workshops in addition to online engagement and webinars over the 18 months of the project.
- On-going community college strategy development focused on prototype business models and pricing compatibility between ASME Continuing Education and the continuing education operations of the six (6) targeted community colleges. Currently underway is the drafting of a community college collaboration contract based on the current ASME In-Company course contract together with sample marketing materials for both the community college and possible NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) network use.
- Advance registration for the March 2015 ME Education Leadership Summit in Newport Beach, CA reached 135 participants, the large majority of whom are ME department heads. Registration is slightly above last year and new high for participation.
• The ASME Board of Governors ratified the proposed ABET constitutional changes that restructure its Board of Directors to a much smaller, more strategically selected and functioning Board. The changes was supported by the ASME delegation to the ABET Board, the ASME Board on Engineering Education, and Council on Public Affairs and Outreach (PAO).

Upcoming Activities/What’s on the Horizon?

• March 11-14, 2015, International ME Education Leadership Summit, Newport Beach, CA
• March 28, 2015, ABET Board of Directors, Baltimore, MD
• June 14-17, 2015, ASEE Annual Conference, Seattle, WA (MEDH & METLC Summer Mtgs)
• July 15, 2015, ASME Committees on Engineering/Technology Accreditation Mtgs, Baltimore, MD
• July 16-18. 2015, ABET Commission Meetings, Baltimore, MD

Government Relations

Quarterly Highlights

• WISE Program: The 2015 Washington Internships for Students of Engineering (WISE) program will run from June 1- July 31, 2015. ASME will be sponsoring three interns: Garrett Dowd, Paige Balcom (support from Engineering for Global Development), and David MacPherson (support from Georgia Tech).
• Inter-sector Committee on Federal Research and Development (ISCFRD): On March 2, ASME held its annual Inter-Sector Committee on Federal Research and Development (ISCFRD) meeting to discuss the President’s FY 2016 budget request for federal research and development. After the meeting, the ASME task forces, i.e. the ASME NSF task force, met with agency officials in person and via conference call on specific agency budgets.
• Position Statements Released:
  o PS 15-01: Publishers’ principles letter related to the open access issue
  o PS 15-02: “Scientific Conference Attendance is Critical to Innovation and National Security”
• Public Policy Education Center: Government Relations has enhanced its website with the inclusion of an ASME Public Policy Education Center website at: http://pppec.asme.org/, which includes daily news updates, access to ASME public policy information and events, and links to related ASME products and services.

Upcoming Activities/What’s on the Horizon?

• 2015 Engineering Public Policy Symposium will be convened in Washington, D.C. on April 21, 2015. This year’s theme is “Big Data, Manufacturing, and Energy: Public Policy Priorities for the 114th Congress.” The annual event brings together over 100 presidents, presidents-elect and executive directors from 43 national engineering societies that represent more than two million engineers. ASME serves as the chair and lead organizer of the symposium, which is made possible by a grant from the United Engineering Foundation.
• Energy-related Congressional Briefing– April 22, 2015 (tentative).
Industry Advisory Board (IAB)

Quarterly Highlights

- The Industry Advisory Board held a webinar on January 18 that provided an overview of the October 2014 meeting recommendations and the EGD team presented an update on EGD and E4C efforts.

Upcoming Activities/What’s on the Horizon?

- IAB Spring Meeting, April 28-29, GE Global Research Center, San Ramon, CA. The topic of the meeting is The Evolution of Advanced Analytics and its Impact on Engineering and ASME. Reception/dinner at Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley.
- An IAB webinar will be held in early April to prepare participants for the IAB Spring Meeting on April 28-29.

Student & Early Career Development (SECD) - Cynthia Stong, Noha El-Ghobashy

Quarterly Highlights

Programmatic / Operational activities

SECD Sector

SECD council is working closely with the SECD Non-advocate Review Task Force (TF) on SECD Sector Strategy and Program Portfolio. The council had already approved SECD mission, vision, strategic objectives and program portfolios recommended by the TF. The next step is to finalize an operational framework and governing structure of SECD.

- **Student Programs** 500+ students participated in the Human Powered Vehicle Challenge (HPVC) at the Delhi Technological University January 16-18, 2015 in Delhi, India
- 36 teams have registered for the HPVC West that will take place on April 24 – 26 in San Jose, CA. Work in progress with the HPVC East on May 8 – 10 in Gainesville, FL and planning is underway for HPVC Latin America in Bogotá, Colombia at Universidad de los Andes in October 15 - 17, 2015
- HPVC program was featured in PRI/BBC segment on Human Powered vehicles aired in Feb 2015
- Submission of designs for the ASME Innovative Design Simulation Challenge (ASME IDSC) and ASME Innovative Additive Manufacturing 3D Challenge (ASME IAM3D) are in progress through April 1, 2015 and April 15, 2015, respectively. Both ASME IAM3D and ASME Innovative Design Simulation Challenges have been accepted by America Makes for advertising on their home page to their membership of 120 industries and universities.
- Work in progress on the celebration of the IAM3D launch with winners’ prototypes display and a reception for the winners, faculty advisors, IAM3D Committee members, and the Board of Governors
• Registration for 9 out of 12 Student Professional Development Conferences (SPDCs) around the world is in progress. Student Design Competition Judges training has been scheduled and meetings of SPDC hosts are ongoing.
• Student section awards and grants recipients have been notified and awards distribution is in progress. Proposals and reports are being accepted until May 30th, 2015 for the 2015 Student Section Awards and Grants.
• Several inquiries to start new student sections in USA have been received - a big change from prior years.

Upcoming Activities/What’s on the Horizon?

• Registrations are open to submit for the 1st rounds of 2015 IAM3D Challenge and 2015 ASME Innovative Design Simulation Challenge (IDSC).
• SPDC registrations are open.
• Email and Social media promotion using the interviews and other content about student programs is ongoing.

Career Development

Quarterly Highlights

• In January ME Today featured the following articles which were also promoted weekly on Social Media:
  o Researcher Focus: Additive Manufacturing
  o The Next Generation of Technology for Disaster Preparedness and Relief
  o The Future of Resource Recovery
  o Researcher Focus: Emerging Technology
  o Podcast Series for ASME Applied Mechanics Reviews on The ASME Digital Collection
• Expansion plans are underway for the FutureME Mini-Talks are underway for IDETC on Sunday, Aug 2, 2015 and at IMECE on Sunday, Nov 15, 2015 featuring four talks on career development topics. Campaign is underway to Identify Early Career Presenters. The editorial review and post-production for the 2014 IMECE-Montreal mini-talks are completed. New clips will be posted starting from mid-March, 2015
• The Board on Career Development is working on branding its portfolio of programs as FutureME which will roll-out all of our other platforms/programs
• The Old Guard Early Career Award received 4 nominations (February 1, 2015) and the recommendation(s) for the 2015 winning recipient(s) has been submitted to the Honors and Awards Committee
• The ASME FutureME Video Contest featuring “What I wish I’d known about engineering when I entered the work force” is in progress with the submission deadline on April 01, 2015. Social media promotion and community engagement is ongoing following program communication strategy

Upcoming Activities/What’s on the Horizon?
• Email blast planned to solicit ECE presenters to take advantage of the opportunity to join the Mini-talk series
• Promotional activity for ASME FutureME Video Contest will continue through email and social media along with encouraging engagement in online community
• The four IMECE 2014 Mini-talks on.ORG and YouTube will be released starting from March through April 2015
• ME Today articles focused on career development topics and other workplace skill development as it relates to Diversity Action Grant program, Innovative Undergraduate projects and engineering profiles will be commissioned to the freelance writers
• Incoming ECLIPSE Intern will be helping us improve our online social media presence and investigate the best practices for community building.

Leadership & Recognition

Quarterly Highlights

• The Diversity Action Grant review committee has approved 27 applications and the funding were distributed to the Student Sections in February. While working on their projects, the students will be learning and practicing important project management and leadership skills. A set of articles highlighting those skills and its application will be written and published in ME Today, on ASME.org and on the ASME Job Board site.
• The nomination period for Charles T. Main Student Leadership award and Outstanding SSA award ended on March 1, 2015. The Recognition committee will review the applications and will select the qualified candidates for a final review by the General Awards Committee by March 15, 2015. 16 complete Charles T. Main Award applications and 3 complete Outstanding Student Section Advisor Award applications were received.
• Student reports about their local leadership development activities are being collected by the Student Leadership Training Committee.

Upcoming Activities/What’s on the Horizon?

• Announcement of the winners of C.T. Main and SSA awards
• Publications of DAG-related articles
• Reports on DAG projects are due in June 2015

II. Volunteer Orientation and Leadership Training (VOLT) Academy – Justin Young, Dave Soukup, Clare Bruff

Quarterly Highlights

• The Presidential Team briefed the Nominating Committee on January 29 to help them identify qualities to look for in Governor and Presidential candidates.
• A Diversity and Inclusion web-conference was given for the Nominating Committee on March 12 to help them in their roles on the committee.

Upcoming Activities/What’s on the Horizon?

• A Cross-Sector Leadership Development Workshop will be held April 16-18 in New York, in conjunction with the Board of Governors meeting. Emerging leaders from all four
sectors have been invited to participate. We are anticipating 15 participants from across all the sectors.

- The Presidential Candidate and Governor Candidate Briefings have been scheduled for May 8 and 12, respectively.
- The ECLIPSE Leadership Workshop will be held in Washington, DC, April 19-21. The interns will have a reception and dinner with the Presidential Team on April 19. They will attend an all-day workshop on April 20 and they will participate in the Public Policy Symposium on April 21.
- A VOLT Leadership Workshop will be held at the Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL. The workshop topic has not yet been announced. This workshop will be offered twice to maximize participation.
- Three E-Learning modules are currently being developed as part of the “Getting to Know ASME” e-learning series.

III. Group Pathways & Support (GPS)/Group Engagement & Transition Team (GETT) – Karen Ohland, Elio Manes

Quarterly Highlights

- The Merit Based Funding (MBF) disbursements were made to 98 sections that applied and qualified for funding. This was the last year of the MBF program (a total of $135K was included in current FY15 budget).
- Nearly 700 activity approval requests from Groups have been processed to date since the launch of the interim activity approval tool in September 2014.
- Development of the new GPS Requisition Tool, powered by ServiceNow, has been completed. The tool will officially launch for use by all Groups on Monday, March 23, 2015.
- Webinars on the “GPS Requisition Tool Pre-launch Overview” for all tool users will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 10:00 AM and again on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 4:00 PM.
- Work continues on revisions to the Group Operations Guide.
- Continuing discussions with the ASME Foundation on engagement guides/ pathways/ procedures for conducting existing Group scholarships and grants, as well as for proposing and conducting new scholarships.
- Efforts are underway for ASME Foundation to do a “coordinated ask” to all Groups for use of segregated funds to support Enterprise programs.
- Working with Committee on Honors (COH) volunteers and staff in determining desired impact, investment, ROI, etc. for awards, formulating guidelines on criteria, review, approval, and administration process, and instituting and communicating rules and pathways to Groups with respect to awards. In the interim, GPS is taking requests from Groups proposing new awards (Society and Group level), but advising them to hold off on their recommendations as the Society's awards strategy emerges. Combined, there are currently nearly 250 existing Division- and Society-level awards affiliated with Divisions, many around the same technical areas.
- The Group Engagement & Transition Team (GETT) met on March 7-8, 2015 in Scottsdale, AZ. Discussed:
  - how to continue progress on group rules and pathways of engagement
  - Group Volunteer Agreement to communicate / ensure awareness of processes and procedures among members of Group leadership team members
options for measuring outcomes and return on investment including social return on investment (SROI)

- future tools
- plans for advancing conversation(s) with Sector Management Committee including specific examples
- communication plan
- possible structures for volunteer advocacy and group engagement team

Upcoming Activities/What’s on the Horizon?

- A webinar on “Processes & Tools” is planned for April 28 and 29, 2015 for all Group types to train on tools, process and timeline for coding new Group Leadership Team (GLT) volunteer positions, and using tools such as ASME.org to communicate with members.

- Planning is under way for a “Division Leadership Training” event on May 2, 2015 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Among the issues to be addressed is how Division leaders can help the TEC Sector and ASME meet our strategy and mission, revisions to the RECIPE (Rules of Engagement for Conference Initiation, Planning & Execution) operation guide, as well as how we can best use ASME’s money in the segregated accounts to help grow conferences and other ASME programs. As with the previous training events, it will be broadcast live via webinar for those who cannot attend in person.

- The current FY15 training program will then close with a webinar in June 2015 on “FY16 Budgeting & Planning” for all Group types. The focus will be on introduction to the new Annual Plan & Budget, which will be incorporated in the new GPS Requisition Tool, plus the new system and procedures for Groups to track the annual spend limit for segregated funds for the new FY16 fiscal year.

- Training plans are underway for next FY16 fiscal year, starting with a webinar slated for July 2015 on “Evolving Pathways of Engagement.” This webinar will be for all Group types and is intended to present the new rules and procedures that are currently under development for Scholarships, Fundraising, and Awards.

- Planning is under way to hold two “Section & Affinity Group Leadership Training” events in August 2015. The first event will take place on either August 1 or 8 at a U.S. venue (Los Angeles, Denver, Boston or Atlanta) and is intended for Sections & Affinity Groups in the U.S., Canada, and Latin America. The second event will be for Sections & Affinity Groups in Europe, Asia and the Middle East and is slated for either August 22 or 29 at an international venue (Prague or Amsterdam). RFPs (Request for Proposals) are being issued to potential venues.
Date Submitted: April 2, 2015
BOG Meeting Date: April 17, 2015

To: Board of Governors
From: (Sector/Unit/Task Force/Other) Julio Guerrero
Presented by: Julio Guerrero
Agenda Title: FY16 Retreat Discussion/Outline

Agenda Item Executive Summary: (Do not exceed the space provided)
A review of the FY16 Retreat.

Proposed motion for BOG Action: (if appropriate)
None

Attachments: PowerPoint Presentation
FY16 Retreat Discussion/Outline
Julio Guerrero and Jeanne DiFrancesco

Board Retreat

July 7-9, 2015

Santa Barbara, CA
Retreat Objectives

Globalization is a key enabler for growth.

- The retreat process (July retreat, delegation trips, etc.) will help the Board gain a better understanding of the opportunities for ASME in the global arena.
- This understanding will raise the level of Board discussion

- The retreat will also:
  - Develop team spirit among the board members
  - Enhance board communications
  - Increase understanding of the global capability of ASME staff
  - Gain a practical sense of how the focus areas (Energy, Global, and Work Force) work together to enable our growth

Preliminary Global Visit Schedule

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Board Preparation
- Profile BOG members backgrounds, interests to take maximum advantage of BOG/Staff pairings
- Structure of teams – BOG and Staff
- (1) Could be in a different week if agreed
Preliminary July Agenda

Day 1:
- Who we are:
  - Introduction to the ASME “World”
  - Market Opportunities Data Review
  - Current ASME Global Strategy
  - Uncertainties and what we want to learn
  - Framework for Reporting

Team Building Activity – Focus on learning more about fellow BOG member backgrounds and interests

Day 2:
- Introduction to Globalization Concepts
- Conversation among Board members about how we run the delegation trips. Board will facilitate 3 breakout groups. Team Leaders will be:
  - Caecilia (India)
  - Bill (Peru)
  - Jack (China)
Key staff experts will also be included.

Open Conversation – Focus on global opportunities and approach to getting the most from the experience
Delegation’s Focus

Meet with 5 local leaders representing the following Communities at each site:

- ASME Membership
- Industrialists
- Local Professional Societies
- Academia
- Influential people (moguls/politicians)

Wrap Up Meeting

- 2-day meeting
- January 2016 (TBD)
- Objective:
  - Consolidate the knowledge acquired during the 3 delegation trips
  - Define ASME’s forward-looking global growth plan
  - Outline a plan to implement global growth strategy
  - Develop measures, milestones and expectations (for incorporation into FY’17 objectives)
Regional Insights

- The Pacific Rim: Among the largest world trade agreements are being implemented one of them is the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). These agreements are already shaping the economy activity in the Pacific Rim in the 21st century; U.S. goods exports to TPP countries totaled $698 billion in 2013, representing 44 percent of total U.S. goods exports. U.S. Exports of agricultural products to TPP countries totaled $58.8 billion in 2013, 85 percent of total U.S. agricultural exports. U.S. private services exports totaled $172 billion in 2012 (latest data available), 27 percent of total U.S. private services exports to the world. America’s small and medium-sized enterprises alone exported $247 billion to the Asia-Pacific in 2011 (latest data available). Right now, there are 12 countries that are part of the negotiations of the TPP: the United States, Canada, Australia, Brunei, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam. These nations have a combined population of 792 million people and account for an astounding 40 percent of the global economy. And it is hoped that the EU, China and India will eventually join as well, Figure 1.

- All the countries in this Geo-Markets and Trade Agreements are partners with the current largest world economy, China.

- In the following years we can repeat in several countries what we will learn in the programs we will develop in the Pacific Rim east coast, it will be applicable to the whole region. We can also have future BOG retreats in other countries such as India, China, EU, Australia, etc. to increase our global business understanding and efficiency; also we should begin to track developments in Africa.

- We can and should create opportunities for our organization to become a key player in all these economic partnerships, it will help us to serve our mission and our three strategic focuses: Energy, Globalization, and Work Force development.
ASME Board of Governors  
Agenda Item  
Cover Memo  

Date Submitted: March 30, 2015  
BOG Meeting Date: April 16-17, 2015  

To: Board of Governors  
From: COFI  
Presented by: James Coaker  
Agenda Title: Membership Dues Increase  

Agenda Item Executive Summary:  
COFI has reviewed the 2015-2016 membership dues calculation.  
COFI voted to recommend to maintain membership dues at $149.00 to the Board of Governors.  

Proposed motion for BOG Action:  
COFI recommends approval to maintain membership dues for 2015-2016 at $149.00.  

Attachments:  
ASME 2015-2016 Membership Dues Calculation  

MOTION:  
To approve 2015-2016 membership dues at $149.00.
### ASME 2015-2016 Membership Dues Calculation

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**Recommended October 2015 Membership Dues**

(Rounded down as per Society Policy 14.5) $149.00
Date Submitted: April 2, 2015  
BOG Meeting Date: April 17, 2015

To: Board of Governors  
From: (Sector/Unit/Task Force/Other) Committee on Organization and Rules  
Presented by: Larry Luna  
Agenda Title: Proposed Appointments

Agenda Item Executive Summary: (Do not exceed the space provided)

Proposed appointments reviewed by the COR on March 27, 2015.

Proposed motion for BOG Action: (if appropriate)

Approve the proposed appointments.

Attachments:

Appointment listing.
# MARCH 2015
## PROPOSED APPOINTMENTS TO ASME UNIT

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Date Submitted: March 23, 2015
BOG Meeting Date: April 17, 2015

To: Board of Governors
From: Group Pathways and Support
Agenda Title: Revisions to By-Laws 5.1, 5.2 and 7.1 for first reading

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Agenda Item Executive Summary: *(Do not exceed the space provided)*

The term "Group" has been defined in the By-Laws.

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Proposed motion for BOG Action: *(if appropriate)*

Revise By-Laws 5.1, 5.2, and 7.1 as attached.

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Attachments:
Revised By-Laws 5.1, 5.2, and 7.1
B5.1 SECTORS, BOARDS/COUNCILS, AND COMMITTEES, AND GROUPS

B5.1.1 Each sector will be led by a sector board or council.

B5.1.2 Subject to the approval of the Board of Governors, each sector shall have the power to establish its boards and committees.

B5.1.3 Each board or committee, as described in the By-Laws, shall perform the duties prescribed therein, and those assigned to it by the sector to which it reports.

B5.1.4 The primary role of volunteer members of boards and committees will be to determine policies, develop programs, conduct studies, prepare reports, and advise the sector to which that board or committee reports on matters pertaining to specific assignments.

B5.1.5 The primary role of staff assigned to boards and committees is to implement actions that are required to meet the objectives of the board or committee on a continuing basis. Working under broad lines of policy established by the board or committee, the staff will initiate programs, actively engage in the work, and make operating decisions necessary to carry forward the programs in a dynamic and efficient manner.

B5.1.6 A sector may terminate membership, other than ex officio membership, on any board or committee because of continued absence of the member.

B5.1.6.1 The Board of Governors shall appoint all members of the sector board or council except the elected vice presidents and members ex officio.

B5.1.6.2 Each sector board or council shall approve all appointments to boards and committees which report directly to that sector board or council.

B5.1.6.3 Any sector board or council or board may have standing or special committees to assist in the conduct of its affairs.

B5.1.6.4 Any sector board or council, board, or committee may have non-voting advisory members.

B5.1.6.5 Any committee may appoint subcommittees. To serve on a subcommittee it is not necessary to be a member of the parent committee.

B5.1.7 A member of a board or committee whose term of office has expired shall continue to serve until a successor has been elected or appointed unless the board or committee has been terminated.

B5.1.8 Periodically, throughout the fiscal year, each sector and each committee reporting to the Board of Governors shall submit to the Executive Director, for delivery to the Board of Governors a written report of its activities.

B5.1.9 ASME groups include technical divisions, institutes, affinity groups, sections, subsections, technical chapters, research committees and participant-created groups.
B5.2.8.2  The General Awards Committee, under the direction of the Committee on Honors, shall seek candidates for all honors and awards except Honorary Members, the ASME Medal, and group-level division awards, and shall screen nominations and make recommendations to the Committee on Honors.

The General Awards Committee shall consist of a Chair, a Vice Chair and a membership as determined by the Committee on Honors.
B7.1 PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

B7.1.3 The Society shall not be responsible for statements or opinions advanced in papers or in discussion at meetings of the Society or of its group technical divisions or sections, or printed in its publications.
ASME Board of Governors
Agenda Item
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Date Submitted: March 23, 2015
BOG Meeting Date: April 17, 2015

To: Board of Governors
From: (Sector/Unit/Task Force/Other) COR
Presented by: Larry Luna
Agenda Title: Revisions to By-Laws B4.1, B4.2, B4.3, B5.1, B5.2, B5.3, B5.7,
B5.8, B6.1

Agenda Item Executive Summary: (Do not exceed the space provided)

The Public Affairs and Outreach Council and the Student and Early Career
Development Council request modifications to B5.3 and B5.7, respectively, to
change the title of its vice president positions to board chairs. If approved, there
will no longer be vice presidents in ASME.

These changes prompted other changes to be made in the following By-Laws:
B4.1 – Senior vice presidents are now addressed
B4.2 – The composition of the Nominating Committee
B4.3 – Senior vice presidents are now listed by title
B5.1 – All sectors now call their top unit a “council”
B5.2 – All sectors now call their top unit a “council”
B5.8 – All sectors now call their top unit a “council”
B6.1 – All sectors now call their top unit a “council”

Proposed motion for BOG Action: (if appropriate)

Revise B4.1 through B6.1 as attached.

Attachments: Word documents
B4.1 GOVERNMENT

B4.1.1 The Society and its individual members shall be governed by this Constitution and these By-Laws and by the current Society Policies and procedures established by the Board of Governors, including any amendments that may be made from time to time.

B4.1.1.2 Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the organization is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under IRC 501(c) 3 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

B4.1.2.1 Each unit of the Society may specify the requirements for a quorum of that unit in its By-laws, Rules and Procedures or Operation Guide. If no quorum requirements are specified a quorum shall be one half or more of the voting members of the unit.

B4.1.2.2 Every question which shall come before a meeting of any unit of the Society shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast, unless otherwise provided in the Constitution and By-Laws, by the Society Policies, or by the laws of the State of New York.

B4.1.3 The rules contained in the latest edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable, when not inconsistent with the Constitution or By-Laws of this Society.

B4.1.4.1 An Annual Report shall be prepared for the fiscal year ending on June 30.

B4.1.4.2 The material included in the portion of the report covering the Society year shall show the following in appropriate detail:
   a. A report by the President;
   b. A listing of the Society Officers;
   c. Summaries of major Society activities; and
   d. A listing of recipients of Society awards

B4.1.4.3 The material included in the portion of the report covering each fiscal year shall show the following in appropriate detail:
   a. The number of Society members at the beginning and end of the fiscal year and a statement of the place where the names and addresses of the members may be found;
   b. The assets and liabilities of the Society including trust funds, at the beginning and end of the fiscal year;
   c. The revenue or receipts of the Society, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes, during the fiscal year; and
   d. The expenses or disbursements of the Society for both general and restricted purposes during the fiscal year.
B4.1.4.4 The financial information described in B4.1.4.3 b, c, and d shall be verified by the President and the Treasurer, subject to completion of the annual audit by the outside auditors who are appointed by the Board of Governors and ratified by the membership at the first Business Meeting of each fiscal year.

B4.1.4.5 At the first Business Meeting of each fiscal year, the Annual Report, including the information described in B4.1.4.2 and B4.1.4.3, as verified according to B4.1.4.4, shall be presented by the Executive Director and Treasurer to the members assembled and made available to the membership. The Annual Report shall be filed with the records of the Society, and either a copy or an abstract thereof entered in the minutes of the proceedings of that Business Meeting.

B4.1.5 Any Officer of the Society or member of any sector, board, committee, or other unit of the Society appointed or elected by the Board of Governors or by any unit of the Society may be removed or suspended from such office or membership by the Board of Governors for cause (which shall include, without limitation, violations of fiduciary duty, racial or other improper discrimination, sexual harassment and defamation).

Any Officer of the Society or member of such sector, board, committee or other unit of the Society elected by the corporate membership may be removed for cause only by the vote of the corporate membership, but his or her authority to act as such Officer or member may be suspended by the Board of Governors for cause.

Removal for cause by the Board of Governors shall require an affirmative vote of seven members of the Board of Governors. Suspension for cause shall require the vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Governors present at the time of the vote, provided that a quorum is present.

Written notice shall be given to the person to be removed or suspended for cause as early as practicable and in any event at least five days before any action is to be taken by the Board of Governors. The person to be removed or suspended for cause shall be given an opportunity to present a defense to the Board of Governors.

B4.1.6.1 If a nominee for the Board of Governors is unable to stand for election, the Nominating Committee shall recommend to the Board of Governors another nominee to fill the slate.

If a person elected to the Board of Governors is unable to take office, the Board of Governors shall fill the vacant position by appointment.

If a vacancy occurs on the Board of Governors after an elected Governor has been seated, the Board of Governors shall fill the vacancy by appointment for the unexpired portion of the term.

B4.1.6.2 In filling the office of President, the procedure shall be as follows: The most recent available past President shall act as President pro tern and shall call an executive session of the Board of Governors within one month after the vacancy in the Presidency occurs, at which session the Board of Governors shall elect a President to complete the unexpired portion of the presidential term. The new President shall be chosen from among those who are past Presidents, past or current senior vice presidents, or past or current members of the Board of Governors.
If for any reason the President-elect is unable to take office or the nominee for President is unable to stand for election, the Nominating Committee shall be convened immediately and select another nominee for the office of President.

Election of a new President-elect shall be by special ballot provided to each corporate member.

B4.1.6.3 If a nominee for vice president is unable to stand for election or if a senior vice president is unable to take office, the Nominating Committee shall recommend to the Board of Governors will appoint another nominee to fill the office by appointment. A replacement nominee shall be proposed to the Board of Governors in accordance with the procedures of each sector.

B4.1.6.4 Any vacancy in the office of senior vice president, Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary or Assistant Treasurer shall be filled by the Board of Governors.

If a senior vice president position becomes vacant during an incumbent's term of office, the Board of Governors shall fill the vacancy by appointment for the unexpired portion of the term. A replacement nominee shall be proposed to the Board of Governors in accordance with the procedures of each sector.

B4.1.7 An act of the Board of Governors which shall have received the expressed or implied sanction of the corporate membership at the following Business Meeting of the Society shall be deemed to be an act of the Society and cannot afterward be impeached by any member.

B4.1.8 A person shall not be an Officer of the Society in two different elective offices at the same time. A person who has been elected to a position of an Officer of the Society shall not be nominated for another elective office of the Society if there is any overlapping of the term of the proposed office with the term of the office to which that person has already been elected. A vice-president who has been elected to a term that does not extend more than one year into a new term of senior vice president of a sector is eligible to be appointed as a senior vice president.

B4.1.9 The Board of Governors may create such special committees as it may deem desirable. The members of such committees shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Board. Special committees shall have only the powers specifically delegated to them by the Board. If a special committee shall include individuals who are not Governors, it is not a committee of the Board and may not bind the Board.

Each special committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. Any or all members of any committee may be removed, with or without cause, by resolution of the Board of Governors, adopted by a majority of the Board.

Any committee may adopt rules governing the method of calling and time and place of holding its meetings. Unless otherwise provided by the Board, a majority of any committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority of the members of the committee present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee. Each committee shall keep a record of its acts and proceedings and shall report thereon to the Board whenever requested to do so.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board or any special committee may be...
taken without a meeting if all members of the Board or the committee consent in writing or by electronic mail to the adoption of a resolution authorizing the action. The resolution and the written consent thereto shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board or the committee.

Any one or more members of the Board or any special committee may participate in a meeting of the Board or committee by means of a conference telephone, videoconference, or similar communications equipment, allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the time, propose, object to and vote on specific actions to be taken by the Board or committee. Participating by such means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting. All members of the Board or any special committee must be given adequate prior notice about the arrangements for such meetings.

B4.1.10 The Board of Governors may delegate to the sectors and the standing committees of the Board as established in these By-Laws, for a period of one year, specific responsibilities for the management of one or more programs of the Society, subject to the supervision of the Board and to any limitation prescribed by the Board or by applicable law.

B4.1.11 Members in office shall continue in their respective offices until their successors have been elected or appointed, and have accepted their offices.
B4.2 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

B4.2.1 The Nominating Committee is charged with the responsibility of nominating members of experience, high standing, and active participation in the work of the Society to those offices specified in Article C4.1.8 of the Constitution. These nominees may be selected from proposals by various units or by individual members in the Society or from the Nominating Committee’s own deliberations as it sees fit.

B4.2.2.1 Election to the Nominating Committee takes place at Business Meetings of the Society. At the second Business Meeting of the fiscal year, the President shall present the names of those recommended pursuant to By-Law B4.2.2.3, as applicable, for election to the Nominating Committee. In the event any vacancies occur following that meeting, the President may present the names of those recommended pursuant to By-Law B4.2.2.3, as applicable, for any Nominating Committee vacancies at the first Business Meeting of the new fiscal year. The voting members of the Nominating Committee shall be elected for two years and alternates for one year.

Elected voting members and alternates shall begin their terms at the close of the Business Meeting at which they are elected.

Terms of voting members and alternates will normally end at the close of the Nominating Committee Selection Meeting. However, if the work of a particular Nominating Committee is not finished by that time, terms of that committee will continue until the selection process for which that committee is responsible has been completed.

B4.2.2.2 The Nominating Committee shall consist of one voting members and an alternates selected by each unit of a sector, that is led by a Vice President. At the option of a sector, as described in the sector’s Operation Guide, one additional alternate may be named by the Sector. In the event that a sector has only one Vice President, that sector may have two voting members and two alternates and may name one additional alternate as determined by the sector Operation Guide. The TEC Sector shall have seven voting members and seven alternates selected by the TEC Sector Council. The S&C Sector shall have five voting members and two alternates selected by the Council on Standards and Certification. The PAO Sector shall have three voting members and three alternates selected by the PAO Sector Council. The SECD Sector shall have two voting members and two alternates selected by the SECD Sector Council. Approximately one-half of the voting members will have terms that expire annually. Nominations for open positions for voting members and alternates shall be made as provided in By-Law B4.2.2.3 and shall be voted upon at the Business Meetings as provided in By-Law B4.2.2.1.

Voting members and alternates shall be of the Member or Fellow grade and not currently serving in any elective office of the Society.
B4.2.2.3 Each sector will develop its own procedures for generating proposals for the members and alternates of the Nominating Committee for which that sector has a responsibility, and those procedures shall be specified in the sector operation guide.

B4.2.2.4 The Nominating Committee will be assisted by a non-voting group of Advisors consisting of three consenting and available past Presidents who have been out of office for one year or more. These Advisors, selected by the Nominating Committee, shall attend all meetings of the Nominating Committee and participate in all its discussions. At the option of the committee, they may also be present during the casting of votes for the slate of nominees. The functions of this group shall be:

a. to acquaint the Nominating Committee of the short and long range Society plans;

b. to make available their experience in, and their knowledge of the requirements for Society offices; and

c. to answer questions regarding the capabilities of potential nominees in relation to the needs and objectives of the Society.

B4.2.3.1 If a voting member is unable to serve, then an alternate will be identified by the unit from the sector from its pool of alternates. In the event that no alternates are available in a specific sector, an alternate may be selected the unit may select its member from another sector pool of alternates in accordance with the Nominating Committee Manual, MM-10.

B4.2.3.2 A person who has been in office as voting member of the Nominating Committee for a term or portion of a term which includes more than one Nominating Committee Selection Meeting is eligible to be proposed for a later term as voting member or alternate only if the later term begins one year or more after the ending of the term in which the person served as a voting member.

B4.2.4 No voting member or alternate shall be considered for nomination to any elective office (President, and Governors and vice presidents) of the Society during a term of office on the Nominating Committee, whether or not it is served.

B4.2.5 The names of those elected to serve on the Nominating Committee shall be published by the Executive Director prior to the end of each year, accompanied by a request for proposals for Officers of the Society to be sent to the Nominating Committee. Any changes to the composition of the Nominating Committee shall be published as soon as possible.
B4.2.6 A vacancy in the Nominating Committee of the Society shall be filled as determined in accordance with B4.2.3.1 and B4.2.2.1.

B4.2.7 Each year, not later than December 1, the Nominating Committee shall submit any proposed changes to Manual MM-10 to the Committee on Organization and Rules for review and recommendation.

B4.2.8 A special nominating committee may be organized by one per cent of the corporate membership of the Society in good standing certifying to the Executive Director in writing their joint intention to organize such a committee.

B4.2.9 Within two weeks following the close of the second Business Meeting of the fiscal year, the Nominating Committee shall deliver to the Executive Director in writing the names of its nominees for the elective offices to be filled at the next election, together with the written consents of the nominees.

B4.2.10 The names of nominees for the various offices proposed by the Nominating Committee and any other special nominating committee shall be published by the Executive Director immediately after the receipt of the report of the Nominating Committee or the special nominating committee.

B4.2.11 Names of any nominees presented by any special nominating committee must be in the hands of the Executive Director by the first Tuesday in August of each year, and must be accompanied by the written consent of each nominee.

B4.2.12 Any member of the Society or any organized unit of the Society may propose and is encouraged to propose, directly to the Nominating Committee, nominees for President, vice president, or the Board of Governors.
B4.3 OFFICERS

B4.3.1 The Officers shall perform the duties regularly or customarily attached to their offices under the laws of the State of New York, and such other duties as may be required of them by the Board of Governors or the Constitution and By-Laws.

B4.3.2 The President shall be the chief elected Officer of the Society. He or she shall preside at all Business meetings of the Society and of the Board of Governors, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as the Board may from time to time prescribe. The President may not be an employee of the Society.

If the President is unable to preside at any meeting of the Board, the immediate past President shall preside. If that is not possible, the Board shall elect one of its voting members to be Chair of the meeting.

If the President is unable to preside at any Business Meeting of the Society, the immediate past President shall preside. If that is not possible, then the next most-recent available past President shall preside.

The term of the President shall begin at the close of the second Business Meeting of the fiscal year at a time designated by the Board.

B4.3.3 Each senior vice president shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Board of Governors may from time to time prescribe.

B4.3.4.1 The Treasurer shall be the chief financial Officer of the Society, and shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Board of Governors may from time to time prescribe. The Treasurer shall supervise, review and audit the activities of the Assistant Treasurer in carrying out the assigned duties as generally are incident to the position of Assistant Treasurer or as may be otherwise assigned to him or her by the Treasurer or the Board of Governors. The Treasurer shall be a volunteer member of the Society.

B4.3.4.2 The Assistant Treasurer shall have charge of all funds and securities of the Society, shall endorse the same for deposit or collection when necessary and deposit the same to the credit of the Society in such banks or depositories as the Board of Governors may authorize. He or she may endorse all commercial documents requiring endorsements for or on behalf of the Society and may sign all receipts and vouchers for payments made to the Society. He or she shall have all such further powers and duties as generally are incident to the position of Assistant Treasurer or as may be assigned to him or her by the Treasurer or the Board of Governors. In the absence or inability to act of the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer may perform all the duties and exercise all the powers of the Treasurer. The performance of any such duty shall, in respect of any other person dealing with the Society, be conclusive evidence of his or her power to act. The Assistant Treasurer shall be an employee of the Society.
B4.3.5 The Executive Director shall be an employee and the chief operating Officer of the Society, an ex officio member of the Board of Governors without vote, and shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Board of Governors may from time to time prescribe.

B4.3.6.1 The Secretary shall have the responsibility for the records of the Society, and shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Board of Governors may from time to time prescribe. The Secretary shall supervise, review and audit the activities of the Assistant Secretary in carrying out the assigned duties as generally are incident to the position of Assistant Secretary or as may be otherwise assigned to him or her by the Secretary or the Board of Governors. The Secretary shall be a volunteer member of the Society.

B4.3.6.2 The Assistant Secretary shall have all such powers and duties as generally are incident to the position of Assistant Secretary or as may be assigned to him or her by the Secretary or by the Board of Governors. In the absence or inability to act of the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary may perform all the duties and exercise all the powers of the Secretary. The performance of any such duties shall, in respect of any other person dealing with the Society, be conclusive evidence of his or her power to act. The Assistant Secretary shall be an employee of the Society.

B4.3.7 The Executive Director shall receive a salary that shall be fixed by the Board of Governors.

B4.3.8 Among the Officers of the Society, there shall be the following senior vice presidents:

- Senior Vice President for Public Affairs and Outreach
- Senior Vice President for Standards and Certification
- Senior Vice President for Student and Early Career Development
- Senior Vice President for Technical Events and Content
- Vice President for Education
- Vice President for Government Relations
- Vice President for Conformity Assessment
- Vice President for Nuclear Codes and Standards
- Vice President for Pressure Technology Codes and Standards
- Vice President for Safety Codes and Standards
- Vice President for Standardization and Testing
- Vice President for Leadership and Recognition
The term of each senior vice president shall be three years, beginning and ending at the second Business Meeting of the fiscal year. The terms of approximately one-third of the senior vice presidents shall end each year, according to a schedule approved by the Board of Governors.
B5.1 SECTORS, BOARDS/COUNCILS, AND COMMITTEES

B5.1.1 Each sector will be led by a sector board or council.

B5.1.2 Subject to the approval of the Board of Governors, each sector shall have the power to establish its boards and committees.

B5.1.3 Each board or committee, as described in the By-Laws, shall perform the duties prescribed therein, and those assigned to it by the sector to which it reports.

B5.1.4 The primary role of volunteer members of boards and committees will be to determine policies, develop programs, conduct studies, prepare reports, and advise the sector to which that board or committee reports on matters pertaining to specific assignments.

B5.1.5 The primary role of staff assigned to boards and committees is to implement actions that are required to meet the objectives of the board or committee on a continuing basis. Working under broad lines of policy established by the board or committee, the staff will initiate programs, actively engage in the work, and make operating decisions necessary to carry forward the programs in a dynamic and efficient manner.

B5.1.6 A sector may terminate membership, other than ex officio membership, on any board or committee because of continued absence of the member.

B5.1.6.1 The Board of Governors shall appoint all members of the sector board or council except the elected vice presidents and members ex officio.

B5.1.6.2 Each sector board or council shall approve all appointments to boards and committees which report directly to that sector board or council.

B5.1.6.3 Any sector board or council or board may have standing or special committees to assist in the conduct of its affairs.

B5.1.6.4 Any sector board or council, board, or committee may have non-voting advisory members.

B5.1.6.5 Any committee may appoint subcommittees. To serve on a subcommittee it is not necessary to be a member of the parent committee.

B5.1.7 A member of a board or committee whose term of office has expired shall continue to serve until a successor has been elected or appointed unless the board or committee has been terminated.

B5.1.8 Periodically, throughout the fiscal year, each sector and each committee reporting to the Board of Governors shall submit to the Executive Director, for delivery to the Board of Governors a written report of its activities.
B5.2 SECTORS AND COMMITTEES REPORTING TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

B5.2.1 The sectors reporting to the Board of Governors shall be the Standards and Certification Sector, Technical Events and Content Sector, the Public Affairs and Outreach Sector and the Student and Early Career Development Sector.

Each sector shall be led by a council, sector board or sector operating board. The Council, Sector Board, or Sector Operating Board of each sector shall consist of such voting members as specified in the sector By-Laws. Individuals, as may be required or designated pursuant to any statute, regulation, or court order or consent decree may also be voting or non-voting members of a sector Council, Sector Board or Sector Operating Board. A member of the senior staff of the sector, if any, may be a voting member of the sector Council, Sector Board or Sector Operating Board. The sector Council, Sector Board or Sector Operating Board may designate both volunteer and staff non-voting members.

The duties and responsibilities of the sectors shall be as designated from time to time by the Board of Governors. Each sector shall maintain its own operation guide as prescribed by Society Policy. Each sector shall be chaired by a senior vice president who shall serve a term of three years. Additional service as the same senior vice president may occur after an interruption of one or more years or following a partial term. Senior vice presidents shall attend meetings of the Board of Governors without vote.

B5.2.2 The following Standing Committees shall report to the Board of Governors and shall be appointed by the Board or the President as determined in the By-Laws: Committee on Organization and Rules, Committee on Finance and Investment, Audit Committee, Committee on Executive Director Evaluation and Staff Compensation, Committee on Governance, Committee on Honors, and the Committee of Past Presidents. Each Standing Committee shall maintain its own operation guide as prescribed by Society Policy. If a Standing Committee includes individuals who are not Governors, it is not a committee of the Board and may not bind the Board; provided, however, that the Committee on Finance and Investment may bind the Board with respect to investment matters without regard to whether it includes individuals who are not Governors.

B5.2.3.1 The Committee on Organization and Rules, under the direction of the Board of Governors, shall ensure that the Society is organized and supplied with qualified leadership to serve the current and anticipated future needs of the membership, and shall reexamine regularly the Constitution, By-Laws and Policies of the Society.

B5.2.3.2 The Committee on Organization and Rules shall consist of a Chair, a Vice Chair and a membership as determined by the Board of Governors.

B5.2.4.1 The Committee on Finance and Investment, under the direction of the Board of Governors, shall supervise the financial and investment affairs of the Society, and shall support the Board and its committees by conducting an annual review of the Society's budgets.
B5.2.4.2 The Committee on Finance and Investment shall consist of a Chair, a Vice Chair and a membership as determined by the Board of Governors.

The Treasurer shall be an ex officio member of the Committee with vote and shall serve as Vice Chair. The Assistant Treasurer and the Second Assistant Treasurer shall be ex officio members of the Committee without vote.

B5.2.5.1 The Committee on Executive Director Evaluation and Staff Compensation, under the direction of the Board of Governors, has specific responsibility for making recommendations to the Board regarding the Executive Director's performance planning and evaluation and for making recommendations to the Board regarding the Executive Director's compensation, including salary and bonus recommendations.

The Committee shall also have the responsibility to advise the Board of Governors on activities of the Society's staff regarding: staff compensation, including bonus programs; volunteer evaluations of staff; staff planning and organization; staff training and development; staff and retiree benefit programs, including pension plans. The committee will also be responsible for staff related Society Policies P-7.1, (Recognition of Staff Members - 5 Years or More of Service) and P-7.2, (Staff Employment Guidelines).

In addition, the Committee has oversight responsibilities for the Pension Plan Trustees.

B5.2.5.2 The Committee shall consist of the President, the President-nominee/elect, the Immediate Past President, three current Board members at-large (serving staggered terms on the Board), and one member-at-large who shall be an ASME member with the knowledge and expertise of Board Governance, Board Operations and Compensation Practices. The President-nominee/elect and Immediate Past President are ex officio members of the committee with vote. The President is an ex officio member of the Committee, without vote. The Immediate Past-President shall be the Chair. Although the ASME Treasurer, the Executive Director and the Managing Director, Human and Capital Resources, are not members of the Committee, they will be available to the Committee for consultation as needed.

The term of each of the current Board members at-large expires when his/her Board term expires. The term of the at-large member is for one year, based on an appointment by the President, is not eligible for reappointment and ends at the close of the second society-wide meeting, on a schedule established by the Committee on Executive Director Evaluation and Staff Compensation.

B5.2.6.1 The Pension Plan Trustees, under the direction of the Committee on Executive Director Evaluation and Staff Compensation, shall have responsibility, as specified in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Pension Plan, for the investment and ultimate distribution of the funds and may also act as Plan agent for the service of legal process.

The Pension Plan Trustees shall consist of up to seven members: the Treasurer of ASME; the Assistant Treasurer, and three to five at-large members recommended by the Committee on Executive Director Evaluation and Staff Compensation for appointment by the Board of Governors.

The terms of the at-large members shall be three years ending at the close of the second
Society-Wide Meeting on a schedule established by the Committee on Executive Director Evaluation and Staff Compensation. Except as provided in this section, a Pension Plan Trustee who is a member-at-large may serve no more than two consecutive full terms. To be eligible for a third consecutive full term, a member-at-large must be nominated by the Committee on Executive Director Evaluation and Staff Compensation upon a finding by the Committee that specifies exceptional circumstances warranting the third consecutive term, and a written statement of such findings must accompany the nomination when it is communicated to the Board of Governors by the Chair of the Committee. The nominee may then be appointed only upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire Board of Governors.

B5.2.7.1 The Committee on Governance (COG) under the direction of the Board of Governors, shall have the responsibility to identify and recommend appropriate training and orientation for members of the Board of Governors and to evaluate and recommend Board structures and processes that will encourage efficient and effective Board operation, governance, decision-making practices, and strategic management and planning.

B5.2.7.2 The COG membership will consist of the Immediate Past President and three governors appointed by the President, one from each governor term. The Senior Governor will serve as the Chair.

B5.2.8.1 The Committee on Honors, under the direction of the Board of Governors, shall recommend properly selected candidates for honors, medals, Honorary Members, and awards, and as required shall recommend recipients of joint awards, all subject to approval by the Board of Governors. However, the Board may delegate to the Committee on Honors the power to approve candidates for any honor, medal or award other than Honorary Member or ASME Medalist. The Committee on Honors shall consist of a Chair and Vice Chair and a membership as determined by the Board of Governors. The Chair of the General Awards Committee shall be an ex officio member with vote.

B5.2.8.2 The General Awards Committee, under the direction of the Committee on Honors, shall seek candidates for all honors and awards except Honorary Members, the ASME Medal, and division awards, and shall screen nominations and make recommendations to the Committee on Honors.

The General Awards Committee shall consist of a Chair, a Vice Chair and a membership as determined by the Committee on Honors.

B5.2.8.3 Other Society award committees, including special award committees, shall in accordance with the policies and procedures administered by the Committee on Honors, seek nominees for honors in their several areas of interest, shall screen nominations, and make recommendations to the Committee on Honors.

B5.2.9.1 The Committee of Past Presidents, under the direction of the Board of Governors, shall elect Fellows, oversee the ethical practice of engineering, and provide guidance on matters where its experience may be useful, upon request by the President, Board of Governors, and other units of the Society.
The Committee shall consist of all living Past Presidents. The Officers of the Committee shall be the Chair, the Vice Chair, and the Secretary.

B5.2.10.1 The Audit Committee shall consist of a Chair, a Vice Chair and a voting membership as determined by the Board of Governors consisting solely of “independent” members of the Board as defined under Section 102(a)(21) of the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law.

The Treasurer shall be an ex officio member of the Committee without vote. The Assistant Treasurer and the Second Assistant Treasurer shall be ex officio members of the Committee without vote.

B5.2.10.2 The Audit Committee, under the direction of the Board of Governors, shall oversee the accounting and financial reporting process of the Society and the audit of its financial statements and report its activities to the Board. The Committee will be responsible for overseeing the adoption and implementation of, and compliance with, the Society Policies on whistleblowers and conflicts of interest. The Committee will annually consider the performance and independence of the independent auditor and recommend retaining or renewing the retention of the independent auditor to the Board. The Committee will liaise with the independent auditor prior to the commencement of the audit and upon completion of the audit, review and discuss the audit results and any related management letter with the auditor, including:

(a) any material risks and weaknesses in internal controls identified by the auditor;
(b) any restrictions on the scope of the auditor’s activities or access to requested information;
(c) any significant disagreements between the auditor and management; and
(d) the adequacy of the Corporation’s accounting and financial reporting processes.
B5.3 PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND OUTREACH SECTOR

B5.3.1.1 The Public Affairs and Outreach Sector, under the direction of the Board of Governors, is responsible for the coordinated outreach to industry, government, education, and the public. It is responsible for initiatives that address diversity and humanitarian programs. The Public Affairs and Outreach Sector will maintain a current Sector Operation Guide that will contain operational details of the Public Affairs and Outreach Sector that are not in these By-Laws.

B5.3.1.2 The Public Affairs and Outreach Sector shall be led by a Council that consists of the following voting membership: a Senior Vice President as Chair; three members-at-large; and the ChairsVice Presidents for the following Boards and Committees: Engineering Education Committee, and Government Relations Committee, and the Chairs of the following Committees: Industry Advisory Board, Engineering for Global Development Committee, Pre-College Education Committee, and Diversity and Inclusion Strategy Committee. The Managing Director, Government Relations and Engineering Education, is a non-voting member.

B5.3.1.3 The incoming Senior Vice President, Public Affairs and Outreach shall be nominated by the Public Affairs and Outreach Council from among its past or present volunteer members for appointment by the Board of Governors for a term of three years. In the event that a past or present volunteer member is not available from the Public Affairs and Outreach Council, then the Council shall defer to the Board of Governors for the selection. ChairsVice Presidents who have been elected to a term that extends more than one year into a new term of the Senior Vice President of Public Affairs and Outreach are not eligible to become the Senior Vice President.

B5.3.1.4 The members-at-large shall be appointed by the Board of Governors, as recommended by the Public Affairs and Outreach Council. The term of the members-at-large shall be one year and they may be re-appointed for up to three terms.

B5.3.2.1 The following Board and Committees will report directly to the Public Affairs and Outreach Council: Board on Engineering Education Committee, and Board on Government Relations Committee, Industry Advisory Board, Engineering for Global Development Committee, Pre-college Education Committee, and Diversity and Inclusion Strategy Committee.

B5.3.2.2 The Board on Engineering Education Committee, under the direction of the Public Affairs and Outreach Council, is responsible for the activities of the Society that relate to engineering education. The CommitteeBoard shall consist of a ChairVice President, Engineering Education as Chair and a membership as determined by the Public Affairs and Outreach Council.

B5.3.2.3 The Board on Government Relations Committee, under the direction of the Public Affairs and Outreach Council, is responsible for the development of programs for interaction between the Society and government at all levels. The CommitteeBoard shall consist of a ChairVice President, Government Relations as Chair and a membership as determined by the Public Affairs and Outreach Council. The Board
The following committees shall report directly to the Public Affairs and Outreach Council: Industry Advisory Board; Engineering for Global Development Committee; Pre-College Education Committee; and Diversity and Inclusion Strategy Committee.

B5.3.23.42 The Industry Advisory Board, under the direction of the Public Affairs and Outreach Council, is responsible for providing a voice for industry within ASME through the communication and advocacy of industry needs. The Industry Advisory Board shall consist of a Chair and Vice Chair, appointed by the Senior Vice President of the Public Affairs and Outreach Council.

B5.3.23.53 The Engineering for Global Development Committee, under the direction of the Public Affairs and Outreach Council, shall be responsible for the collaboration among the engineering and global development stakeholders to create avenues and opportunities within ASME and mechanical engineering around the world to meet the challenges faced by under-served communities. The Committee shall consist of a Chair, appointed by the Senior Vice President, Public Affairs and Outreach, and a membership, as determined by the Public Affairs and Outreach Council.

B5.3.23.64 The Pre-College Education Committee, under the direction of the Public Affairs and Outreach Council, shall be responsible for educational activities aimed at enhancing pre-college science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education. The Committee shall consist of a Chair, appointed by the Senior Vice President, Public Affairs and Outreach, and a membership, as determined by the Public Affairs and Outreach Council.

B5.3.23.75 The Diversity and Inclusion Strategy Committee, under the direction of the Public Affairs and Outreach Council, shall provide insight and advice into promoting diversity within ASME and mechanical engineering. The Committee will consist of a Chair, appointed by the Senior Vice President, Public Affairs and Outreach and a membership, as determined by the Public Affairs and Outreach Council.
B5.7 STUDENT AND EARLY CAREER DEVELOPMENT SECTOR

B5.7.1.1 The Student and Early Career Development Sector, under the direction of the Board of Governors, is responsible for meeting the needs and providing a voice for students and early career engineers. The Student and Early Career Development Sector will maintain a current Sector Operation Guide that will contain operational details of the Student and Early Career Development Sector that are not in these By-Laws.

B5.7.1.2 The Student and Early Career Development Sector shall be led by a Council that consists of the following voting membership: a Senior Vice President as Chair; one member-at-large; the Vice President for the Board on Leadership and Recognition; the Board Chairs of the following: Board on Career Development, Board on Leadership and Recognition, and Board on Student Programs; and the Chairs of the following: Committee on Collaboration; Committee on Global Perspective; Committee on Communication and Marketing. The Director, Student and Early Career Development is a non-voting member.

B5.7.1.3 The incoming Senior Vice President, Student and Early Career Development shall be nominated by the Student and Early Career Development Council from among its past or present volunteer members for appointment by the Board of Governors for a term of three years. In the event that a past or present volunteer member is not available from the Student and Early Career Development Council, then the Council shall defer to the Board of Governors for the selection. ChairsVice Presidents who have been elected to a term that extends more than one year into a new term of the Senior Vice President of the Student and Early Career Development are not eligible to become the Senior Vice President.

B5.7.1.4 The member-at-large shall be appointed by the Board of Governors, upon a recommendation of the Student and Early Career Development Council. The term of the member-at-large shall be one year.

B5.7.2.1 The following Boards will report directly to the Student and Early Career Development Council: Board on Career Development; Board on Student Programs; Board on Leadership and Recognition.

B5.7.2.2 The Board on Career Development, under the direction of the Student and Early Career Development Council, is responsible for the activities of the Society that relate to career development of early career engineers. The Board shall consist of a Board Chair, appointed by the Senior Vice President and a membership as determined by the Student and Early Career Development Council.

B5.7.2.3 The Board on Student Programs, under the direction of the Student and Early Career Development Council, is responsible for development of programs for students. The Board shall consist of a Board Chair, appointed by the Senior Vice President and a membership as determined by the Student and Early Career Development Council.

B5.7.2.4 The Board on Leadership and Recognition, under the direction of the Student and
Early Career Development Council, is responsible for activities of the Society that relate to the leadership and recognition of students and early career engineers. The Board shall consist of a Chair, Leadership and Recognition as Chair and a membership as determined by the Student and Early Career Development Council.

B5.7.3.1 The following committees shall report directly to the Student and Early Career Development Council: Committee on Collaboration; Committee on Global Perspective and Committee on Communication and Marketing.

B5.7.3.2 The Committee on Collaboration, under the direction of the Student and Early Career Development Council, is responsible for building the right partnerships with local schools and organizations to sponsor and grow new programs. The Committee on Collaboration will consist of a Chair, appointed by the Senior Vice President, Student and Early Career Development and a membership, as determined by the Student and Early Career Development Council.

B5.7.3.3 The Committee on Global Perspective, under the direction of the Student and Early Career Development Council, shall provide insight on the development of programs for students and early career engineers globally that further ASME strategic objectives. The Committee will consist of a Chair, appointed by the Senior Vice President, Student and Early Career Development and a membership, as determined by the Student and Early Career Development Council.

B5.7.3.4 The Committee on Communication and Marketing, under the direction of the Student and Early Career Development Council, shall influence consistent marketing and communication messages and effective delivery channels for the programs serving students and early career engineers. The Committee will consist of a Chair, appointed by the Senior Vice President, Student and Early Career Development and a membership, as determined by the Student and Early Career Development Council.
B5.8 SOCIETY REPRESENTATION

B5.8.1 The Board of Governors or a sector council, sector board or sector operating board may appoint a member or members of the Society to represent it at meetings of societies of kindred aim or at public functions. If time does not permit action by the Board of Governors or by a sector council, sector board, or sector operating board, such appointment may be made by the President or by the chair of a sector.

B5.8.2 The Board of Governors may appoint a member or members of the Society to represent the Society on committees organized by other societies, Government departments, or other groups.

B5.8.3 The Board of Governors may appoint such a number of members of the Society to represent the Society on Boards of award of any joint activity recognized by the Board of Governors, as may be required by the by-laws of those activities.

B5.8.4 Officers of the Society are authorized to represent the Society and the Board of Governors to outside parties in announcing and communicating board-stated policy, positions and endorsements, and in announcing decisions and interpretations within any area(s) delegated to them by the Board.

B5.8.5 No officer or other member of the Society acting under B5.8.1 through B5.8.4 shall espouse, support or endorse any position on behalf of the Society, or otherwise bind the Society in any manner, except (a) in accordance with Society Policies; or (b) to the extent previously approved by the Board of Governors.
B6.1 MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

B6.1.1 All meetings of the Society primarily for the presentation and discussion of technical papers shall be under the direction of the Sector Council, Sector Board or Sector Operating Board of one or more of the sectors as appropriate.

B6.1.2 A notice of each Business Meeting shall be given by the Executive Director to each member either by written communication or other announcement. If such notice is given personally, by first class mail or electronic mail it shall be given not less than 10 nor more than 50 days before the date of the meeting. If the notice is mailed by any other class of mail it shall be given not less than 30 nor more than 60 days before such date.

B6.1.3 The first Business Meeting of each fiscal year shall be the legal annual meeting of the Society for the purpose of the election of officers at which time all corporate members shall have the opportunity to vote in person or by proxy for nominees proposed by the Nominating Committee or for nominees proposed by any duly constituted special nominating committee.
ASME Board of Governors
Agenda Item
Cover Memo

Date Submitted: March 26, 2015
BOG Meeting Date: April 17, 2015

To: Board of Governors
From: EDESC/Human Resources
Presented by: Madiha Kotb
Agenda Title: Proposed Pension Plan Trustee (PPT) By-Law Change B5.2.6.1

Agenda Item Executive Summary: (Do not exceed the space provided)

The EDESC is recommending a change in the number of terms allowed for at-large members of the Pension Plan Trustees. To be eligible for terms beyond two consecutive terms, a member-at-large must be nominated by the Committee on Executive Director Evaluation and Staff Compensation upon a finding by the Committee that specifies exceptional circumstances warranting the additional consecutive term(s), and a written statement of such findings must accompany the nomination when it is communicated to the Board of Governors by the Chair of the Committee.

Proposed motion for BOG Action: (if appropriate)

Approval of the change to By-Law B5.2.6.1
Attachments:

Proposed By-Law Change
The Pension Plan Trustees, under the direction of the Committee on Executive Director Evaluation and Staff Compensation, shall have responsibility, as specified in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Pension Plan, for the investment and ultimate distribution of the funds and may also act as Plan agent for the service of legal process.

The Pension Plan Trustees shall consist of up to seven members: the Treasurer of ASME; the Assistant Treasurer, and three to five at-large members recommended by the Committee on Executive Director Evaluation and Staff Compensation for appointment by the Board of Governors.

The terms of the at-large members shall be three years ending at the close of the second Society-Wide Meeting on a schedule established by the Committee on Executive Director Evaluation and Staff Compensation. Except as provided in this section, a Pension Plan Trustee who is a member-at-large may serve no more than two consecutive full terms. To be eligible for a third consecutive full terms, a member-at-large must be nominated by the Committee on Executive Director Evaluation and Staff Compensation upon a finding by the Committee that specifies exceptional circumstances warranting the third consecutive terms, and a written statement of such findings must accompany the nomination when it is communicated to the Board of Governors by the Chair of the Committee. The nominee may then be appointed only upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire Board of Governors.
ASME Board of Governors
Agenda Item
Cover Memo

Date Submitted: January 5, 2015
BOG Meeting Date: April 17, 2015

To: Board of Governors
From: (Sector/Unit/Task Force/Other) COR
Presented by: Larry Luna
Agenda Title: Revisions to By-Laws B4.2, B4.3 and B5.4

Agenda Item Executive Summary: (Do not exceed the space provided)

The Council on Standards and Certification requests modifications to B4.3 and B5.4, to change the title of its vice president positions to board chairs and to B4.2 to define its representation on the Nominating Committee.

Proposed motion for BOG Action: (if appropriate)

Revise B4.2, B4.3 and B5.4 as attached.

Attachments: Word documents
B4.2 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

B4.2.1 The Nominating Committee is charged with the responsibility of nominating members of experience, high standing, and active participation in the work of the Society to those offices specified in Article C4.1.8 of the Constitution. These nominees may be selected from proposals by various units or by individual members in the Society or from the Nominating Committee’s own deliberations as it sees fit.

B4.2.2.1 Election to the Nominating Committee takes place at Business Meetings of the Society. At the second Business Meeting of the fiscal year, the President shall present the names of those recommended pursuant to By-Law B4.2.2.3, as applicable, for election to the Nominating Committee. In the event any vacancies occur following that meeting, the President may present the names of those recommended pursuant to By-Law B4.2.2.3, as applicable, for any Nominating Committee vacancies at the first Business Meeting of the new fiscal year. The voting members of the Nominating Committee shall be elected for two years and alternates for one year.

Elected voting members and alternates shall begin their terms at the close of the Business Meeting at which they are elected.

Terms of voting members and alternates will normally end at the close of the Nominating Committee Selection Meeting. However, if the work of a particular Nominating Committee is not finished by that time, terms of that committee will continue until the selection process for which that committee is responsible has been completed.

B4.2.2.2 The Nominating Committee shall consist of one voting member and an alternate selected by each unit of a sector that is led by a Vice President. At the option of a sector, as described in the sector's Operation Guide, one additional alternate may be named by the Sector. In the event that a sector has only one Vice President, that sector may have two voting members and two alternates and may name one additional alternate as determined by the sector Operation Guide. The TEC Sector shall have seven voting members and seven alternates selected by the Sector. The S&C sector shall have five voting members and two alternates selected by the Council on Standards and Certification. Approximately one-half of the voting members will have terms that expire annually. Nominations for open positions for voting members and alternates shall be made as provided in By-Law B4.2.2.3 and shall be voted upon at the Business Meetings as provided in By-Law B4.2.2.1.

Voting members and alternates shall be of the Member or Fellow grade and not currently serving in any elective office of the Society.
B4.2.2.3 Each sector will develop its own procedures for generating proposals for the members and alternates of the Nominating Committee for which that sector has a responsibility, and those procedures shall be specified in the sector operation guide.

B4.2.2.4 The Nominating Committee will be assisted by a non-voting group of Advisors consisting of three consenting and available past Presidents who have been out of office for one year or more. These Advisors, selected by the Nominating Committee, shall attend all meetings of the Nominating Committee and participate in all its discussions. At the option of the committee, they may also be present during the casting of votes for the slate of nominees. The functions of this group shall be:

a. to acquaint the Nominating Committee of the short and long range Society plans;

b. to make available their experience in, and their knowledge of the requirements for Society offices; and

c. to answer questions regarding the capabilities of potential nominees in relation to the needs and objectives of the Society.

B4.2.3.1 If a voting member is unable to serve, then an alternate will be identified by the unit from the sector pool of alternates. In the event that no alternates are available in a specific sector, the unit may select its member from another sector pool of alternates in accordance with the Nominating Committee Manual, MM-10.

B4.2.3.2 A person who has been in office as voting member of the Nominating Committee for a term or portion of a term which includes more than one Nominating Committee Selection Meeting is eligible to be proposed for a later term as voting member or alternate only if the later term begins one year or more after the ending of the term in which the person served as a voting member.

B4.2.4 No voting member or alternate shall be considered for nomination to any elective office (President, Governors and vice presidents) of the Society during a term of office on the Nominating Committee, whether or not it is served.

B4.2.5 The names of those elected to serve on the Nominating Committee shall be published by the Executive Director prior to the end of each year, accompanied by a request for proposals for Officers of the Society to be sent to the Nominating Committee. Any changes to the composition of the Nominating Committee shall be published as soon as possible.
B4.2.6 A vacancy in the Nominating Committee of the Society shall be filled as determined in accordance with B4.2.3.1 and B4.2.2.1.

B4.2.7 Each year, not later than December 1, the Nominating Committee shall submit any proposed changes to Manual MM-10 to the Committee on Organization and Rules for review and recommendation.

B4.2.8 A special nominating committee may be organized by one per cent of the corporate membership of the Society in good standing certifying to the Executive Director in writing their joint intention to organize such a committee.

B4.2.9 Within two weeks following the close of the second Business Meeting of the fiscal year, the Nominating Committee shall deliver to the Executive Director in writing the names of its nominees for the elective offices to be filled at the next election, together with the written consents of the nominees.

B4.2.10 The names of nominees for the various offices proposed by the Nominating Committee and any other special nominating committee shall be published by the Executive Director immediately after the receipt of the report of the Nominating Committee or the special nominating committee.

B4.2.11 Names of any nominees presented by any special nominating committee must be in the hands of the Executive Director by the first Tuesday in August of each year, and must be accompanied by the written consent of each nominee.

B4.2.12 Any member of the Society or any organized unit of the Society may propose and is encouraged to propose, directly to the Nominating Committee, nominees for President, vice president, or the Board of Governors.
B4.3 OFFICERS

B4.3.1 The Officers shall perform the duties regularly or customarily attached to their offices under the laws of the State of New York, and such other duties as may be required of them by the Board of Governors or the Constitution and By-Laws.

B4.3.2 The President shall be the chief elected Officer of the Society. He or she shall preside at all Business meetings of the Society and of the Board of Governors, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as the Board may from time to time prescribe. The President may not be an employee of the Society.

If the President is unable to preside at any meeting of the Board, the immediate past President shall preside. If that is not possible, the Board shall elect one of its voting members to be Chair of the meeting.

If the President is unable to preside at any Business Meeting of the Society, the immediate past President shall preside. If that is not possible, then the next most-recent available past President shall preside.

The term of the President shall begin at the close of the second Business Meeting of the fiscal year at a time designated by the Board.

B4.3.3 Each vice president shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Board of Governors may from time to time prescribe.

B4.3.4.1 The Treasurer shall be the chief financial Officer of the Society, and shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Board of Governors may from time to time prescribe. The Treasurer shall supervise, review and audit the activities of the Assistant Treasurer in carrying out the assigned duties as generally are incident to the position of Assistant Treasurer or as may be otherwise assigned to him or her by the Treasurer or the Board of Governors. The Treasurer shall be a volunteer member of the Society.

B4.3.4.2 The Assistant Treasurer shall have charge of all funds and securities of the Society, shall endorse the same for deposit or collection when necessary and deposit the same to the credit of the Society in such banks or depositories as the Board of Governors may authorize. He or she may endorse all commercial documents requiring endorsements for or on behalf of the Society and may sign all receipts and vouchers for payments made to the Society. He or she shall have all such further powers and duties as generally are incident to the position of Assistant Treasurer or as may be assigned to him or her by the Treasurer or the Board of Governors. In the absence or inability to act of the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer may perform all the duties and exercise all the powers of the Treasurer. The performance of any such duty shall, in respect of any other person dealing with the Society, be conclusive evidence of his or her power to act. The Assistant Treasurer shall be an employee of the Society.
B4.3.5 The Executive Director shall be an employee and the chief operating Officer of the Society, an ex officio member of the Board of Governors without vote, and shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Board of Governors may from time to time prescribe.

B4.3.6.1 The Secretary shall have the responsibility for the records of the Society, and shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Board of Governors may from time to time prescribe. The Secretary shall supervise, review and audit the activities of the Assistant Secretary in carrying out the assigned duties as generally are incident to the position of Assistant Secretary or as may be otherwise assigned to him or her by the Secretary or the Board of Governors. The Secretary shall be a volunteer member of the Society.

B4.3.6.2 The Assistant Secretary shall have all such powers and duties as generally are incident to the position of Assistant Secretary or as may be assigned to him or her by the Secretary or by the Board of Governors. In the absence or inability to act of the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary may perform all the duties and exercise all the powers of the Secretary. The performance of any such duties shall, in respect of any other person dealing with the Society, be conclusive evidence of his or her power to act. The Assistant Secretary shall be an employee of the Society.

B4.3.7 The Executive Director shall receive a salary that shall be fixed by the Board of Governors.

B4.3.8 Among the Officers of the Society, there shall be the following vice presidents:

Vice President for Education
Vice President for Global Outreach
Vice President for Government Relations
Vice President for Conformity Assessment
Vice President for Nuclear Codes and Standards
Vice President for Pressure Technology Codes and Standards
Vice President for Safety Codes and Standards
Vice President for Standardization and Testing
Vice President for Leadership and Recognition

The term of each vice president shall be three years, beginning and ending at the second Business Meeting of the fiscal year. The terms of approximately one-third of the vice presidents shall end each year, according to a schedule approved by the Board of Governors.
B5.4 STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION SECTOR

B5.4.1.1 The Standards and Certification Sector, under the direction of the Board of Governors, is responsible for the activities of the Society relating to codes and standards, including related conformity assessment programs. The Standards and Certification Sector will maintain a current Sector Operation Guide that will contain operational details of the Standards and Certification Sector that are not in these By-Laws.

B5.4.1.2 The Standards and Certification Sector shall be led by a Council on Standards and Certification (CSC) that consists of the following voting membership: a Senior Vice President as Chair; two Vice Chairs; no more than twelve members-at-large; the ChairsVice Presidents for the following Boards: Standardization and Testing, Nuclear Codes and Standards, Pressure Technology Codes and Standards, Safety Codes and Standards, and Conformity Assessment; and one representative each (preferably the Chair) from the Board on Hearings and Appeals and the Energy and Environmental Standards Advisory Board. The nonvoting membership of the Council shall consist of the Deputy Executive Director and the Managing Directors, Standards and Certification.

B5.4.1.3 The incoming Senior Vice President of Standards and Certification shall be nominated by the Council on Standards and Certification from among its past or present Board ChairsVice Presidents and members-at-large for appointment by the Board of Governors for a term of three years. In the event that a past or present Board ChairVice President or member-at-large is not available from the Council on Standards and Certification, then the Council shall defer to the Board of Governors for the Senior Vice President selection. Board ChairsVice Presidents who have been elected to a term that extends more than one year into a new term of the Senior Vice President of Standards and Certification are not eligible to become the Senior Vice President.

B5.4.1.4 The twelve members-at-large and the CSC Vice Chairs shall be appointed by the Board of Governors, as recommended by the Council on Standards and Certification. The term of each member-at-large and CSC Vice Chair shall be three years, with the terms of one-third of the members-at-large ending at the close of the second Business Meeting of the fiscal year. The representatives (preferably the Chair) from the Board on Hearings and Appeals and the Energy and Environmental Standards Advisory Board shall be appointed by the Board of Governors, acting upon a recommendation from the Council on Standards and Certification. The term of each representative shall be three years, ending at the close of the second Business Meeting of the fiscal year.
B5.4.2.1 The following Boards will report directly to the Council on Standards and Certification:
Council: Board on Standardization and Testing, Board on Nuclear Codes and Standards, Board on Pressure Technology Codes and Standards, Board on Safety Codes and Standards, Board on Conformity Assessment, Energy and Environmental Standards Advisory Board, Board on Codes and Standards Operations, Board on Strategic Initiatives, and the Board on Hearings and Appeals.

B5.4.2.2 The Boards on Standardization and Testing; Nuclear Codes and Standards; Pressure Technology Codes and Standards; Safety Codes and Standards; and Conformity Assessment shall supervise the development of codes and standards within their respective charters, including the development of conformity assessment criteria for applicable codes and standards. The Board on Conformity Assessment shall also supervise the administration of conformity assessment programs. The Energy and Environmental Standards Advisory Board shall coordinate initiation of new Standards and Certification products and services addressing global energy and environmental needs. The Board on Codes and Standards Operations shall approve on behalf of the Council, matters of procedures and personnel, and shall advise the Council on operational matters, including honors, information services, legal considerations, continuous improvement, and planning. The Board on Strategic Initiatives shall advise the Council on trends, implications, strategic issues and planning. The Board on Hearings and Appeals shall be a forum for appeals resulting from grievances related to procedural due process in codes, standards, accreditation, registration, and certification activities.

B5.4.2.3 The Boards on Standardization and Testing; Nuclear Codes and Standards; Pressure Technology Codes and Standards; Safety Codes and Standards; and Conformity Assessment shall each consist of a Vice President as Chair; one or more Vice Chairs, and a membership, as determined by the Council on Standards and Certification. The Energy and Environmental Standards Advisory Board shall consist of a Chair, a Vice Chair, and a membership, as determined by the Council on Standards and Certification. The Board on Codes and Standards Operations shall consist of the Vice Chair, Operations of the Council on Standards and Certification as Chair, the Chair of the Board on Hearings and Appeals as Vice Chair, and a membership, as determined by the Council on Standards and Certification. The Board on Strategic Initiatives shall consist of the Vice Chair, Strategic Initiatives of the Council on Standards and Certification as Chair, a Vice Chair, and a membership, as determined by the Council on Standards and Certification. The Board on Hearings and Appeals shall consist of a Chair, and a membership as determined by the Council on Standards and Certification.
Consent Item Executive Summary:

The Board of Governors will be asked to approve the disbursement of $6.0 million to the ASME Pension Plan. This $6.0 million has been reviewed and approved by the COFI and has been reviewed and approved by the Pension Plan Trustees.

Proposed motion for BOG Action: *(if appropriate)*

To approve the disbursement of $6.0 million to the ASME Pension Plan. This disbursement will be executed by ASME Accounting staff.

**Note:** The $6.0 million pension plan contribution is an item that is not incremental to the 2016 budget as the expense for the accrual of pension plan liabilities is included in the operating budget. This consent will give the ASME accounting staff the authority to execute the $6.0 million contribution to the pension plan in July, 2015.
ASME Board of Governors
Agenda Item
Cover Memo

Date Submitted: 3/16/2015
BOG Meeting Date: 4/16-17, 2015

To: Board of Governors
From: EDESC/Human Resources
Presented by: Laurel Raso
Agenda Title: 403(b) DC Pension Plan Restatement

Agenda Item Executive Summary: (Do not exceed the space provided)

Restatement of the 403(b) ASME Defined Contribution Pension Plan
incorporating prior amendments into the plan and adding a clarifying
amendment as to who is excluded from the plan.

Proposed motion for BOG Action: (if appropriate)

Approve the 403(b) DC Pension Plan Restatement

Attachments:
Narrative and Resolutions
of the
Board of Governors of
The American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Amendment and Restatement of
The American Society of Mechanical Engineers DC Pension Plan
(the “DC Pension Plan”)

April 16-17 2015

The Board of Governors of The American Society of Mechanical Engineers has determined to amend and restate the DC Pension Plan in the following particulars. The proposed amendment to the DC Plan is intended to clarify that the class of employees that are excluded from participation in the DC Plan includes, among other categories such as independent contractors, employees who participate in The American Society of Mechanical Engineers Pension Plan. This exclusion is in accordance with the terms of the prior plan provisions and reflects ASME’s practices on a uniform basis. Further, to facilitate the administration of the DC Pension Plan, such plan will be restated in its entirety to reflect such clarifying amendment and previously approved amendments concerning compliance with applicable provisions of the Heroes Earnings and Assistance Relief Tax Act of 2008 and the Worker, Retiree and Employer Recovery Act of 2008.
Resolutions

WHEREAS, The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (“ASME”) maintains The American Society of Mechanical Engineers DC Pension Plan (the “DC Pension Plan”);

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is desirable to amend the DC Pension Plan to make a clarifying amendment concerning eligibility to participate in such plan (the “Clarifying Amendment”) and, for the purpose of facilitating the administration of the DC Pension Plan, to restate the DC Pension Plan to reflect such amendment and certain previously adopted technical amendments concerning certain statutory law changes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7.06 of the basic plan document under the DC Pension Plan, ASME may amend the DC Pension Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Clarifying Amendment, attached hereto as Exhibit A and effective as set forth therein, is hereby approved and adopted; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the DC Pension Plan, as restated and attached hereto as Exhibit B, is hereby approved and adopted; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the appropriate officers of ASME are hereby authorized to take such other actions, including the execution and approval of appropriate documents (including amendments to the DC Pension Plan’s adoption agreement and the restatement of the DC Pension Plan), the modification of such documents and the distribution of relevant disclosure documents to participants in the DC Pension Plan, as they deem necessary or appropriate in light of the preceding preambles and resolutions.
Amendment to The American Society of Mechanical Engineers
Defined Contribution Pension Plan
(the "DC Pension Plan")

The Adoption Agreement (the "Adoption Agreement") for The American Society of Mechanical Engineers Defined Contribution Pension Plan (the "DC Pension Plan") is hereby amended in the following particulars.

1. Section Two, Part C, Paragraph 2 of the Adoption Agreement with respect to the 2009 restatement of the DC Pension Plan is amended in its entirety with respect to the fourth category of employees who are excluded from participation in the DC Pension Plan, as follows:

..JL. Other: (Describe the classification(s) of Employees that will be excluded from the Plan. Classifications cannot be based on impermissible service-related exclusions that directly or indirectly exceed the ERISA minimum standards.) (i) independent contractors; (ii) employees who are participants in The American Society of Mechanical Engineers Pension Plan; (iii) employees who commenced employment with the Employer prior to January 1, 2006; and (iv) employees who commenced employment with the Employer prior to January 1, 2006, terminated employment, and thereafter are rehired by the Employer on or after January 1, 2006 will be excluded from participation but only with respect to their employment period occurring prior to such rehire date.

This Amendment is hereby adopted this ___ day of __________________ 2015

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

By: ______________________

Name: ______________________

Title: ______________________
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Recipient

Qualifying Participant

Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity

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Plan Year

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Participant

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ERISA SPECIMEN 403(b) PLAN FOR SECTION 501(c)(3) 
TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS 
Basic Plan Document

PURPOSE

This Plan is intended to be used by tax-exempt organizations described in Code Section 501(c)(3) and church related organizations that elect to be subject to ERISA, to satisfy the requirements for an arrangement described in Code Section 403(b) that may include Employee Elective Deferrals, Mandatory Employee Contributions and Nondeductible Employee Contributions. It also allows for Matching Contributions and Employer Contributions. The Plan will be subject to the relevant portions of ERISA even if contributions are limited to Elective Deferrals. The Plan assets may be invested in Code Section 403(b)(1) annuity contracts or Code Section 403(b)(7) custodial accounts that are authorized by the Employer for use under the Plan. This Plan is not intended to be used by church plans that are exempt from nondiscrimination rules or that have not elected to be subject to ERISA. Further, it is not intended to be used by governmental entities (e.g., public schools).

DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases when used in the Plan with initial capital letters shall, for the purpose of this Plan, have the meanings set forth below unless the context indicates that other meanings are intended:

ACP SAFE HARBOR CONTRIBUTIONS
Means contributions described in Plan Section 3.04.

ACP SAFE HARBOR MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS
Means Matching Contributions described in Adoption Agreement Section Three, Part D.

ACP SAFE HARBOR NONELECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS
Means Plan Contributions made in an amount equal to at least three percent of each Eligible Employee’s Compensation. Such contributions shall be made without regard to whether an Eligible Employee makes an Elective Deferral or a Nondeductible Employee Contribution.

ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION PERCENTAGE (ACP)
Means the average of the Contribution Percentages of the eligible Participants in a group of either Highly Compensated Employees or non-Highly Compensated Employees.

ADOPTING Employer
Means any eligible employer named in the Adoption Agreement and any successor who by merger, consolidation, purchase, or otherwise assumes the obligations of the Plan. The Adopting Employer shall be a named fiduciary for purposes of ERISA Section 402(a).

ADOPTION AGREEMENT
Means the document executed by the Adopting Employer through which it adopts the Plan and thereby agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions of the Plan.

AGE 50 CATCH-UP CONTRIBUTION
Means Elective Deferrals made pursuant to Plan Section Three, that are in excess of an otherwise applicable Plan limit and that are made by Participants who are age 50 or older by the end of their taxable years. An otherwise applicable Plan limit is a limit in the Plan that applies to Elective Deferrals without regard to Catch-up Contributions, such as the limits on Annual Additions, the dollar limitation on Elective Deferrals under Code Section 402(g) (not counting Catch-up Contributions), or any other allowable limit imposed by the Employer. Age 50 Catch-up Contributions for a Participant for a taxable year may not exceed (1) the dollar limit on Age 50 Catch-up Contributions under Code Section 414(v)(2)(B)(i) for the taxable year or (2) when added to other Elective Deferrals, an amount that would enable the Employer to satisfy other statutory or regulatory requirements (e.g., income tax withholding, FICA and FUTA withholding, etc.). The dollar limit on Age 50 Catch-up Contributions in Code Section 414(v)(2)(B)(i) is $1,000 for taxable years beginning in 2002, increasing by $1,000 for each year thereafter up to $5,000 for taxable years beginning in 2006 and later years. After 2006, the $5,000 limit will be adjusted by the Secretary of the Treasury for cost-of-living increases under Code Section 414(c)(2)(C). Any such adjustments will be in multiples of $500.

Age 50 Catch-up Contributions shall be subject to the Matching Contribution formula if the employer has elected to make Matching Contributions on Elective Deferrals in the Adoption Agreement.

ALTERNATE PAYEE
Means any Spouse, former Spouse, child, or other dependent of a Participant who is recognized by a Domestic Relations Order as having a right to receive all, or a portion of, the benefits payable under the Plan with respect to such Participant.
ANNUAL ADDITIONS
Means, the following amounts credited to a Participant for the Limitation Year under this Plan and other plans deemed to be maintained by the Participant as described in Plan Section 3.10:

a. Plan Contributions,
b. Forfeitures,
c. Excess Aggregate Contributions,
d. similar contributions or amounts under such other plans deemed to be maintained by the Participant, and

e. any additional amounts required by regulations under Code Section 415.

Means, for purposes of Plan Section 3.10(B), the sum of the following amounts credited to a Participant for the Limitation Year under this Plan and plans maintained by employers described in Plan Section 3.10(B):

a. Plan Contributions,
b. Forfeitures,
c. Excess Aggregate Contributions,
d. similar contributions or amounts under plans maintained by such other employers,

e. amounts allocated to an individual medical account, as defined in Code Section 415A(d)(3), which is part of a pension or annuity plan,

f. amounts derived from contributions paid or accrued which are attributable to post-retirement medical benefits, allocated to the separate account of a key employee (as defined in Code Section 419A(d)(3)), under a welfare benefit fund (as defined in Code Section 419(e)),

g. amounts allocated under a simplified employee pension plan, and

h. any additional amounts required by regulations under Code Section 415.

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

BASIC MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS
Means Matching Contributions made pursuant to the ACP Safe Harbor Contribution formula described in Adoption Agreement Section Three, Part D, item 2, if applicable.

BASIC PLAN DOCUMENT
Means this specimen 403(b) Plan document.

BENEFICIARY
Means the individual(s) or entity(ies) designated pursuant to Plan Section 5.03(A).

BREAK IN ELIGIBILITY SERVICE
Means a 12-consecutive month period that coincides with an Eligibility Computation Period during which an Employee fails to complete more than 500 Hours of Service or such periods specified in the Elapsed Time definition, if applicable.

BREAK IN VESTING SERVICE
Means a Plan Year (or other vesting computation period described in the definition of Years of Vesting Service) during which an Employee fails to complete more than 500 Hours of Service or such period specified in the Elapsed Time definition, if applicable.

CATCH-UP CONTRIBUTIONS
Means, Age 50 Catch-up Contributions and, if elected in the Adoption Agreement, the Special Code Section 403(b) Catch-up Contributions.

CODE
Means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended from time to time.

COMPENSATION
A. General Definition

Base Definition
Means the Compensation received from the Participant's Employer and, as elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement, (and if no election is made, W-2 wages will apply). Compensation shall mean one of the following:

1. W-2 wages - Compensation is defined as information required to be reported under Code Sections 6041 and 6051, and 6052 (Wages, tips and other compensation as reported on Form W-2). Compensation is defined as wages within the meaning of Code Section 3401(a) and all other payments of compensation to an Employee by the Employer (in the course of the Employer's trade or business) for which the Employer is required to furnish the Employee a written statement under Code Sections 6041(d) and 6051(a)(3), and 6052.

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)).
2. Section 3401(a) wages — Compensation is defined as wages within the meaning of Code Section 3401(a), for the purposes of income tax withholding at the source but determined without regard to any rules that limit the remuneration included in wages based on the nature or location of the employment or the services performed (such as the exception for agricultural labor in Code Section 3401(a)(2)).

3. 415 safe-harbor compensation —
   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 for the taxable year in which the amounts would have been included in gross income but for the rules of Code Sections 125(a), 132(f)(4), 402(g)(3), 402(k)(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 nonaccountable plan as described in Treasury Regulation 1.62-2(c).
      (2) In the case of an Employee who is an Employee within the meaning of Code Section 401(c)(1) 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 for the taxable year in which the contributions are made by the Employer, regardless of whether such amounts are includible in gross income of the Employee when distributed.
      (3) Amounts described in Code Section 104(a)(3), 105(a), or 105(b), 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 nonstatutory option (which is an option other than a statutory option as defined in Treasury Regulation 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 Sections 409A or 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 Sections 402(e)(3), 408(k)(6), 408(p)(2)(A)(1), or 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 nonstatutory option (which is an option other than a statutory option as defined in Treasury Regulation 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 regulations promulgated under Code Section 83).
      (3) Amounts realized from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of stock acquired under a statutory stock option (as defined in Treasury Regulation 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 subparagraph.

B. Determination Period And Other Rules

   Payments made after Severance from Employment will be either included or excluded from Compensation within the meaning of Code Section 415(c)(3), depending on the category of such compensation. Whether or not such compensation is included or excluded is based on the definition below and the elections made by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement. Such payments, if included, must meet the following requirements:

   1. Compensation described in paragraph (2) of this subparagraph will be included in the definition of Compensation (within the meaning of Code Section 415(c)(3)). In addition, compensation described in paragraphs (3) and (4) of this subparagraph will be excluded from the definition of Compensation (within the meaning of Code Section 415(c)(3)) unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement. If the Adapting Employer elects in the Adoption Agreement to include compensation described in paragraphs (3) or (4) or both, such payments must also meet the following requirements:
      (a) Those amounts are paid by the later of 2V2 months after Severance from Employment with the Employer maintaining the Plan or the end of the limitation year that includes the date of Severance from Employment with the Employer maintaining the Plan; and
D. Limits On Compensation

2. Regular Pay. An amount is described in this paragraph (2) if—

(a) The payment is regular Compensation for services during the Employee’s regular working hours, or Compensation for services outside the Employee’s regular working hours (such as overtime or shift differential), commissions, bonuses, or other similar payments; and

(b) The payment would have been paid to the Employee prior to a Severance from Employment if the Employee had continued in employment with the Employer.

3. Leave Cashouts. An amount is described in this paragraph (3) if—

(a) The payment is for unused accrued bona fide sick, vacation, or other leave, but only if the Employee would have been able to use the leave if employment had continued.

4. Deferred Compensation. An amount is described in this paragraph (4) if the payment is an amount received by an Employee pursuant to a nonqualified unfunded deferred compensation plan, but only if the payment would have been paid to the Employee at the same time if the Employee had continued in employment with the Employer and only to the extent that the payment is includible in the Employee’s gross income.

5. Other post-severance payments. If Employer Contributions for former Employees are elected in the Adoption Agreement, such former Employees’ compensation will be Includible Compensation. Any other payment that is not described in paragraph (2), (3), or (4) of this subparagraph is not considered Compensation under paragraph (1) of this subparagraph if paid after Severance from Employment with the Employer maintaining the Plan, even if it is paid within the time period described in paragraph (1) of this subparagraph. Thus, Compensation does not include severance pay, or parachute payments within the meaning of Code Section 280G(b)(2), if they are paid after Severance from Employment with the Employer maintaining the Plan, and does not include post-severance payments under a nonqualified unfunded deferred compensation plan unless the payments would have been paid at that time without regard to the Severance from Employment. Any payments not described above are not considered Compensation if paid after Severance from Employment, even if they are paid within 2½ months following Severance from Employment, except for payments to an individual who does not currently perform services for the Employer by reason of qualified military service (within the meaning of Code Section 14 (g)(13) to the extent these payments do not exceed the amounts the individual would have received if the individual had continued to perform services for the Employer rather than entering qualified military service.

C. Compensation for ACP and Code Section 401(a)(4) Testing

Compensation for purposes of ACP and Code Section 401(a)(4) testing will be W-2 wages unless another definition of Compensation is elected on the Adoption Agreement for allocation and other general purposes or another definition is required by law or regulation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a 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(a) and the regulations thereunder.

D. Limits On Compensation

The annual Compensation of each Participant taken into account in determining allocations shall not exceed $200,000, 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 (“determination period”). The cost-of-living adjustment in effect for the calendar year applies to annual Compensation for the determination period that begins with or within such calendar year.

Amounts under Code Section 125 exclude any amounts not available to a Participant in cash in lieu of group health coverage (deemed Code Section 125 compensation). An amount will be treated as an amount under Code Section 125 only if the Employee does not request or collect information regarding the Participants’ other health coverages as part of the enrollment process for the health plan.

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.

If Compensation for any prior determination period is taken into account in determining an Employee’s allocations or benefits for the current determination period, the Compensation for such prior determination period is subject to the applicable annual Compensation limit in effect for that prior period.

E. Safe Harbor Contribution Rules

Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary if an Employer has elected in the Adoption Agreement to apply the ACP safe harbor provisions to this Plan, Compensation means Compensation as defined in this Definitions Section of the Plan, except for purposes of Plan Section 3.04, no dollar limit, other than the limit imposed by Code Section 401(a)(17), applies to the Compensation of a non-Highly Compensated Employee. However, solely for purposes of determining the Compensation subject to a Participant’s salary reduction agreement, the Employer may use an alternative definition to the one described in the preceding sentence, provided such alternative definition is a reasonable definition within the meaning of Treasury Regulation 1.414(c)-1(d)(2) and permits each Participant to elect sufficient Elective Deferrals to receive the maximum amount of Matching Contributions (determined using the definition of Compensation described in the preceding sentence) available to the Participant under the Plan.

CONTRIBUTING PARTICIPANT

Means a Participant who has enrolled as a Contributing Participant pursuant to Plan Section 3.01 or 3.09 and on whose behalf the Employer is contributing Elective Deferrals (and Nondeductible Employee Contribution, if applicable) to the Plan.
CONTRIBUTION PERCENTAGE
Means the ratio (expressed as a percentage) of the Participant's Contribution Percentage Amounts to the Participant's Compensation for the Plan Year.

CONTRIBUTION PERCENTAGE AMOUNTS
Means the sum of the Matching Contributions and Nondeductible Employee Contributions made under the Plan on behalf of the Participant for the Plan Year. Such Contribution Percentage Amounts shall not include Matching Contributions attributable to Mandatory Employee Contributions or Matching Contributions that are forfeited either to correct Excess Aggregate Contributions or because the contributions to which they relate are Excess Deferrals, Excess Aggregate Contributions or Excess Annual Additions that are distributed pursuant to Plan Section 3.10(A)(4). In addition, Contribution Percentage Amounts shall not include Matching Contributions that are forfeited because the contributions to which they relate are distributed from the Plan in accordance with the permissible withdrawal provisions found in Plan Section 5.01(A)(4).

DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY
Means 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 Treasury Regulation 1.401(a)(9)-4.

DIRECT ROLLOVER
Means a payment by the Plan to the Eligible Retirement Plan specified by the Recipient (or, if necessary pursuant to Plan Section 5.01(B)(1), an individual retirement account (IRA) under Code Sections 408(a), 408(b), or 408A (for Roth Elective Deferrals), as selected by the Adopting Employer in the Adoption Agreement).

DISABILITY
Means the inability to engage in any substantial, gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment that can be expected to result in death or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months. The permanence and degree of such impairment shall be supported by medical evidence satisfactory to the Plan Administrator.

DISTRIBUTION CALENDAR YEAR
Means a calendar year for which a minimum distribution is required. For distributions beginning before the Participant's death, the first Distribution Calendar Year is the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year which contains the Participant's Required Beginning Date. For distributions beginning after the Participant's death, the first Distribution Calendar Year is the calendar year in which distributions are required to begin pursuant to Plan Section 5.05(D). 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.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDER
Means any judgment, decree, or order (including approval of a property settlement agreement) that:

- relates to the provision of child support, alimony payments, or marital property rights to a Spouse, former Spouse, child, or other dependent of a Participant, and
- was made pursuant to state domestic relations law (including applicable community property laws).

EARLIEST RETIREMENT AGE
Means, for purposes of the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity provisions of the Plan, the earliest date on which, under the Plan, the Participant could elect to receive retirement benefits.

EARLY RETIREMENT AGE
Means the age specified in the Adoption Agreement. The Plan will not have an Early Retirement Age if none is specified in the Adoption Agreement.

EFFECTIVE DATE
Means the date the Plan or amendment or restatement becomes effective as indicated in the Adoption Agreement.

ELAPSED TIME – Means

A. Special Rules Where Elapsed Time Method is Being Used
If elected in the Adoption Agreement, the following definition of Elapsed Time shall apply for purposes of determining service. When this definition applies, the definitions of break in service and hour of service in the Elapsed Time definition will replace the definitions of Break in Eligibility Service, Break in Vesting Service, and Hours of Service found in the Definitions Section of the Plan.

For purposes of determining an Employee's initial or continued eligibility to participate in the Plan or the Vested interest in the Participant's Individual Account balance derived from Employer Contributions, an Employee will receive credit for the aggregate of all time periods commencing with the Employee's first day of employment or reemployment and ending on the date a break in service begins. The first day of employment or reemployment is the first day the Employee performs an hour of service. An Employee will also receive credit for any period of severance of less than 12 consecutive months. Fractional periods of a year will be expressed in terms of months or days.

For purposes of this definition, hour of service will mean each hour for which an Employee is paid or entitled to payment for the performance of duties for the Employer. Break in service is a period of severance of at least 12 consecutive months. Period of severance is a continuous period of time during which the Employee is not employed by the Employer. Such period begins on the date the Employee retires, quits, or is discharged, or if earlier, the 12-month anniversary of the date on which the Employee was otherwise first absent from service.
In the case of an individual who is absent from work for maternity or paternity reasons, the 12-consecutive month period beginning on the first anniversary of the first date of such absence shall not constitute a break in service. For purposes of this Elapsed Time definition, 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.

Each Employee will share in Employer Contributions for the period beginning on the date the Employee commences participation under the Plan and ending on the date on which such Employee severs employment with the Employer or is no longer a member of an eligible class of Employees.

If the Employee is a member of an affiliated service group (under Code Section 414(m)), a controlled group of corporations (under Code Section 414(b)), a group of trades or businesses under common control (under Code Section 414(c)), or any other entity required to be aggregated with the Employer pursuant to Code Section 414(o) or Treasury Regulation 1.414(o)-5, service will be credited for any employment for any period of time for any other member of such group. Service will also be credited for any individual required under Code Section 414(n) or Code Section 414(o) to be considered an Employee of any Employer aggregated under Code Section 414(b), (c), or (m).

B. Changes In Methods of Crediting Service
The Plan may be amended to change the method of crediting service between the general rules discussed in this Elapsed Time definition and the Hours of Service method discussed in the Hours of Service definition provided each Employee with respect to whom the method of crediting service is changed is afforded the protection described in Treasury Regulation 1.410(a)-7(g) and other applicable rules promulgated by the IRS.

ELECTION PERIOD
Means the period that 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 before the first day of the Plan Year in which age 35 is attained, with respect to the account balance as of the date of separation, the Election Period shall begin on the date of separation.

ELECTIVE DEFERRALS
Means Plan Contributions made either as Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals or as Roth Elective Deferrals to the Plan at the election of the Participant or pursuant to automatic Elective Deferral enrollment, in lieu of cash compensation, and shall include contributions made pursuant to a salary reduction agreement. With respect to any taxable year, a Participant’s Elective Deferrals are the sum of all Employer contributions made on behalf of such Participant pursuant to an election to defer under any qualified cash or deferred arrangement as described in Code Section 401(k), any simplified employee pension plan cash or deferred arrangement as described in Code Section 403(b)(6), any SIMPLE IRA Plan described in Code Section 408(p), any plan as described under Code Section 401(e)(18), any Employer contributions made on behalf of a Participant for the purchase of an annuity contract under Code Section 403(b) pursuant to a salary reduction agreement, Elective Deferrals shall not include any deferrals properly distributed as Excess Annual Additions or distributed pursuant to the permissible withdrawal provisions of Plan Section 5.01(A)(4).

No Participant shall be permitted to have Elective Deferrals made under this Plan, or any other plan maintained by the Employer, during any taxable year of the Participant, in excess of the dollar limitation contained in Code Section 402(g) in effect at the beginning of such taxable year.

In the case of a Participant age 50 or over by the end of the taxable year, the dollar limitation described in the preceding sentence is increased by the amount of Elective Deferrals that can be Age 50 Catch-up Contributions. In addition, if applicable, the dollar limitation described in this paragraph is increased by the amount of Elective Deferrals that can be Special Code Section 403(b) Catch-up Contributions. The dollar limitation contained in Code Section 402(g) is $10,000 for taxable years beginning in 2000 and 2001 increasing to $11,000 for taxable years beginning in 2002 and $15,000 thereafter. If a Participant separates from service before the first day of the Plan Year in which age 35 is attained, with respect to the account balance as of the date of separation, the Election Period shall begin on the date of separation.

ELIGIBILITY COMPUTATION PERIOD
Means, with respect to an Employee’s initial Eligibility Computation Period, the 12-consecutive month period commencing on the Employee’s Employment Commencement Date. Unless otherwise specified in the Adoption Agreement, the Employee’s subsequent Eligibility Computation Periods shall be the Plan Year commencing with the Plan Year beginning during the Employee’s initial Eligibility Computation Period. An Employee shall not be credited with a Year of Eligibility Service before the end of the 12-consecutive month period regardless of when during such period the Employee completes the required number of Hours of Service.

ELIGIBLE AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENT (EACA)
Means an Eligible Automatic Contribution Arrangement described in Plan Section 3.01(E) whereby Eligible Employees are automatically enrolled as Contributing Participants in the Plan.

ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE
If the Employer has elected to apply the safe harbor provisions of Plan Section 3.04 or the EACA provisions of Plan Section 3.01(E), means an Employee eligible to make Elective Deferrals under the Plan for any part of the Plan Year in which such Employee would be eligible to make Elective Deferrals but for a suspension due to a hardship distribution described in Plan Section 5.01(C)(2) or to statutory limitations, such as Code Sections 402(g) and 415.

ELIGIBLE RETIREMENT PLAN
Means, for purposes of the Direct Rollover provisions of the Plan, an individual retirement account described in Code Sections 408(a) or 408A, an individual retirement annuity described in Code Section 403(b), an annuity plan described in Code Section 403(a), an annuity contract described in Code Section 403(b), an eligible plan under Code Section 403(b)(1)(A), or an 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), or a qualified plan described in Code Section 401(a) that accepts the Recipient’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).

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If any portion of an Eligible Rollover Distribution is attributable to payments or distributions of Roth Elective Deferrals, an Eligible Retirement Plan with respect to such portion shall mean: 1) a qualified plan under Code Section 401(a) or a tax-sheltered annuity under Code Section 403(b) and only if such plan permits Roth elective deferrals of Roth payments, or 2) a Roth individual retirement account described in Code Section 408A.

The definition of Eligible Retirement Plan shall include an inherited individual retirement account or annuity described in Code Sections 408(a), 408(b), or 408A in the case of a distribution to a Beneficiary that is made after December 31, 2006.

ELIGIBLE ROLLOVER DISTRIBUTION
Means any distribution of all or any portion of the balance to the credit of the Recipient, except that an Eligible Rollover Distribution does not include

a. any distribution that is one of a series of substantially equal periodic payments (paid at least annually) made for the life (or Life Expectancy) of the Recipient or the joint lives (or joint life expectancies) of the Recipient and the Recipient's Designated Beneficiary, or for a specified period of ten years or more;

b. any distribution to the extent such distribution is required under Code Section 401(a)(9);

c. any hardship distribution described in Plan Section 5.01(C)(2);

d. any other distribution(s) that is reasonably expected to total less than $200 during a year;

e. any contributions made to the Plan as Elective Deferrals under the EACA provisions of Plan Section 3.01(E) which are subsequently distributed from the Plan in accordance with the permissible withdrawal provisions found in Plan Section 5.01(A)(4).

For distributions made after December 31, 2001, a portion of a distribution shall not fail to be an Eligible Rollover Distribution merely because the portion consists of after-tax employee contributions that are not includible in gross income.

For distributions after December 31, 2006, Eligible Rollover Distribution shall also mean any distribution to a Beneficiary which would be treated as an Eligible Rollover Distribution by reason of Code Section 403(b)(8)(B) if the requirements of Code Section 402(c)(11) were satisfied.

EMPLOYEE
Means any person employed by an Employer maintaining the Plan or of any other employer required to be aggregated with such Employer under Code Sections 414(b), (c), (m) or (o) and under Treasury Regulation 1.414(c)-5.

EMPLOYER
Means the Adopting Employer and Related Employers listed on a Related Employer Participation Form who meet the definition of an eligible employer described in Code Section 403(b)(1)(A)(i). Such eligible employer is an employer described in Code Section 501(c)(3) which is exempt from tax under Code Section 501(a).

EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION
Means the amount, if any, contributed to the Plan under Adoption Agreement Section Three, Part E by the Employer each Plan Year as a discretionary or fixed Employer Contribution.

EMPLOYMENT COMMENCEMENT DATE
Means, with respect to an Employee, the date such Employee first performs an Hour of Service for the Employer.

ENHANCED MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS
Means Matching Contributions described in Code Section 401(m)(11)(A)(ii) and made pursuant to the ACP Safe Harbor formula elected by the Employer in Adoption Agreement Section Three, Part D, item 2.

ENTRY DATES
Means as soon as administratively feasible, unless the Employer has specified different dates in the Adoption Agreement. For purposes of Elective Deferrals, an Employee's Employment Commencement Date shall be considered an Entry Date, unless the Employee may make Elective Deferrals to another plan maintained by the Employer that satisfies the universal availability requirements.

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EXCESS AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTIONS
Means, with respect to any Plan Year, the excess of:

a. the aggregate Contribution Percentage Amounts taken into account in computing the numerator of the Contribution Percentage actually made on behalf of Highly Compensated Employees for such Plan Year, over

b. the maximum Contribution Percentage Amounts permitted by the ACP test (determined by hypothetically reducing contributions made on behalf of Highly Compensated Employees in order of their Contribution Percentages beginning with the highest of such percentages).

Such determination shall be made after first determining Excess Elective Deferrals pursuant to the definition herein.

EXCESS ANNUAL ADDITIONS
Means the excess of the Participant's Annual Additions for the Limitation Year over the Maximum Permissible Amount.
EXCESS ELECTIVE DEFERRALS

Means those Elective Deferrals that either: (1) are made during the Participant's taxable year and exceed the dollar limitation under Code Section 402(g) (increased, if applicable, by the dollar limitation on Age 50 Catch-up Contributions defined in Code Section 414(v) or Special Code Section 403(b) Catch-up Contributions) for such year; or (2) are made during a calendar year and exceed the dollar limitation under Code Section 402(g) (increased, if applicable, by the dollar limitation on Age 50 Catch-up Contributions defined in Code Section 414(v) or Special Code Section 403(b) Catch-up Contributions) for the Participant's taxable year beginning in such calendar year, counting only Elective Deferrals made under this Plan and any other plan, contract or arrangement maintained by the Employer. Excess Elective Deferrals shall be treated as Annual Additions under the Plan, unless such amounts are distributed no later than the first April 15 following the close of the Participant’s taxable year.

FORFEITURE

Means that portion of a Participant's Individual Account derived from Employer Contributions and Matching Contributions that the Participant is not entitled to receive (i.e., the nonvested portion).

FUNDING VEHICLE

Means an annuity contract or custodial account that meets the requirements of Code Section 403(b) and is available for investment of Plan Contributions pursuant to Plan Section 7.01.

HIGHLY COMPENSATED EMPLOYEE

Means any Employee who for the preceding year had Compensation from the Employer in excess of $80,000 and, if elected by the Adopting Employer in the Adoption Agreement, was in the top-paid group for the preceding year. The $80,000 amount is adjusted at the same time and in the same manner as under Code Section 415(d), except that the base period is the calendar quarter ending September 30, 1996.

For this purpose the applicable year of the Plan for which a determination is being made is called a determination year and the preceding 12-month period is called a look-back year, unless the Adopting Employer made a calendar year data election in the Adoption Agreement. If a calendar year data election is made, the look-back year shall be the calendar year ending within the Plan Year for purposes of determining who is a Highly Compensated Employee.

A highly compensated former employee is based on the rules applicable to determining Highly Compensated Employee status as in effect for that determination year, in accordance with Treasury Regulation 1.414(q)-1T, A-4, Notice 97-45 and any subsequent guidance issued by the IRS.

The determination of who is a Highly Compensated Employee, including but not limited to, the determinations of the number and identity of Employees in the top-paid group and the Compensation that is considered, will be made in accordance with Code Section 414(q) and the regulations thereunder. Adoption Agreement elections to include or exclude items from Compensation that are inconsistent with Code Section 414(q) will be disregarded for purposes of determining who is a Highly Compensated Employee.

HOURS OF SERVICE – Means

A. General Rules For Crediting Hours of Service

1. 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; and

2. 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 591 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 shall be calculated and credited pursuant to Labor Regulation 2530.200b-2 that is incorporated herein by this reference.

3. 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 (1) or paragraph (2), as the case may be, and under this paragraph (3). Those 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.

4. Solely for purposes of determining whether a Break in Eligibility Service or a Break in Vesting Service has occurred in a computation period (the computation period for purposes of determining whether a Break in Vesting Service has occurred is the Plan Year or other vesting computation period described in the definition of a Year of Vesting Service), an individual who is absent from work for maternity or paternity reasons shall 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, eight 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 shall be credited 1) in the Eligibility Computation Period or Plan Year in which the absence begins if the crediting is necessary to prevent a Break in Eligibility Service or a Break in Vesting Service in the applicable period, or 2) in all other cases, in the following Eligibility Computation Period or Plan Year.

5. Hours of Service will be credited for employment with other members of an affiliated service group (under Code Section 414(m)), a controlled group of corporations (under Code Section 414(b)), or a group of trades or businesses under common control (under Code Section 414(c)) of which the Adopting Employer is a member, and any other entity required to be aggregated with the Employer pursuant to Code Section 414(a) and the regulations thereunder and under Treasury Regulation 1.414(c)-8.

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) and the regulations thereunder.
6. Where the Employer maintains the plan of a predecessor employer, service for such predecessor employer shall be treated as service for the Employer. If the Employer does not maintain the plan of a predecessor employer, service for such predecessor employer will not be treated as service for the Employer unless specifically elected in the Adoption Agreement.

7. The above method for determining Hours of Service may be altered as specified in the Adoption Agreement.

8. Hours of Service shall apply unless the Adopting Employer has indicated in the Adoption Agreement that a method other than Hours of Service will be used for determining service.

B. Changes In Methods of Crediting Service

The Plan may be amended to change the method of crediting service between the general rules discussed in paragraph (A) and the Elapsed Time method discussed in the Elapsed Time definition provided each Participant with respect to whom the method of crediting service is changed is afforded the protection described in Treasury Regulation 1.415(a)-7(g) and other applicable rules promulgated by the IRS.

INCLUDIBLE COMPENSATION

Means the Employee's compensation received from the Employer that is includible in gross income for Federal income tax purposes (computed without regard to Code Section 911) for the most recent period that constitutes a year of service, as that term is defined in the Treasury Regulations under Code Section 403(b). Includible Compensation includes any amounts deferred by the Employer at the election of the Employee that would be includible in gross income but for the rules of Code Sections 125, 132(f), 402(e)(2), 402(h)(1)(B), 402(c), or 457(b).

Includible Compensation does not include any compensation received during a period when the Employer is not an eligible employer within the meaning of Code Section 403(b).

The amount of Includible Compensation is determined without regard to any community property laws.

For purposes of determining the limitation under Code Section 415(c), a former Employee is deemed to have monthly Includible Compensation for the period through the end of the taxable year in which such Employee ceases employment and through the end of each of the next five taxable years. The monthly amount is equal to one-twelfth of the former Employee's Includible Compensation during the former Employee's most recent year of service as described in Treasury Regulation 1.403(b)-4(d).

INDIRECT ROLLOVER

Means a rollover contribution received by this Plan from a Participant that previously received a distribution from another plan rather than having such amount directly rolled over to this Plan from the distributing plan.

INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNT

Means the accounting record established and maintained under this Plan for each Participant in accordance with Plan Section 7.02(B).

INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENT

The agreement between the Vendor and the Employer or Participant that constitutes or governs the annuity contract or custodial account used as a Funding Vehicle under the Plan.

ISSUER

Means an insurance or other company who issues annuity contracts described in Code Section 403(b)(1) that are authorized by the Employer for use under the Plan.

LIFE EXPECTANCY

Means life expectancy as computed by using the Single Life Table in Treasury Regulation 1.401(a)(9)-9, Q&A-1.

LIMITATION YEAR

Means the calendar year with respect to a Participant if the Participant is not in control of any employer as described in Plan Section 3.10(B). However, if permitted by the Plan Administrator, the Participant may elect to change the Limitation Year to another 12-month period. To change the Limitation Year, the participant must attach a statement to their income tax return for the taxable year in which the change is made and the change must comply with Treasury Regulation 1.415(c)-1(d). If the Participant is in control of an employer as described in Plan Section 3.10(B), the Limitation Year is the limitation year of that employer. If the Plan is terminated effective as of a date other than the last day of the Plan's Limitation Year, the Plan is treated as if the Plan was amended to change its Limitation Year. As a result of this deemed amendment, the Code Section 415(c)(1)(A) dollar limit must be prorated under the short Limitation Year rules.

MANDATORY EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION

Means any pre-tax contribution made to the Plan by or on behalf of a Participant that is mandatory as a condition of employment or pursuant to other similar criteria as designated by the Adopting Employer in the Adoption Agreement.

MATCHING CONTRIBUTION

Means a contribution made to this or any other defined contribution plan by the Employer on behalf of a Participant on account of an Effective Deferral, Nondeductible Employee Contribution, or a Mandatory Employee Contribution made by such Participant under a plan maintained by the Employer.
MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE AMOUNT

Means the maximum Annual Addtion that may be contributed or allocated to a Participant's Individual Account under the Plan for any Limitation Year in accordance with Treasury Regulation 1.415(c)-1(a)(1), which is the lesser of $40,000, as adjusted for cost-of-living under Code Section 415(d), or 100% of the Participant's compensation for the Limitation Year. Generally, that compensation is the Participant's Includible Compensation for the Limitation Year. However, if a Participant is required to aggregate contributions under this Plan with contributions made to a qualified plan of an employer controlled by the Participant as described in Plan Section 3.10(b), then in applying the Maximum Permissible Amount in connection with the aggregation of this Plan with the qualified plan, the total compensation from the controlled employer and the Employer shall be taken into account. If a short Limitation Year is created because of an amendment changing the Limitation Year to a different 12-consecutive month period, the Maximum Permissible Amount will not exceed $40,000, as adjusted under Code Section 415(d), multiplied by the following fraction:

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\frac{\text{Number of months in the short Limitation Year}}{12}
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MONTH OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE

Means the calendar month during which the Employee completes the number of Hours of Service designated in the Adoption Agreement. If the Adoption Agreement indicates a specific number of Months of Eligibility Service and no Hours of Service requirement is selected, the Employee will be deemed to be required to complete 83% of the number of Months of Eligibility Service for the month in which that number is applicable. The Employee's eligibility will be determined by the number of Months of Eligibility Service completed by the Employee during the Eligibility Computation Period.

NONDEDUCTIBLE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS

Means any contribution, other than Roth Elective Deferrals, made to the Plan by or on behalf of a Participant that is included in the Participant's gross income in the year in which made and that is maintained under a separate account to which earnings are allocated.

NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE

Means the age specified in the Adoption Agreement. If the Employer enforces a mandatory retirement age, the Normal Retirement Age is the lesser of that mandatory age or the age specified in the Adoption Agreement. If no age is specified in the Adoption Agreement, the Normal Retirement Age shall be age 59 1/2.

PARTICIPANT

Means any Employee or former Employee of the Employer who has met the Plan's age and service requirements, has entered the Plan and who is or may become eligible to receive a benefit of any type from this Plan or whose Beneficiary may be eligible to receive any such benefit.

PARTICIPANT'S BENEFIT

Means the Participant's Individual Account 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 Participant's Individual 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 Participant's Benefit 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.

For purposes of determining the value of a Participant's Individual Account, the portion of the Individual Account equal to the value of the Participant's Individual Account as of December 31, 1986 (pre-87 balance) may be excluded for purposes of the required minimum distribution calculation until the Participant reaches age 75. If, for any year, the Participant receives a distribution greater than the amount required to satisfy the current years required minimum distribution, such excess amount shall be deemed distributed from the pre-1987 balance.

PLAN

Means this 403(b) Plan adopted by the Adopting Employer. The Plan consists of this Basic Plan Document plus the corresponding Adoption Agreement as completed and signed by the Adopting Employer and any other documents required to be considered part of the Plan by the IRS, including but not limited to those that contain any of the material terms and conditions for eligibility, benefits, applicable limitations, the time and form under which benefit distributions may be made and other optional features allowed under Code Section 403(b).

PLAN ADMINISTRATOR

The Adopting Employer shall be the Plan Administrator unless the managing body of the Adopting Employer designates a person or persons other than the Adopting Employer as the Plan Administrator. The Adopting Employer shall also be the Plan Administrator if the person or persons so designated ceases to be the Plan Administrator. The Adopting Employer may establish an administrative committee that will carry out the Plan Administrator's duties. Members of the administrative committee may allocate the Plan Administrator's duties among themselves. If the managing body of the Adopting Employer designates a person or persons other than the Adopting Employer as Plan Administrator, such person or persons shall serve at the pleasure of the Adopting Employer and shall serve pursuant to such procedures as such managing body may provide. Each such person shall be bonded as may be required by law. The term Plan Administrator shall include any person authorized to perform the duties of the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator shall be a named fiduciary of the Plan for purposes of ERISA Section 402(a).

PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS

Means any amounts contributed by the Employer each year as determined under this Plan, including Matching Contributions and Employer Contributions. The term Plan Contribution shall also include Elective Deferrals, Nondeductible Employee Contributions and Mandatory Employee Contributions made to the Plan unless such contributions are intended to be excluded for purposes of either the Plan or any act under the Code, ERISA, or any additional rules, regulations, or other pronouncements promulgated by either the IRS or DOL.
PLAN SEQUENCE NUMBER
Means the three digit number the Adopting Employer assigned to the Plan in the Adoption Agreement. The Plan Sequence Number identifies the number of plans the Employer maintains or has maintained. The Plan Sequence Number is 001 for the Employer's first plan, 002 for the second, etc.

PLAN YEAR
Means the 12-consecutive month period that coincides with the Adopting Employer's tax year unless the Adopting Employer has selected another 12-consecutive month period in the Adoption Agreement.

PRE-AGE 35 WAIVER
A Participant who will not yet attain age 35 as of the end of any current Plan Year may make a special Qualified Election to waive the Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity for the period beginning on the date of such election and ending on the first day of the Plan Year in which the Participant will attain age 35. Such election shall not be valid unless the Participant receives an explanation of the Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity in such terms as are comparable to the explanation required in Plan Section 5.10(D)(1). Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity coverage will be automatically reinstated 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 Plan Section 5.10.

PRE-TAX ELECTIVE DEFERRALS
Means Elective Deferrals that are not included in a Contributing Participant's gross income at the time deferred. Elective Deferrals will be characterized as Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals unless the Roth Elective Deferral option is selected in the Adoption Agreement and, if the Plan permits Roth Elective Deferrals in addition to Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals, the Contributing Participant also designates the deferral as a Roth Elective Deferral.

PRIOR PLAN
Means a plan that was replaced by adoption of this Plan document as indicated in the Adoption Agreement.

QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDER

A. In General
Means a Domestic Relations Order

1. that creates or recognizes the existence of an Alternate Payee's rights to, or assigns to an Alternate Payee the right to, receive all or a portion of the benefits payable with respect to a Participant under the Plan, and

2. with respect to which the requirements described in the remainder of this definition are met.

B. Specification of Facts
A Domestic Relations Order shall be a Qualified Domestic Relations Order only if the order clearly specifies

1. the name and last known mailing address (if any) of the Participant and the name and mailing address of each Alternate Payee covered by the order,

2. the amount or percentage of the Participant's benefits to be paid by the Plan to each such Alternate Payee, or the manner in which such amount or percentage is to be determined,

3. the number of payments or period to which such order applies, and

4. each plan to which such order applies.

C. Additional Requirements
In addition to paragraph (B) above, a Domestic Relations Order shall be considered a Qualified Domestic Relations Order only if such order

1. does not require the Plan to provide any type or form of benefit, or any option not otherwise provided under the Plan,

2. does not require the Plan to provide increased benefits, and

3. does not require benefits to an Alternate Payee that are required to be paid to another Alternate Payee under another order previously determined to be a Qualified Domestic Relations Order.

D. Exception for Certain Payments
A Domestic Relations Order shall not be treated as failing to meet the requirements above solely because such order requires that payment of benefits be made to an Alternate Payee

1. on or after the date on which the Participant attains (or would have attained) the earliest retirement age as defined in ERISA Section 206(d)(3)(F)(ii),

2. as if the Participant had retired on the date on which such payment is to begin under such order, and

3. in any form in which such benefits may be paid under the Plan to the Participant (other than in a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity) with respect to the Alternate Payee and their subsequent spouse.
QUALIFIED ELECTION

Means a waiver of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity or a Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity. Any waiver of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity or a Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity shall not be effective unless a) the Participant's Spouse consents to the election (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL), b) 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), c) the Spouse's consent acknowledges the effect of the election, and d) 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 that 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 or that the Spouse cannot be located, a waiver by the Participant will be deemed a Qualified Election. In addition, if the Spouse is legally incompetent to give consent, the Spouse's legal guardian, even if the guardian is the Participant, may give consent. If the Participant is legally separated or the Participant has been abandoned (within the meaning of local law) and the Participant has a court order to such effect, spousal consent is not required unless a Qualified Domestic Relations Order provides otherwise.

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 of 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 Plan Section 5.10(D).

QUALIFIED JOINT AND SURVIVOR ANNUITY

Means an immediate annuity for the life of the Participant with a survivor annuity for the life of the Spouse which is not less than 50 percent and not more than 100 percent of the amount of the annuity which is payable during the joint lives of the Participant and the Spouse and which is the amount of benefit which can be purchased with the Participant's vested account balance. The percentage of the survivor annuity under the Plan shall be 50 percent, unless a different percentage is elected by the Adopting Employer in the Adoption Agreement.

QUALIFIED NONSELECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

Means Plan Contributions (other than Matching Contributions or Employer Contributions) allocated to Participants' Individual Accounts that the Participants may not elect to receive in cash until distributed from the Plan; that are nonforfeitable when made to the Plan; and that are distributable only in accordance with the distribution provisions (other than hardships) that are applicable to Elective Deferrals.

QUALIFIED OPTIONAL SURVIVOR ANNUITY

A Qualified Optional Survivor Annuity is an annuity 1) for the life of the Participant with a survivor annuity for the life of the Spouse that is equal to the applicable percentage of the amount of the annuity that is payable during the joint lives of the Participant and the Spouse, and 2) that is the actuarial equivalent of a single annuity for the life of the Participant. If the survivor annuity provided by the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity is less than 75 percent of the amount payable during the joint lives of the Participant and Spouse, the applicable percentage for the Qualified Optional Survivor Annuity is 75 percent. If the survivor annuity provided by the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity is greater than or equal to 75 percent of the amount payable during the joint lives of the Participant and Spouse, the applicable percentage for the Qualified Optional Survivor Annuity is 50 percent.

QUALIFIED PRERETIREMENT SURVIVOR ANNUITY

Means a survivor annuity for the life of the surviving Spouse of the Participant if the payments are not less than the amounts which would be payable as a survivor annuity under the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity under the Plan in accordance with ERISA Section 205.

QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTING PARTICIPANT

Means a Contributing Participant who satisfies the requirements described in Plan Section 3.03 to be entitled to receive a Matching Contribution (and Forfeitures, if applicable) for a Plan Year.

QUALIFYING PARTICIPANT

A Participant is a Qualifying Participant and is entitled to share in the Employer Contribution for any Plan Year if the Participant was a Participant on at least one day during the Plan Year and satisfies any additional conditions specified in the Adoption Agreement. The determination of whether a Participant is entitled to share in the Employer Contribution shall be made as of the last day of each Plan Year. If the Elapsed Time method of determining service applies, each Employee will share in Employer Contributions for the period beginning on the date the Employee commences participation under the Plan and ending on the date on which such Employee ceases employment with the Employer or is no longer a member of an eligible class of Employees.

RECIPIENT

A Recipient includes an Employee or former Employee. In addition, the Employee's or former Employee's surviving Spouse and the Employee's or former Employee's Spouse or former Spouse who is the Alternate Payee under a Qualified Domestic Relations Order, as defined in Code Section 414(p), are Recipients with regard to the interest of the Spouse or former Spouse. With respect to distributions made after December 31, 2006, a Recipient includes a Beneficiary.

RELATED EMPLOYER

Means an employer that is part of a controlled group of corporations (as defined in Code Section 414(b)), a group of commonly controlled trades or businesses (as defined in Code Section 414(c)) or an affiliated service group (as defined in Code Section 414(m)) of which the Adopting Employer is a part, or any other entity required to be aggregated with the Adopting Employer pursuant to Code Section 414(c) or Treasury Regulation 1.414(c)-5.
REQUIRED BEGINNING DATE
Means April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Participant attains age 70½ or retires, whichever is later. However, the portion of a Participant's Individual Account attributable to the period before 1987 shall not be subject to required minimum distributions until theParticipant reaches age 75. If, in any year, a Participant withdraws an amount greater than the required minimum, such additional amounts are considered to be distributed from the pre-1987 balance.

ROTH ELECTIVE DEFERRALS
Means Elective Deferrals that are includible in a Contributing Participant’s gross income at the time deferred and have been irrevocably designated as ROTH Elective Deferrals by the Contributing Participant in their deferral election.

SEVERANCE FROM EMPLOYMENT
Means an Employee ceases to be an Employee of the Employer, and any Related Employer listed on a Related Employer Participation Form, maintaining the Plan, or one of their Related Employers (as described in Treasury Regulation 1.401(k)-1(d)). An employee does not have a Severance from Employment if, in connection with a change of employment, the Employee’s new employer maintains the Plan with respect to the Employee.

A Severance from Employment shall also occur with respect to Employees of an Employer or Related Employer who cease to be employed by an Employer or Related Employer on account of a sale of the assets or stock of that Employer, provided that the subsequent or continuing Employer of those Employees doesn’t maintain the Plan and Plan assets are not transferred to a plan maintained by that subsequent or continuing Employer.

Severance from Employment occurs on any date on which an Employee ceases to be an employee of an eligible employer as defined in Treasury Regulation 1.403(b)-2(b)(8), which describes employers that may participate in 403(b) arrangements, even though the Employee may continue to be employed either (1) by another entity that is treated as the same employer where the other entity is not an eligible employer or (2) in a capacity for the same employer that is not employment with such eligible employer.

SPECIAL CODE SECTION 403(b) CATCH-UP CONTRIBUTIONS
Means, if applicable, Elective Deferrals that exceed an otherwise applicable Plan limit and that are made by a qualified employee of a qualified organization in accordance with Code Section 402(g)(7), as described in Plan Section 3.01(D)(2).

If Special Code Section 403(b) Catch-up Contributions are permitted by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement, any Elective Deferrals that exceed an otherwise applicable Plan limit will first be applied as Special Code Section 403(b) Catch-up Contributions, with any additional Elective Deferrals being treated as Age 50 Catch-up Contributions, if applicable.

SPOUSE
Means the Spouse or surviving Spouse of the Participant, provided that a former Spouse will be treated as the Spouse or surviving Spouse and a current Spouse will not be treated as the Spouse or surviving Spouse to the extent provided under a Qualified Domestic Relations Order.

TAXABLE WAGE BASE
Means, with respect to any taxable year, the contribution and benefit base in effect in Section 230 of the Social Security Act at the beginning of the Plan Year.

VALUATION DATE
The Valuation Date shall be the last day of the Plan Year and each other date designated by the Plan Administrator which is selected in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner when the assets of the Plan are valued at their then fair market value.

VENDOR
Means the provider of an annuity contract or custodial account approved by the Employer for use under this Plan. Vendors are either insurance companies who may issue annuity contracts described in Treasury Regulation 1.403(b)-2(b)(2) or a bank or other person (described in Treasury Regulation 1.403(b)-9(d)(2)) who may hold amounts in a custodial account that meets the requirements of Treasury Regulation 1.403(b)-8(d) including the requirement that the amounts are invested in stock of a regulated investment company.

VESTED
Means nonforfeitable, that is, an unconditional and legally enforceable claim against the Plan obtained by a Participant or the Participant’s Beneficiary to that part of an immediate or deferred benefit under the Plan that arises from a Participant’s Years of Vesting Service.

VESTED ACCOUNT BALANCE
Means the aggregate value of the Participant’s Vested account balances derived from Plan Contributions (including rollovers), whether Vested before or upon death, including the proceeds of insurance contracts, if any, on the Participant’s life. This definition shall apply to a Participant who is vested in amounts attributable to Plan Contributions at the time of death or distribution.

YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE
Means a 12-consecutive month period that coincides with an Eligibility Computation Period during which an Employee completes at least 1,000 Hours of Service. An Employee does not complete a Year of Eligibility Service before the end of the 12 consecutive month period regardless of when during such period the Employee completes the required number of Hours of Service.

YEAR OF VESTING SERVICE
Means a Plan Year during which an Employee completes at least 1,000 Hours of Service.

Years of Vesting Service shall not include any period of time excluded from Years of Vesting Service in the Adoption Agreement. However, if an Employee becomes ineligible to participate in the Plan because they are no longer a member of an eligible class of Employees, but has not incurred a Break in Service, such Employee shall continue to accumulate Years of Vesting Service.

In the event the Plan Year is changed to a new 12-month period, Employees shall receive credit for Years of Vesting Service, in accordance with the preceding provisions of this definition, for each of the Plan Years (the old and new Plan Years) that overlap as a result of such change.
SECTION ONE: EFFECTIVE DATES

Pursuant to the Definitions Section of the Plan, the Effective Date means the date the Plan becomes effective as indicated in the Adoption Agreement. However, certain provisions of the Plan may have effective dates different from the Plan Effective Date, if, for example, the Plan is amended subsequent to the Effective Date.

SECTION TWO: ELIGIBILITY

2.01 ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

If the Adopting Employer so allows in the Adoption Agreement, each Employee of the Employer, except an Employee who belongs to a class of Employees excluded from participation as indicated in the Adoption Agreement Section Two, Part C, shall be eligible to participate in this Plan by electing to contribute a portion of their Compensation as an Elective Deferral if any other Employee may elect to make Elective Deferrals. If permitted by the Adoption Agreement, an Employee who may make Elective Deferrals may also make Nondeductible Employee Contributions. For all other types of contributions under the Plan, each Employee except an Employee who belongs to a class of Employees excluded from participation as indicated in the Adoption Agreement, shall be eligible to participate in the Plan upon satisfying the age and Years of Eligibility Service requirements specified in the Adoption Agreement and, for Mandatory Employee Contributions, such alternative conditions, if any, specified in the Adoption Agreement. If no age is specified in the Adoption Agreement, there will not be an age requirement. The Years of Eligibility Service are specified in the Adoption Agreement for purposes of making Elective Deferrals unless the Adopting Employer maintains another plan providing for elective deferrals that satisfies the universal availability requirements under Code Section 403(b)(12) and the corresponding Treasury Regulations. If the Adopting Employer maintains another plan, then the age specified in the Adoption Agreement for Matching Contributions and Employer Contributions will apply to Elective Deferrals.

2.02 PLAN ENTRY

A. Plan Restatement – If this Plan is an amendment or restatement of a Prior Plan, each Employee who was a Participant in the Prior Plan before the Effective Date shall continue to be a Participant in this Plan.

B. Effective Date – Employees will enter the Plan for purposes of making Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Employee Contributions if permitted in the Adoption Agreement) as soon as administratively feasible following the Employee’s Employment Commencement Date and following the completion of administrative requirements (equally applicable to all Employees) established by the Plan Administrator for purposes of orderly and reasonable administration of the Plan if the Employee has met the eligibility requirements of Plan Section 2.01 as of such date. After the Effective Date, each Employee shall become a Participant for that purpose on the first Entry Date coinciding with or following the date the Employee satisfies the eligibility requirements of Plan Section 2.01, unless the Adopting Employer selects retroactive Entry Dates in the Adoption Agreement or on Attachment C, Special Effective Dates.

C. Notification – The Plan Administrator shall notify each Employee who becomes eligible to be a Participant under this Plan and shall furnish the Employee with the enrollment forms or other documents which are required of Participants. Such notification shall be in writing (or any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS or DOL). The eligible Employee shall execute such forms or documents and make available such information as may be required in the administration of the Plan.

2.03 TRANSFER TO OR FROM INELIGIBLE CLASS

If an Employee who had been a Contributing Participant becomes ineligible to make Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) because the Employee is no longer a member of an eligible class of Employees who may make Elective Deferrals, such Employee shall participate as a Contributing Participant as soon as administratively feasible following the Employee’s return to an eligible class of Employees who may make Elective Deferrals and following the completion of administrative requirements (equally applicable to all Employees) established by the Plan Administrator for purposes of orderly and reasonable administration of the Plan.

An Employee who is not a member of an eligible class of Employees who may make Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) may become a Participating Employee as soon as administratively feasible following the Employee’s return to an eligible class of Employees who may make Elective Deferrals and following the completion of administrative requirements (equally applicable to all Employees) established by the Plan Administrator for purposes of orderly and reasonable administration of the Plan.

If an Employee who had been a Participating Employee becomes ineligible for the purpose of contributions other than Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) because the Employee is no longer a member of an eligible class of Employees for such purpose, but has incurred a Break in Eligibility Service, such Employee shall participate for that purpose immediately following the Employee’s return to an eligible class of Employees. If such Employee incurs a Break in Eligibility Service, the Employee’s eligibility to participate for that purpose shall be determined by Plan Section 2.04.

An Employee who is not a member of an eligible class for purposes of contributions other than Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Contributions, if applicable) will become a Participant for that purpose immediately upon becoming a member of that eligible class provided such Employee has satisfied the age and Years of Eligibility Service requirements. If such Employee has not satisfied the age and Years of Eligibility Service requirements as of the date the Employee becomes a member of that eligible class, such Employee shall become a Participant for that purpose on the first Entry Date coinciding with or following the date the Employee satisfies those requirements.
2.04 RETURN AS A PARTICIPANT AFTER BREAK IN ELIGIBILITY SERVICE

A. Employee Not Participant Before Break – If an Employee incurs a Break in Eligibility Service before satisfying the Plan’s eligibility requirements for contributions other than Elective Deferrals or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable, such Employee’s Years of Eligibility Service before such Break in Eligibility Service will not be taken into account.

B. Employee A Participant Before Break – If a Participant incurs a Break in Eligibility Service, such Participant shall continue to participate in the Plan, or, if terminated, shall participate immediately following the date of reemployment.

2.05 DETERMINATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION

The Plan Administrator shall determine the eligibility of each Employee to become a Participant. This determination shall be conclusive and binding upon all persons except as otherwise provided herein or by law.

2.06 TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

Nothing with respect to the establishment of the Plan or any action taken with respect to the Plan, nor the fact that a common law Employee has become a Participant shall give to that Employee any right to employment or continued employment or to grant any other rights except as specifically set forth in this Plan document or other applicable law; nor shall the Plan limit the right of the Employer to discharge an Employee or to otherwise deal with an Employee without regard to the effect such treatment may have upon the Employee’s rights under the Plan.

2.07 INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE EMPLOYEE

Each Employee who participates in the Plan shall provide to the Plan Administrator both at the time of initial enrollment, and on an ongoing basis, any information reasonably necessary or advisable for the Plan Administrator to administer the Plan, including any information regarding the Individual Agreements under the Plan.

2.08 RECLASSIFICATION

No judicial or administrative reclassification, or reclassification by the Employer, of an individual as a common law employee will be applied to grant retroactive eligibility to any individual under this Plan.

SECTION THREE: CONTRIBUTIONS

3.01 ELECTIVE DEFERRALS

If elected in the Adoption Agreement, each Employee who is not a member of an excluded class as specified in Adoption Agreement Section Two, Part C may begin making Elective Deferrals to the Plan by enrolling as a Contributing Participant as described below.

A. Requirements To Enroll As A Contributing Participant – Each Employee who is not a member of an excluded class of Employees as specified in Adoption Agreement Section Two, Part C, may enroll as a Contributing Participant with respect to the type of Elective Deferrals elected by the Adopting Employer in the Adoption Agreement. A Participant shall be eligible to enroll as a Contributing Participant as soon as administratively feasible following their Employment Commencement Date, and following the completion of administrative requirements (equally applicable to all Employees) established by the Plan Administrator for purposes of orderly and reasonable administration of the Plan, or if applicable, as soon as administratively feasible following the Employee’s return to an eligible class of Employees who may make Elective Deferrals and following the completion of administrative requirements (equally applicable to all Employees) established by the Plan Administrator for purposes of orderly and reasonable administration of the Plan. A Participant who wishes to enroll as a Contributing Participant must deliver (either in writing or in any other form permitted by the IRS and the DOL) a salary reduction agreement to the Plan Administrator except as set forth in Plan Section 3.01(B) below. The Plan Administrator may establish an annual minimum Elective Deferral amount no higher than $200, and may change such minimum to a lower amount from time to time.

Except for occasional, bona fide administrative considerations as set forth in the Treasury Regulations, contributions made pursuant to such election cannot precede the earlier of 1) the date on which services relating to the contribution are performed, and 2) the date on which the Compensation that is subject to the election would be payable to the Employee in the absence of such election.

If the Plan permits both Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals and Roth Elective Deferrals and the Participant fails to designate whether their Elective Deferrals are Pre-Tax or Roth Elective Deferrals, the Participant will be deemed to have designated the Elective Deferral as Pre-Tax.

Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, Elective Deferrals shall be transferred to the applicable Funding Vehicle as soon as such contributions can reasonably be segregated from the general assets of the Employer. In no event, however, shall Elective Deferrals be transferred to the applicable Funding Vehicle later than the 15th business day of the month following the month in which the Elective Deferrals would otherwise have been payable to a Participant in cash or by such other deadline determined under rules promulgated by the DOL.

B Pre-Tax vs. Roth Elective Deferrals – If the Adopting Employer so elects in Adoption Agreement Section Three, Part A, each Employee who enrolls as a Contributing Participant may specify whether their Elective Deferrals are to be characterized as Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals, Roth Elective Deferrals, or a specified combination. A Contributing Participant’s election will remain in effect until superseded by another election. Elective Deferrals contributed to the Plan as one type, either as Roth Elective Deferrals or Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals, may not later be reclassified as the other type. A Contributing Participant’s Roth Elective Deferrals will be deposited in the Contributing Participant’s Roth Elective Deferral subaccount in the Plan. No contributions other than Roth Elective Deferrals and property attributable earnings will be credited to each Contributing Participant’s Roth Elective Deferral subaccount, and gains, losses, and other credits or charges will be allocated on a reasonable and consistent basis to such subaccount.
C. Ceasing or Changing Elective Deferral Amounts – A Contributing Participant or a Participant who has met the eligibility requirements in Adoption Agreement Section Two but who is not currently making Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable), may modify their salary reduction agreement (or agreement to make Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) to increase or decrease or cease Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) at least annually and as of any such additional times established by the Plan Administrator in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner.

1. Notice to Cease or Change Elective Deferral Amounts - A Contributing Participant who desires to modify their elections shall complete and deliver (either in writing or in any other form permitted by the IRS and the DOL) a new salary reduction agreement (or agreement to make Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) to the Plan Administrator either changing the amount of their Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) or revoking the authorization to the Employer to make Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) on their behalf. The Plan Administrator may prescribe such uniform and nondiscriminatory rules as it deems appropriate to carry out the terms of this Plan Section 3.01(C). A Participant shall automatically cease to be a Contributing Participant upon their Severance from Employment, or on account of termination of the Plan.

2. Return As A Contributing Participant After Ceasing Elective Deferrals – A Participant who has withdrawn as a Contributing Participant in Plan Section 3.01(C)(1) (or because the Participant has taken a hardship distribution pursuant to Plan Section 5.01(C)(2)) may not again become a Contributing Participant until the first day of the Plan Year or the first day of the seventh month of the Plan Year following such withdrawal, unless the Plan Administrator, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, permits withdrawing Participants to resume their status as Contributing Participants sooner (provided that Participants who take withdrawals pursuant to Plan Section 5.01(C)(2) shall be subject to the conditions of that Plan Section).

D. Catch-up Contributions

1. Age 50 Catch-up Contributions – Unless otherwise elected in Adoption Agreement Section Three, Part A, all Employees who are eligible to make Elective Deferrals under this Plan and who are age 50 or older by the end of their taxable year will be eligible to make Age 50 Catch-up Contributions. Age 50 Catch-up Contributions are not subject to the limits on Annual Additions under Code Section 415.

2. Special Code Section 403(b) Catch-up Contributions (Employees With 15 Years of Service) – If the Adopting Employer so elects in Adoption Agreement Section Three, Part A and if the Employer is a qualified organization (within the meaning of Treasury Regulation 1.403(b)-4(c)(3)(ii)), all qualified Employees will be eligible to make Special Code Section 403(b) Catch-up Contributions equal to the lesser of:
   (a) $3,000;
   (b) The excess of:
      (1) $15,000, over
      (2) The total Special Code Section 403(b) Catch-up Contributions made for the qualified Employee by the qualified organization for prior years;
   (c) The excess of:
      (1) $5,000 multiplied by the number of years of service, (as defined in Treasury Regulations 1.403(b)-2(b)(21) and 1.403(b)-4(e)) of the Employee with the qualified organization, over
      (2) The total Elective Deferrals made for the Employee by the qualified organization for prior years.

For purposes of this Plan Section 3.01(D), a qualified Employee means an Employee who has completed at least 15 years of service (as defined in Treasury Regulations 1.403(b)-2(b)(21) and 1.403(b)-4(e)) taking into account only employment with the Employer.

Matching Contributions shall be made, in accordance with the Matching Contribution formula specified in the Adoption Agreement, with regard to both the Age 50 Catch-up Contributions and Special Code Section 403(b) Catch-up Contributions. Catch-up Contributions made under this Plan Section 3.01(D) shall be allocated first to the Special Code Section 403(b) Catch-up Contributions under Plan Section 3.01(D)(2) and next as an Age 50 Catch-up Contribution under Plan Section 3.01(D)(1).

However, in no event can the amount of the Elective Deferrals for a Participant's taxable year be more than the Participant's Compensation for the year.

E. Automatic Elective Deferrals

1. Automatic Contribution Arrangements (ACA) and Eligible Automatic Contribution Arrangements (EACA) – Each Employee who is not a member of an excluded class of Employees as specified in Adoption Agreement Section Two, Part C will be given a reasonable opportunity to enroll as a Contributing Participant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Adopting Employer so elects in the Adoption Agreement, eligible Employees who fail to provide the Employer a salary reduction agreement indicating either (1) their desire not to make Elective Deferrals, or (2) the amount or percentage of Compensation to be deferred, will automatically have the amount or percentage of Compensation listed in the Adoption Agreement withheld from their Compensation and contributed to the Plan as an Elective Deferral. The Employer shall establish a uniform and nondiscriminatory policy to determine whether or not a Participant has made a timely affirmative election to defer at a rate (including zero percent) that is different from the rate selected for automatic Elective Deferrals in the Adoption Agreement. Elective Deferrals for such automatically enrolled Contributing Participants shall continue at the rate specified in the Adoption Agreement until (1) the Contributing Participant provides the Employer a salary reduction agreement (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and the DOL) to the contrary, or (2) Elective Deferrals are increased in accordance
3.02 MANDATORY EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS

If the Employer elects in Adoption Agreement Section Three, Part B, each Employee who is not a member of an excluded class of Employees as specified in the Adoption Agreement, may contribute Mandatory Employee Contributions to the Plan, as set forth in the Adoption Agreement. The Employer shall establish uniform and nondiscriminatory rules and procedures for Mandatory Employee Contributions as it deems necessary and advisable to properly administer the Plan. A separate account will be maintained by the Plan Administrator for the Mandatory Employee Contributions of each Participant.

The Employer may elect to make Matching Contributions under the Plan on behalf of Employees who make Mandatory Employee Contributions, as designated in Adoption Agreement Section Three, Part B.
3.03 MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

The Employer may elect to make Matching Contributions under the Plan on behalf of Qualified Participants as provided in Adoption Agreement Section Three, Part C. To be a Qualified Participant for a Plan Year, the Participant must make Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if the Employer has agreed to match such contributions) for the Plan Year, satisfy any minimum age and Years of Eligibility Service and other requirements that are specified for Matching Contributions in the Adoption Agreement. If an Employer fails to provide a follow-up notice, no Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution will be credited for the Plan Year whether to make a Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution. If a contingent notice is provided and the Employer decides to make a Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution, the Employer must deliver a follow-up notice to each Eligible Employee within 30 days or any other reasonable period before the last day of the Plan Year not later than the date the Employee becomes eligible. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Employer may change this notice requirement pursuant to rules promulgated by the IRS.

For Plan Years beginning on or after 2006 (or such earlier date on which the final regulations under Treasury Regulation 1.401(m)-1 became effective), Matching Contributions with respect to a non-Highly Compensated Employee taken into account under the Actual Contribution Percentage (ACP) test cannot exceed the greatest of 1) 5 percent of Compensation, 2) the amount of the Qualifying Contributing Participant’s Elective Deferrals for a year. The matching rate for any eligible non-Highly Compensated Employee among a group of eligible non-Highly Compensated Employees that consists of one half (or whichever is greater) of all non-Highly Compensated Employees for the Plan Year who make Elective Deferrals for the Plan Year (or if Elective Deferrals are equal to six percent of Compensation).

The Employer may make Matching Contributions at the same time as it contributes Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) or at any other time as permitted by law and regulation. The proper Matching Contribution amount may be determined by the Employer at any time during a Plan Year, including, but not limited to, the period during which the Matching Contributions are funded or at the end of the Plan Year, so long as the amount of Matching Contributions is determined in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner.

3.04 ACP SAFE HARBOR CONTRIBUTIONS

If the Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) or at any other time as permitted by law and regulation. The proper Matching Contribution amount may be determined by the Employer at any time during a Plan Year, including, but not limited to, the period during which the Matching Contributions are funded or at the end of the Plan Year, so long as the amount of Matching Contributions is determined in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner.

3.05 PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS AND ALLOCATION

A. Obligation to Contribute – If elected, the Employer will make Plan Contributions as set forth in Adoption Agreement Section Three, Part E.
B. Allocation Formula and the Right to Share in the Employer Contribution

1. General - The Employer Contribution for any Plan Year will be deemed allocated to each Participant's Individual Account as of the last day of that Plan Year. If elected in the Adoption Agreement, Employer Contributions shall be allocated to the Plan on behalf of each Participant who has incurred a Disability. Any Employer Contribution for a Plan Year must satisfy Code Section 401(a)(4) and the Treasury Regulations thereunder for such Plan Year.

If elected in the Adoption Agreement, Employer Contributions shall be allocated to the Plan on behalf of a Participant who is a former Employee. The amount, the allocation formula, and the class of former Employees eligible to receive Employer Contributions shall be determined by the Employer, in its sole discretion, from year to year. Such contributions will be based upon the former Employee's Includable Compensation for a period of up to five years.

2. Special Rules for Integrated Plans - If the Adopting Employer has selected the integrated contribution and allocation formula in the Adoption Agreement, the integration level shall be defined in the Adoption Agreement. This Plan may not allocate contributions based on an integrated formula if the Employer maintains any other 403(b) or qualified plan that provides for allocation of contributions based on an integrated formula that benefits any of the same Participants. The maximum disparity rate shall be determined in accordance with the following table.

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Annual overall permitted disparity limit: Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, for any Plan Year this Plan benefits any Participant who benefits under another qualified plan or simplified employee pension, as defined in Code Section 408(k), maintained by the Employer that provides for permitted disparity (or imputes disparity), if this Plan receives Employer Contributions, these contributions and forfeitures shall be allocated to the account of each Qualifying Participant in the ratio that such Qualifying Participant's total Compensation bears to the total Compensation of all Qualifying Participants.

Cumulative permitted disparity limit: Effective for Plan Years beginning on or after January 1, 1995, the cumulative permitted disparity limit for a Participant is 35 total cumulative permitted disparity years. Total cumulative permitted years means the number of years credited to the Participant for allocation or accrual purposes under this Plan, any qualified plan or simplified employee pension plan (whether or not terminated) ever maintained by the Employer. For purposes of determining the Participant's cumulative permitted disparity limit, all years ending in the same calendar year are treated as the same year. If the Participant has not benefited under a defined benefit or defined contribution plan for any year beginning on or after January 1, 1994, the Participant has no cumulative disparity limit.

Compensation shall mean compensation as defined in the Definitions Section of the Plan, without regard to any exclusions selected in Adoption Agreement Section Six.

3. Minimum Coverage Test - This paragraph shall apply to any Plan if, for any Plan Year, the Plan fails to satisfy the ratio percentage test described in Code Section 410(b)(1) as of the last day of any such Plan Year. The ratio percentage test is satisfied if, on the last day of the Plan Year, taking into account all Employees, or former Employees who were employed by the Employer on any day during the Plan Year, either the Plan benefits at least 70 percent of Employees who are not Highly Compensated Employees or the Plan benefits a percentage of Employees who are not Highly Compensated Employees which is at least 70 percent of the percentage of Highly Compensated Employees benefiting under the Plan. A Participant is 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 Treasury Regulation 1.410(b)-3(a). If the Plan fails the ratio percentage test, the Plan Contribution for the Plan Year will be allocated to Participants in the first class of Participants set forth below. If the Plan still fails, then the Plan Contribution will also be allocated to Participants in the next class and each succeeding class until the Plan satisfies the minimum coverage requirements. A class shall be covered only if necessary to satisfy those requirements. The classes, in order of priority, are as follows.

a. Participants who are still employed on the last day of the Plan Year who have completed 90 percent of the number of Hours of Service to otherwise be a Qualifying Participant or Qualifying Contributing Participant, if applicable;

b. Participants who are still employed on the last day of the Plan Year who have completed 80 percent of the number of Hours of Service to otherwise be a Qualifying Participant or Qualifying Contributing Participant, if applicable;

c. Participants who are still employed on the last day of the Plan Year who have completed 70 percent of the number of Hours of Service to otherwise be a Qualifying Participant or Qualifying Contributing Participant, if applicable;

d. Participants who are still employed on the last day of the Plan Year who have completed 60 percent of the number of Hours of Service to otherwise be a Qualifying Participant or Qualifying Contributing Participant, if applicable;
c. Participants who are still employed on the last day of the Plan Year who have completed 50 percent of the number of Hours of Service to otherwise be a Qualifying Participant or Qualifying Contributing Participant, if applicable;

d. Any Participant still employed on the last day of the Plan Year;

e. Participants who are not employed on the last day of the Plan Year because the Participant has died, incurred a Disability, or attained Normal Retirement Age;

f. Participants who are not employed on the last day of the Plan Year who have completed at least 1,000 Hours of Service during the Plan Year;

g. Participants who are not employed on the last day of the Plan Year who have completed at least 750 Hours of Service for the Plan Year;

h. Participants who are not employed on the last day of the Plan Year who have completed at least 500 Hours of Service for the Plan Year.

If the minimum coverage test is performed after any Plan Contribution has been allocated and the Plan fails the minimum coverage test, the Employer shall make an additional contribution to the Plan on behalf of those Participants that are entitled thereto pursuant to items (a) through (j) above. The amount of the contribution for such Participants shall be determined pursuant to the Plan’s allocation formula.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Employer may utilize the average benefits test in lieu of the ratio percentage test and the correction option described above, to satisfy minimum coverage.

4. Inclusion of Ineligible Employees – If any Employee who is not a Qualifying Participant is erroneously treated as a Qualifying Participant during a Plan Year, then the Employer must correct the inclusion of ineligible Employees using any method to the extent permitted under the Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System (EPCRS) or allowed by the IRS or DOL under regulations or other guidance. The EPCRS is currently described in IRS Revenue Procedure 2006-27.

5. Exclusion of Eligible Participant – If in any Plan Year, any Participant is erroneously excluded and discovery of such exclusion is not made until after the Plan Contribution has been made and allocated, then the Employer must correct the exclusion of eligible Employees using any method to the extent permitted under the Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System (EPCRS) or allowed by the IRS or DOL under regulations or other guidance. The EPCRS is currently described in IRS Revenue Procedure 2006-27.

C. Allocation of Forfeitures – Forfeitures may be, at the Employer’s discretion, applied first to the payment of the Plan’s administrative expenses in accordance with Plan Section 7.04 or applied to the restoration of Participant’s Individual Accounts pursuant to Plan Section 4.01(B)(4). Unless the Adoption Agreement indicates otherwise, any remaining Forfeitures shall be used to reduce Plan Contributions.

Forfeitures must be applied as of the last day of the Plan Year in which the Forfeitures arose or, if necessary, any subsequent Plan Year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Forfeitures must be applied in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner if applied either to the payment of the Plan’s administrative expenses or to the restoration of a Participant’s Individual Accounts pursuant to Plan Section 4.01(B)(4). Forfeitures that are reallocated to Participants’ Individual Accounts need not be reallocated to the same contribution source from which they were forfeited. Forfeitures of Excess Aggregate Contributions will not be allocated to the Account of a Highly Compensated Employee.

D. Timing of Plan Contributions – The Plan Contributions made by an Employer for each Plan Year shall be deposited into the Plan within the time period permitted by law or regulation for such contributions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Plan Contributions may be deposited during the Plan Year for which they are being made.

E. Return of the Plan Contribution to the Employer Under Special Circumstances – Any contribution made by the Employer because of a mistake of fact must be returned to the Employer within one year of the contribution.

3.06 QUALIFIED NONELECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

The Employer may elect to make Qualified Nonelective Contributions under the Plan. The amount of such contribution, if any, to the Plan for each Plan Year, shall be determined by the Employer. Qualified Nonelective Contributions will be allocated to the Individual Accounts of non-Highly Compensated Employees who are eligible Participants following any allocation formula permitted under the law or regulation for purposes of satisfying the Actual Contribution Percentage test. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no allocation shall be required in excess of the amount required to satisfy the Actual Contribution Percentage test. Qualified Nonelective Contributions may be made during the Plan Year for which they are being made, however, the Employer must adhere to the eligibility requirements applicable to Matching Contributions, including a forfeiture of allocations where such eligibility requirements are not satisfied.

If the minimum coverage test is performed after any Plan Contribution has been allocated and the Plan fails the minimum coverage test, the Employer shall make an additional contribution to the Plan on behalf of those Participants that are entitled thereto pursuant to items (a) through (j) above. The amount of the contribution for such Participants shall be determined pursuant to the Plan’s allocation formula.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Employer may utilize the average benefits test in lieu of the ratio percentage test and the correction option described above, to satisfy minimum coverage.

Inclusion of Ineligible Employees – If any Employee who is not a Qualifying Participant is erroneously treated as a Qualifying Participant during a Plan Year, then the Employer must correct the inclusion of ineligible Employees using any method to the extent permitted under the Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System (EPCRS) or allowed by the IRS or DOL under regulations or other guidance. The EPCRS is currently described in IRS Revenue Procedure 2006-27.

Exclusion of Eligible Participant – If in any Plan Year, any Participant is erroneously excluded and discovery of such exclusion is not made until after the Plan Contribution has been made and allocated, then the Employer must correct the exclusion of eligible Employees using any method to the extent permitted under the Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System (EPCRS) or allowed by the IRS or DOL under regulations or other guidance. The EPCRS is currently described in IRS Revenue Procedure 2006-27.

Allocation of Forfeitures – Forfeitures may be, at the Employer’s discretion, applied first to the payment of the Plan’s administrative expenses in accordance with Plan Section 7.04 or applied to the restoration of Participant’s Individual Accounts pursuant to Plan Section 4.01(B)(4). Unless the Adoption Agreement indicates otherwise, any remaining Forfeitures shall be used to reduce Plan Contributions.

Forfeitures must be applied as of the last day of the Plan Year in which the Forfeitures arose or, if necessary, any subsequent Plan Year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Forfeitures must be applied in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner if applied either to the payment of the Plan’s administrative expenses or to the restoration of a Participant’s Individual Accounts pursuant to Plan Section 4.01(B)(4). Forfeitures that are reallocated to Participants’ Individual Accounts need not be reallocated to the same contribution source from which they were forfeited. Forfeitures of Excess Aggregate Contributions will not be allocated to the Account of a Highly Compensated Employee.

Timing of Plan Contributions – The Plan Contributions made by an Employer for each Plan Year shall be deposited into the Plan within the time period permitted by law or regulation for such contributions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Plan Contributions may be deposited during the Plan Year for which they are being made.

Return of the Plan Contribution to the Employer Under Special Circumstances – Any contribution made by the Employer because of a mistake of fact must be returned to the Employer within one year of the contribution.

QUALIFIED NONELECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

The Employer may elect to make Qualified Nonelective Contributions under the Plan. The amount of such contribution, if any, to the Plan for each Plan Year, shall be determined by the Employer. Qualified Nonelective Contributions will be allocated to the Individual Accounts of non-Highly Compensated Employees who are eligible Participants following any allocation formula permitted under the law or regulation for purposes of satisfying the Actual Contribution Percentage test. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no allocation shall be required in excess of the amount required to satisfy the Actual Contribution Percentage test. Qualified Nonelective Contributions may be made during the Plan Year for which they are being made, however, the Employer must adhere to the eligibility requirements applicable to Matching Contributions, including a forfeiture of allocations where such eligibility requirements are not satisfied.

If the minimum coverage test is performed after any Plan Contribution has been allocated and the Plan fails the minimum coverage test, the Employer shall make an additional contribution to the Plan on behalf of those Participants that are entitled thereto pursuant to items (a) through (j) above. The amount of the contribution for such Participants shall be determined pursuant to the Plan’s allocation formula.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Employer may utilize the average benefits test in lieu of the ratio percentage test and the correction option described above, to satisfy minimum coverage.
3.07 ROLLER
Unless otherwise indicated in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant may make Indirect Rollover and/or Direct Rollover contributions to the Plan from distributions made from other plans to the extent permitted by Code Section 403 and related law or regulations. The Plan Administrator may require the Participant or prior plan to certify, either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL, and to produce documentation regarding the prior plan establishing that the contribution qualifies as a rollover contribution under the applicable provisions of the Code or regulations.

A separate account shall be maintained by the Plan Administrator for each Participant's rollover contributions, which will be nonforfeitable at all times. Such account will share in the income and gains and losses of the Funding Vehicles in which invested in the manner described in Plan Section 7.02(A). Only Participants in the Plan may make rollover contributions to this Plan.

3.08 PLAN-TO-PLAN TRANSFER CONTRIBUTIONS

1. If elected in the Adoption Agreement, the Plan may receive any amounts transferred to it on behalf of an Employee from another Code Section 403(b) plan, unless an Employee is either employed by a Related Employer that does not participate in this Plan or a member of any excluded class of Employees listed in Adoption Agreement Section Two. Whether any particular transfer may be accepted by the Plan, and the procedures for the receipt of such transfers by the Plan, will be determined by the requirements of Treasury Regulation 1.411(d)-4, Q&A-3, Treasury Regulation 1.403(b)-10(b)(3), and other rules promulgated by the IRS. The Plan Administrator and any Vendor accepting such transferred amounts may require that the transfer be in cash or other property acceptable to it. The Plan Administrator or any Vendor accepting such transferred amounts may require such documentation from the other plan as it deems necessary to effectuate the transfer in accordance with Treasury Regulation 1.403(b)-10(b)(3) and to confirm that the other plan is a plan that satisfies the requirements of Code Section 403(b).

2. The amount to be transferred shall be credited to the Participant's Individual Account, so that the Participant 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 immediately before the transfer. A separate subaccount shall be maintained by the Plan Administrator for each Employee's transfer contributions, which will be nonforfeitable at all times. Such account will share in the income and gains and losses of the Funding Vehicles in which invested. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Employee's separate account established solely on account of an event described in Code Section 414(j)(1) shall continue to be subject to the Plan's vesting schedule except as otherwise provided therein.

3. To the extent any amount transferred is subject to any distribution restrictions required under Code Section 403(b) and Treasury Regulation 1.403(b)-6, distribution restrictions under the Plan which apply to the Participant or Beneficiary whose assets are being transferred will not be less stringent than those imposed under the transferor plan. The transferred amount shall not be considered an Elective Deferral under the Plan in determining the maximum deferral under Plan Section Three.

3.09 NONDEDUCTIBLE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS

If the Adopting Employer so allows in the Adoption Agreement, each Employee who satisfies the eligibility requirements specified in Adoption Agreement Section Two for making Elective Deferrals, and who is not a member of an excluded class of Employees as specified in Adoption Agreement Section Two, Part C, may contribute Nondeductible Employee Contributions to the Plan by enrolling as a Contributing Participant pursuant to the applicable provisions of Plan Section 3.01. The Employer shall establish uniform and nondiscriminatory rules and procedures for Nondeductible Employee Contributions as it deems necessary and advisable including, but not limited to, rules describing any amounts or percentages of Compensation Participants may or must contribute to the Plan. Nondeductible Employee Contributions together with any Matching Contributions, will be limited so as to satisfy the Actual not limited to, rules describing any amounts or percentages of Compensation Participants may or must contribute to the Plan.

A separate account shall be maintained by the Plan Administrator for the Nondeductible Employee Contributions of each Participant.

3.10 LIMITATION ON ALLOCATIONS

A. The Participant, not the Employer that makes a contribution, is deemed to maintain any annuity contract or custodial account approved by the Employer for use under this Plan for purposes of applying the limitation under Code Section 415(c), except as set forth in Plan Section 3.10(B) below.

The following rules apply to such a Participant:

1. The amount of Annual Additions which may be credited to the Participant's Individual Account for any Limitation Year will not exceed the Maximum Permissible Amount, reduced by the Annual Additions credited to a Participant under any other 403(b) annuity contract or custodial account which is deemed under Treasury Regulation 1.415(c)-1(f) to be maintained by the Participant. If the Annual Additions with respect to the Participant under the other annuity contracts or custodial accounts are less than the Maximum Permissible Amount and the amounts that would otherwise be contributed or allocated to the Participant's Individual Account under this Plan would cause the Annual Additions for the Limitation Year to exceed the Maximum Permissible Amount, the amount contributed or allocated will be reduced so that the Annual Additions under all such annuity contracts or custodial accounts for the Limitation Year will equal the Maximum Permissible Amount. If the Annual Additions with respect to the Participant under the other annuity contracts or custodial accounts are equal to or greater than the Maximum Permissible Amount, no amount will be contributed or allocated to the Participant's Individual Account under this Plan for the Limitation Year.
2. Before determining the Participant's actual Includible Compensation for the Limitation Year, the Employer may determine the maximum Permissible Amount for a Participant on the basis of a reasonable estimate of the Participant’s Includible Compensation for the Limitation Year, uniformly determined for all Participants similarly situated.

3. As soon as is administratively feasible after the end of the Limitation Year, the maximum Permissible Amount for the Limitation Year will be determined on the basis of the Participant's actual Includible Compensation for the Limitation Year.

4. If, pursuant to Paragraph (3) above or as a result of the allocation of Forfeitures or a reasonable error in determining a Participant's Elective Deferrals or any other circumstance permitted under the rules promulgated by the IRS, a Participant’s Annual Additions under this Plan and such other contracts or accounts would result in Excess Annual Additions for the Limitation Year, the Excess Annual Additions will be deemed to consist of the Annual Additions last allocated.

5. If Excess Annual Additions were allocated to a Participant on an allocation date of this Plan which coincides with an allocation date of another contract or account, the Excess Annual Additions attributed to this Plan will be the product of:
   i. the total Excess Annual Additions allocated as of such date, multiplied by
   ii. the ratio of (i) the Annual Additions allocated to the Participant for the Limitation Year as of such date under this Plan to (ii) the total Annual Additions allocated to the Participant for the Limitation Year as of such date under this and all the other annuity contracts and custodial accounts.

6. Any Excess Annual Additions allocated to a Participant under this Plan are included in a Participant’s gross income and must be separately accounted for under Plan Section 7.02(3) and may be distributed pursuant to Treasury Regulation 1.403(b)-4(f).

B. If a Participant is considered to be in control of an employer for a Limitation Year (regardless of whether the employer controlled by the Participant is the Employer maintaining this Plan in which the Participant participates), the plans in which the Participant participates are treated as defined contribution plans maintained by both the controlled employer and the Participant for that Limitation Year. Accordingly, those plans are aggregated with all other defined contribution plans maintained by that employer.

Further, in such case, the plans are aggregated with all other defined contribution plans maintained by the Participant or any other employer that is controlled by the Participant. A Participant is considered to be in control of an employer for a Limitation Year if, pursuant to Treasury Regulations 1.415(a)-1(f)(1) and (2), a plan maintained by that employer would have to be aggregated with a plan maintained by an employer that is 100% owned by the Participant. If contributions to this Plan are aggregated with a qualified plan of a controlled employer, this Plan and the qualified plan must satisfy the limitation of Code Section 415(c) both separately and on an aggregate basis.

With respect to the Participant, that means that Subsection (A) above must be satisfied. For purposes of applying the separate limitations, compensation from a controlled employer other than the Employer purchasing the Funding Vehicle may not be aggregated with compensation from the Employer purchasing the Funding Vehicle. The following rules apply to such a Participant with respect to applying the limits on an aggregate basis:

1. The amount of Annual Additions which may be credited to the Participant’s Individual Account for any Limitation Year will not exceed the Maximum Permissible Amount, reduced by the Annual Additions credited to a Participant under any other 403(b) annuity contract or custodial account which is deemed under Treasury Regulation 1.415(a)-1(f) to be maintained by the Participant and any qualified defined contribution plans maintained by such a controlled employer. If the Annual Additions with respect to the Participant under those other annuity contracts or custodial accounts and defined contribution plans are less than the Maximum Permissible Amount, the amounts that would otherwise be contributed or allocated to the Participant’s Individual Account under this Plan would cause the Annual Additions for the Limitation Year to exceed the Maximum Permissible Amount, the amount contributed or allocated to the annuity contracts or custodial accounts under this Plan will be reduced so that the Annual Additions under all such annuity contracts or custodial accounts and defined contribution plans for the Limitation Year will equal the Maximum Permissible Amount. If the Annual Additions with respect to the Participant under the other annuity contracts or custodial accounts and defined contribution plans are equal to or greater than the Maximum Permissible Amount, no amount will be contributed or allocated to the Participant’s Individual Account under this Plan for the Limitation Year.

2. Before determining the Participant’s actual Includible Compensation for the Limitation Year, the Employer may determine the maximum Permissible Amount for a Participant on the basis of a reasonable estimate of the Participant’s Includible Compensation for the Limitation Year, uniformly determined for all Participants similarly situated.

3. As soon as is administratively feasible after the end of the Limitation Year, the maximum Permissible Amount for the Limitation Year will be determined on the basis of the Participant’s actual Includible Compensation for the Limitation Year.

4. If, pursuant to Paragraph (3) above or as a result of the allocation of Forfeitures or a reasonable error in determining a Participant’s Elective Deferrals or any other circumstance permitted under the rules promulgated by the IRS, a Participant’s Annual Additions under this Plan and such other contracts or accounts would result in Excess Annual Additions for the Limitation Year, the Excess Annual Additions will be deemed to consist of the Annual Additions last allocated to this Plan.

5. If Excess Annual Additions were allocated to a Participant on an allocation date of this Plan which coincides with an allocation date of another contract or account, the Excess Annual Additions attributed to this Plan will be the product of:
   i. the total Excess Annual Additions allocated as of such date, multiplied by
   ii. the ratio of (i) the Annual Additions allocated to the Participant for the Limitation Year as of such date under this Plan to (ii) the total Annual Additions allocated to the Participant for the Limitation Year as of such date under this and all other annuity contracts and custodial accounts and defined contribution plans.
6. Any Excess Annual Additions allocated to a Participant under this Plan are included in a Participant's gross income and must be separately accounted for under Plan Section 7.02(B), and may be distributed pursuant to Treasury Regulation 1.403(b)-4(f).

C. The Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System of the Internal Revenue Service or such other correction method allowed by statute, regulations, or regulatory authorities may be used to make corrections necessary because of a failure to comply with this Section.

D. This provision shall be administered in accordance with Treasury Regulations issued under Code Section 415 and those regulations are incorporated into this Plan to the extent inconsistent with or not covered by the foregoing provisions.

3.11 Actual Contribution Percentage Test (ACP)

Limits on Highly Compensated Employees – The Actual Contribution Percentage (ACP) for Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees for each Plan Year and the ACP for Participants who are non-Highly Compensated Employees for the same Plan Year must satisfy the requirements under Code Section 401(m) and the regulations thereunder.

SECTION FOUR: VESTING AND FORFEITURES

4.01 Determining the Vested Portion of Participant Individual Accounts

A. Determining the Vested Portion – In determining the Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account, the following rules apply:

1. Plan Contributions – The Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account derived from Plan Contributions is determined by applying the vesting schedule(s) selected in Adoption Agreement Section Four, Part A except as otherwise provided in this Plan Section 4.01(A).

2. Other Contributions – A Participant is fully Vested in their rollover contributions and transfer contributions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Participant shall not be fully Vested in their Individual Account solely on account of a transaction described in Code Section 414(l), except as otherwise provided therein. The Participant's accrued benefit derived from Elective Deferrals, Nondeductible Employee Contributions, Mandatory Employee Contributions, and ACP Safe Harbor Contributions, is also nonforfeitable. Separate accounts for Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals, Roth Elective Deferrals, Nondeductible Employee Contributions, Mandatory Employee Contributions, Matching Contributions, and Employer Contributions will be maintained for each Participant. Each account will be credited with the applicable contributions and earnings thereon.

3. Fully Vested Under Certain Circumstances – A Participant is fully Vested in their Individual Account if any of the following occurs:

   a. the Participant reaches Normal Retirement Age;
   b. the Participant incurs a Disability;
   c. the Participant dies;
   d. the Participant satisfies the conditions for Early Retirement Age (if applicable);
   e. the Plan is terminated or partially terminated as defined by rules promulgated by the IRS; or
   f. there exists a complete discontinuance of contributions under the Plan.

   The portion of an Employee's Individual Account attributable to Plan Contributions that are made based on their imputed Compensation on account of incurring a Disability shall be fully Vested at all times. In the case of a partial termination, only those Employees who are affected by the partial termination of the Plan shall become fully Vested.

4. Participants in a Prior Plan – If a Participant was a participant in a Prior Plan on the Effective Date, the Participant's Vested percentage shall not be less than it would have been under such Prior Plan as computed on the Effective Date.

5. Additional ACP Safe Harbor Matching Contributions – Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, additional ACP Safe Harbor Matching Contributions made under Plan Section 3.01(D), item 3 will be Vested as indicated in the vesting schedule in the Adoption Agreement, but, in any event, such contributions shall be fully Vested upon an Employee's attainment of Normal Retirement Age, upon the Employee's death, upon the Employee incurring a Disability, upon an Employee satisfying the conditions for Early Retirement Age (if applicable), upon the complete or partial termination of the Plan, or upon the complete discontinuance of Plan Contributions.

B. Severance from Employment – If a Participant incurs a Severance from Employment, any portion of their Individual Account that is not Vested shall be held in a suspense account. Such suspense account shall share in any increase or decrease in the fair market value of the assets of the Funding Vehicles in which invested in accordance with Plan Section 7.02(A). The disposition of such suspense account shall be as follows.
1. **Cash out of Certain Terminated Participants** — The value of the Vested portion of the Participant’s Individual Account must remain in the Plan until the Participant is entitled to and requests a distribution. If the Employer elects in the Adoption Agreement to have the cashout distribution provisions in this Plan Section 4.01(B)(1) apply and the Vested value of a terminated Participant’s Individual Account does not exceed $1,000 or such other amount specified in the Adoption Agreement, the Vested value of the Participant’s Individual Account shall be paid from the Plan pursuant to Plan Sections 5.01(B) and 5.04(A), subject to a uniform and non-discriminatory policy established by the Plan Administrator. The portion which is not Vested shall be treated as a Forfeiture and applied in accordance with Plan Section 3.05(C). If a Participant would have received the Vested portion of their Individual Account pursuant to the previous sentence but for the fact that the Participant’s Vested Individual Account exceeded the cashout amount when the Participant severed employment, and if at a later time such Individual Account is reduced such that it is not greater than the cashout level, the Vested portion of the Participant’s Individual Account will be paid from the Plan and the portion which is not Vested shall be treated as a Forfeiture and applied in accordance with Plan Section 3.05(C). For purposes of this Section, if the value of the Vested portion of a Participant’s Individual Account is zero, the Participant shall be deemed to have received a distribution of such Vested Individual Account.

2. **Terminated Participants Who Elect to Receive Distributions** — If such terminated Participant elects to receive a distribution, of the entire Vested portion of their Individual Account in accordance with Plan Section 5.01(B)(2), the portion which is not Vested shall be treated as a Forfeiture. Such Forfeiture shall be applied in accordance with Plan Section 3.05(C). If such terminated Participant elects to receive a partial distribution of their Vested Individual Account, no Forfeiture may occur until the Participant elects to receive the remaining portion of their Vested Individual Account.

3. **Special Rules for Annuities** — For purposes of this Plan Section Four, if the Participant’s Individual Account is invested in an annuity contract, the contract will be returned to the Issuer and amended to provide for a transfer of ownership in the Vested portion of the Individual Account, if any, to the Participant. Upon transfer of ownership, the Participant shall be deemed to have received a distribution of such Vested Individual Account.

4. **Reemployed Participants Who Received Distributions** — If such Participant is deemed to receive a distribution pursuant to Plan Section 4.01(B)(1) and the Participant subsequently resumes employment before the date the Participant incurs five consecutive Breaks in Vesting Service, upon the reemployment of such Participant, the Employer-derived Individual Account balance will be restored to the amount on the date of the deemed distribution. If such Participant receives a distribution pursuant to Plan Section 4.01(B)(1) or (2) and the Participant subsequently resumes employment, the Participant’s Employer-derived Individual 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 before the earlier of:
   a. five years after the first date on which the Participant is subsequently re-employed by the Employer, or
   b. the date the Participant incurs five consecutive Breaks in Vesting Service following the date of the distribution.

   Any restoration of a Participant’s Individual Account pursuant to this Plan Section 4.01(B)(4) shall be made from other Forfeitures, income or gain to the suspense account or contributions made by the Employer.

5. **Reemployed Participants Who Did Not Receive Distributions** — If such Participant neither receives nor is deemed to receive a distribution pursuant to Plan Section 4.01(B)(1) (2) or (3) and the Participant returns to the service of the Employer before incurring five consecutive Breaks in Vesting Service, there shall be no Forfeiture. Rather, the amount in such suspense account shall be restored to such Participant’s Individual Account.

C. **Vesting Breaks in Service**

1. **Vesting of Pre-Break Accruals** — Years of Vesting Service credited after a Participant incurs five consecutive Breaks in Vesting Service shall be disregarded in determining the Vested portion of such Participant’s Individual Account that was accrued before the five consecutive Breaks in Vesting Service. If a Participant who has neither received a distribution nor has been deemed to receive a distribution incurs five consecutive Breaks in Vesting Service, the portion of the Participant’s Individual Account which is not Vested shall be treated as a Forfeiture and applied in accordance with Plan Section 3.05(C).

2. **Vesting of Post-Break Accruals** — Years of Vesting Service credited before a Break in Vesting Service shall apply for purposes of determining the Vested portion of a Participant’s Individual Account that is accrued after such Break in Vesting Service.

D. **Distribution Prior to Full Vesting** — If a distribution is made to a Participant who was not then fully Vested in their Employer-derived Individual Account balance and if the Participant may increase their Vested percentage in their Individual Account, then the following rules shall apply:

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 Vested portion of the separate account will be equal to an amount (“X”) determined in accordance with the standard formula described below unless the Employer chooses, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, to apply the alternative formula.

   Standard Formula: \( X = P \times (AB + (R \times D)) - (R \times D) \)

   Alternative Formula: \( X = P \times (AH + D) - D \)

   For purposes of the standard and alternative formulas described above, "P" is the Vested percentage at the relevant time; "AB" is the separate account balance at the relevant time; "D" is the amount of the distribution; and "R" is the ratio of the separate account balance at the relevant time to the separate account balance after distribution.
4.02 DISTRIBUTIONS AND VESTING OF MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

Matching Contributions shall be Vested in accordance with the vesting schedule for Matching Contributions in the Adoption Agreement but shall be fully Vested as set forth in Plan Section 4.01(A)(3). Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Plan, Matching Contributions must be forfeited if the contributions to which they relate are Excess Elective Deferrals (unless the Excess Elective Deferrals are for non-Highly Compensated Employees, in which event the Plan Administrator shall have discretion as to whether such amounts will be forfeited), Excess Aggregate Contributions, Excess Annual Additions which are distributed pursuant to Plan Section 5.01(A)(4) or permissible withdrawals which are distributed pursuant to Plan Section 5.01(A)(4). Such Forfeitures shall be allocated in accordance with Plan Section 3.05(C).

When a Participant incurs a Severance from Employment, whether a Forfeiture arises with respect to Matching Contributions shall be determined in accordance with Plan Section 4.04(B).

SECTION FIVE: DISTRIBUTIONS

5.01 DISTRIBUTIONS

A. Eligibility for Distributions

1. Entitlement to Distribution - If elected in the Adoption Agreement, the Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account attributable to Plan Contributions (including ACP Safe Harbor Matching Contributions and Mandatory Employee Contributions) shall be distributable to the Participant upon: (1) the Participant satisfying the distribution events specified in the Adoption Agreement, (2) the Participant's Severance from Employment after attaining Normal Retirement Age, and (3) if the Plan designates an Early Retirement Age, the Participant's Severance from Employment after satisfying any Early Retirement Age conditions. If a Participant incurs a Severance from Employment before satisfying the age requirement, but has satisfied the service requirement of the Early Retirement Age conditions (if any), the Participant will be entitled to elect an early retirement benefit upon satisfying such age requirement. If a Participant who is entitled to a distribution is not legally competent to request or consent to a distribution, the Participant's court-appointed guardian, an attorney in fact acting under a valid power of attorney, or any other individual or entity authorized under state law to act on behalf of the Participant, may request and accept a distribution of the Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account under this Plan Section 5.01(A).

All distributions are subject to the applicable Individual Agreements.

2. Special Requirements for Certain 403(b) Contributions - Notwithstanding the prior provisions of this Plan Section Five, Part A, Elective Deferrals, Qualified Nonelective Contributions, and income allocable to each, are not distributable to a Participant or their Beneficiary or Beneficiaries, in accordance with such Participant's or Beneficiaries' election, earlier than upon the Participant's Severance from Employment, death, or Disability, except as listed below.

Such amounts may also be distributed upon any one of the following events:

a. existence of a hardship incurred by the Participant as described in Plan Section 5.01(C)(3)(b), if elected in the Adoption Agreement; or
b. attainment of age 59 1/2, if elected in the Adoption Agreement.

All distributions that may be made pursuant to one or more of the foregoing distribution eligibility requirements are subject to the spousal and Participant consent requirements (if applicable) contained in ERISA Section 205 and the Individual Agreements.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, ACP Safe Harbor Contributions may not be distributed earlier than Severance from Employment, death, Disability, an event described in Code Section 401(k)(10), or the attainment of age 59 1/2.

If both Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals and Roth Elective Deferrals were made for a year, the Plan Administrator, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, may establish operational procedures, including ordering rules as permitted under the law and related regulations and the Individual Agreements which specify whether distributions, including corrective distributions, of Excess Elective Deferrals, Excess Aggregate Contributions, or Excess Annual Additions, will consist of a Participant's Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals, Roth Elective Deferrals, or a combination of both, to the extent such type of Elective Deferral was made for the year. The operational procedures may include an option for Participants to designate whether the distribution is being made from Pre-Tax or Roth Elective Deferrals.

3. Special Requirements for Annuity Contracts and Custodial Accounts - Notwithstanding the provisions in Plan Sections 5.01(A)(1) and (2) above, the Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account attributable to Employer Contributions and Matching Contributions (including earnings thereof) in annuity contracts issued as of the close of the taxable year beginning before January 1, 2009, and Elective Deferrals (including earnings thereof) in annuity contracts as of the close of the taxable year beginning after December 31, 1988, shall be distributable at any time, to the extent permitted in the Prior Plan, the annuity contract, and the Internal Revenue Code, if the Adoption Agreement so provides. Notwithstanding the foregoing, amounts transferred from a custodial account to an annuity contract must retain the more stringent withdrawal restrictions applicable under the custodial account and may not be distributable in accordance with this paragraph.

Notwithstanding the prior paragraph, unless the distribution is one to which Code Section 72(m)(7) applies (concerning qualified reservist distributions), distributions from a custodial account that is approved by an Employer for use under the Plan of a Participant's Individual Account that is not attributable to Elective Deferrals may not be paid to a Participant before the Participant has a Severance from Employment, dies, becomes disabled (within the meaning of Code Section 72(m)(7)), or attains age 59 1/2.
4. **Special Requirements for EACA Contributions** – Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless otherwise elected in Adoption Agreement Section Three, Part A, and subject to the Individual Agreements, contributions made to the Plan under an EACA described in Plan Section 3.01(B) may be distributed as permissible withdrawals in accordance with the following conditions:

   a. The permissible withdrawal is made pursuant to an election by the Eligible Employee;
   b. The election made by the Eligible Employee is made no later than the date which is 90 days after the date of the first Elective Deferral of such Eligible Employee made under the EACA provisions; and
   c. The permissible withdrawal consists both of the Elective Deferrals made to the Plan under the EACA provisions and any earnings attributable to those Elective Deferrals.

Elective Deferrals withdrawn from the Plan in accordance with this Section will be subject to rules promulgated by the IRS relating to such withdrawals (for example, whether Matching Contributions related to those Elective Deferrals will be forfeited or will be excluded from nondiscrimination testing).

5. **Distribution Exceptions.**

   a. **Excess Elective Deferrals** – None of the prior provisions of this Plan Section 5.01(A) shall prevent distribution in the case of correction of Excess Elective Deferrals as permitted by Treasury Regulation 1.403(b)-4(f).
   b. **Plan Termination** – None of the prior provisions of this Plan Section 5.01(A) shall prevent distribution in the case of plan termination as permitted by Treasury Regulation 1.403(b)-10(a).

6. **Distribution Request; When Distributed** – A Participant or Beneficiary entitled to a distribution who wishes to receive a distribution must submit a request (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL to the Plan Administrator. If required in writing, such request shall be made upon a form provided or approved by the Plan Administrator. Upon a valid request, if applicable, the Plan Administrator shall direct the Vendors to commence distribution as soon as administratively feasible after the request is received, except as otherwise provided in the Adoption Agreement.

Distributions will be made based on the value of the Vested portion of the Individual Account available at the time of actual distribution. To the extent the distribution request is for an amount greater than the Individual Account, the Vendors shall be entitled to distribute the entire Vested portion of the Individual Account.

**B. Distributions Upon Severance from Employment**

1. **Value of Individual Account Does Not Exceed the Cashout Level** – Unless elected in the Adoption Agreement, the rules in this paragraph will not apply. If the Adopting Employer elects in Adoption Agreement Section Five, Part A to have the cashout distribution provisions in this Plan Section 5.01(B)(1) apply and if the value of the Vested portion of a Participant’s Individual Account does not exceed the cashout level, as elected in the Adoption Agreement, the following rules shall apply regarding Plan Section 4.01(B)(1). If the distribution of the value of the Vested portion of a Participant’s Individual Account does not qualify as an Eligible Rollover Distribution, distribution from the Plan may be made to the Participant in a single lump sum in lieu of all other forms of distribution under the Plan following the Participant’s Severance from Employment in accordance with a uniform and nondiscriminatory operational schedule established by the Plan Administrator. If elected in the Adoption Agreement, if the value of the Vested portion of a Participant’s Individual Account does not exceed $1,000 and qualifies as an Eligible Rollover Distribution, and the Participant does not elect to have such distribution paid directly to an Eligible Retirement Plan specified by the Participant in a Direct Rollover or to receive the distribution in accordance with this Plan Section Five, distribution shall be made to the Participant in a single lump sum in lieu of all other forms of distribution under the Plan. If the value of the Vested portion of a Participant’s Individual Account exceeds $1,000 and qualifies as an Eligible Rollover Distribution, and 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 in accordance with this Plan Section Five, distribution shall be paid by the Plan Administrator in a Direct Rollover to an individual retirement account (as described in Code Section 408(a), 408(b) or 408A) designated by the Plan Administrator. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Participant is reemployed by the Employer prior to the occurrence of the distribution, no distribution will be made under this paragraph. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where no election is available in the Adoption Agreement, the value of the Vested portion of the Participant’s Individual Account must remain in the Plan until the Participant is entitled to and requests a distribution, unless otherwise provided in another provision of this Plan. The value of the Participant’s Vested Individual Account for purposes of this paragraph shall be determined by including 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).

2. **Individual Account Balances Exceeding Cashout Level** – If distribution in the form of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity is required with respect to a Participant and either the value of the Participant’s Vested Individual Account exceeds the cashout level (or a cashout level has not been selected in the Adoption Agreement) or there are remaining payments to be made with respect to a particular distribution option that previously commenced, and if the Individual Account is immediately distributable, the Participant must consent to any distribution of such Individual Account.

If distribution in the form of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity is not required with respect to a Participant and the value of such Participant’s Vested Individual Account exceeds $5,000, and if the Individual Account is immediately distributable, the Participant must consent to any distribution of such Individual Account.
The consent of the Participant and the Participant's Spouse shall be obtained (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) within the 180-day period ending on the Annuity Starting Date. The Plan Administrator shall notify the Participant and the Participant's Spouse of the right to defer any distribution until the Participant's Individual Account is no longer immediately distributable. Such notification shall 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 in a manner that would satisfy the notice requirements of ERISA Section 205, and shall be provided no less than 30 days and no more than 180 days before the Annuity Starting Date.

If a distribution is one to which the joint and survivor annuity requirements of Plan Section 5.10 do not apply, such distribution may commence less than 30 days after the notice required under ERISA Section 205, provided that:

i. the Plan Administrator clearly informs the Participant that the Participant 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

ii. the Participant, after receiving the notice, affirmatively elects a distribution.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, only the Participant need consent to the commencement of a distribution which is either made in the form of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity or is made from a Plan which meets the Retirement Equity Act safe harbor rules of Plan Section 5.10(E), while the Individual Account is immediately distributable. Neither the consent of the Participant nor the Participant's Spouse shall be required to the extent that a distribution is required to satisfy Code Section 415 for Excess Annual Additions that are not separately accounted for. In addition, upon termination of this Plan, if the Plan does not offer an annuity option (purchased from a commercial provider), the Participant's Individual Account may, without the Participant's consent, be distributed to the Participant or transferred to another defined contribution plan (other than an employee stock ownership plan as defined in Code Section 4975(e)(7)) within the same controlled group.

An Individual Account is immediately distributable if any part of the Individual Account could be distributed to the Participant (or surviving Spouse) before the Participant attains or would have attained (if not deceased) the later of Normal Retirement Age or age 62.

C. Distributions During Employment

1. In-Service Withdrawals

   a. Pre-2009 Distributions from Annuity Contracts – If Adoption Agreement Section Five, Part A so indicates, and subject to the Individual Agreements, a Participant who is not otherwise eligible to receive a distribution of their Individual Account may elect to receive an in-service distribution of all or part of the Vested portion of their Individual Account attributable to Matching Contributions and Employer Contributions from annuity contracts issued before January 1, 2009, subject to the requirements of Plan Section 5.10.

   b. Post-2008 Distributions from Annuity Contracts – If Adoption Agreement Section Five, Part A so indicates, and subject to the Individual Agreements, a Participant who is not otherwise eligible to receive a distribution of their Individual Account may elect to receive an in-service distribution of all or part of the Vested portion of their Individual Account attributable to Matching Contributions and Employer Contributions from annuity contracts issued after December 31, 2008 if the Participant has participated in the Plan for five or more years and the requirements of Plan Section 5.10 are satisfied.

2. Hardship Withdrawals

   a. Hardship Withdrawals of Matching Contributions and Employer Contributions from Annuity Contracts – If elected in Adoption Agreement Section Five, Part A, and to the extent permitted by the Individual Agreements, a Participant may elect to receive a hardship distribution of all or part of the Vested portion of their Individual Account attributable to Plan Contributions (other than those described in Plan Section 5.01(C)(2)(c)) from annuity contracts other than those described in Plan Section 5.01(A)(2), subject to the requirements of Plan Section 5.10.

   For purposes of this Plan Section 5.01(C)(2)(c), hardship is defined as an immediate and heavy financial need of the Participant where such Participant lacks other available resources. Financial needs considered immediate and heavy include, but are not limited to, 1) expenses incurred or necessary for medical care, described in Code Section 213(d), of the Employee, the Employee's primary Beneficiary, the Employee's Spouse or dependents, 2) the purchase (excluding mortgage payments) of a principal residence for the Employee, 3) payment of tuition and related educational fees for the next 12 months of post-secondary education for the Employee, the Employee's primary Beneficiary, the Employee's Spouse, children or dependents, 4) payment to prevent the eviction of the Employee from, or foreclosure on the mortgage of, the Employee's principal residence, 5) funeral or burial expenses for the Participant's deceased parent, Spouse, primary Beneficiary, child or dependent, and 6) payment to repair damage to the Employee's principal residence that would qualify for a casualty loss deduction under Code Section 165 (determined without regard to whether the loss exceeds 10 percent of adjusted gross income).

   A distribution will be considered necessary to satisfy an immediate and heavy financial need of the Employee only if:

   (1) the Employee has obtained all distributions, other than hardship distributions, and all nontaxable loans available under all plans maintained by the Employer;

   (2) 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).
b. **Hardship Withdrawals of Elective Deferrals from Annuity Contracts and Custodial Accounts** – If elected in Adoption Agreement Section Five, Part A, and to the extent permitted by the Individual Agreements, distribution of Elective Deferrals (including Qualified Nonelective Contributions that are treated as Elective Deferrals and any earnings credited to a Participant's account as of the later of December 31, 1988, and the end of the last Plan Year ending before July 1, 1989) may be made to a Participant in the event of hardship. For the purposes of this Plan Section 5.01(C)(2)(b), hardship is defined as an immediate and heavy financial need of the Employee where the distribution is needed to satisfy the immediate and heavy financial need of such Employee. Hardship distributions are subject to the spousal consent requirements contained in ERISA Section 205, if applicable.

For purposes of determining whether a Participant has a hardship, rules similar to those described in Plan Section 5.01(C)(2)(a) shall apply except that only the listed financial needs shall be considered. In addition, a distribution will be considered as necessary to satisfy an immediate and heavy financial need of the Employee only if all plans maintained by the Employer provide that the Employee's Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) will be suspended for six months.

3. **Transfers from the Plan** – Nothing in this Plan shall prohibit the Plan Administrator from permitting (or prohibiting) a Participant to transfer their Individual Accounts to other eligible plans, provided such transfers are permitted (or prohibited) in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner. The Plan Administrator and any Vendor accepting such transferred amounts may require that the transfer be in cash or other property acceptable to it.

D. **Miscellaneous Distribution Issues**

1. **Distribution of Rollovers, Transfers, Mandatory Employee Contributions and Nondeductible Employee Contributions** – The following rules shall apply with respect to entitlement to distribution of rollover, transfer, Mandatory and Nondeductible Employee Contributions:

   a. **Entitlement to Distribution of Rollovers and Transfers** – If elected in Adoption Agreement Section Five, Part A, rollover contributions (including rollovers and transfers of Nondeductible Employee Contributions) and earnings thereon may be distributed at any time upon request of the extent permitted by the Individual Agreements. The Plan Administrator shall be subject to the Plan's provisions governing distribution of Employer Contributions.

   b. **Distribution of Mandatory Employee Contributions** – Mandatory Employee Contributions will be subject to the Plan's provisions governing distribution of Employer Contributions.

   c. **Distribution of Nondeductible Employee Contributions** – A Participant may at any time, upon a request submitted to the Plan Administrator (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL), withdraw an amount from their Individual Account attributable to Nondeductible Employee Contributions (including earnings thereon) to the extent permitted by the Individual Agreements. In the event the portion of a Participant's Individual Account attributable to Nondeductible Employee Contributions experiences a loss such that the amount remaining in such subaccount is less than the amount of Nondeductible Employee Contributions made by the Participant, the maximum amount which the Participant may withdraw is an amount equal to the remaining portion of the Participant's Individual Account attributable to Nondeductible Employee Contributions.

   Notwithstanding the prior paragraph and unless the distribution is one to which Code Section 72(t)(3)(C) applies (concerning qualified reservist distributions), distributions from a custodial account approved by the Employer for use under the Plan of a Participant's Individual Account that is attributable to Nondeductible Employee Contributions (including earnings thereon) may not be paid to a Participant before the Participant has a Severance from Employment; dies, becomes disabled (within the meaning of Code Section 72(m)(7)), or attains age 59½.

   d. **Direct Rollovers of Eligible Rollover Distributions** – Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary that would otherwise limit a Recipient's election under this Plan Section 5.01(D)(1)(d), a Recipient 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 if the Plan Administrator permits in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner) paid directly to an Eligible Retirement Plan specified by the Recipient in a Direct Rollover. The Plan will also permit a non-Spouse Beneficiary to directly roll over his or her portion of the Individual Account to an inherited individual retirement arrangement (under Code Sections 408 or 408A). Such Direct Rollovers must otherwise qualify as an Eligible Rollover Distribution.

2. **Qualified Reservist Distributions** – If elected in the Adoption Agreement, and to the extent permitted by the Individual Agreements, Participants may take penalty-free qualified reservist distributions from the Plan. A qualified reservist distribution means any distribution to a Participant if 1) such distribution is made from Elective Deferrals, 2) such Participant was ordered or called to active duty for a period in excess of 179 days or for an indefinite period, and 3) such distribution is made during the period beginning on the date of such order or call and ending at the close of the active duty period. The Participant must have been ordered or called to active duty after September 11, 2001. Unless otherwise specified on Schedule C, Special Effective Dates, this Plan Section applies to distributions after September 11, 2001.
3. **Commencement of Benefits** – Notwithstanding any other provision, unless the Participant elects otherwise, distribution of benefits will begin no later than the 60th day after the latest of the close of the Plan Year in which
   a. the Participant attains age 65 (or Normal Retirement Age, if earlier),
   b. the Participant reaches the 10th anniversary of the year in which the Participant commenced participation in the Plan, or
   c. the Participant incurs a Severance from Employment.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the failure of a Participant (and Spouse, if applicable) to consent to a distribution within a benefit is immediately distributable, within the meaning of Plan Section 5.01(B)(2), shall be deemed to be an election to defer commencement of payment of any benefit sufficient to satisfy this Plan Section 5.01(D)(3).

### 5.02 FORM OF DISTRIBUTION TO A PARTICIPANT

If the value of the Vested portion of a Participant’s Individual Account exceeds $1,000 and the Participant has properly waived the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity (if applicable), as described in Plan Section 5.10, the Participant may request (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) that the Vested portion of the Individual Account be paid to them in one or more of the following forms of payment, as specified in the Adoption Agreement, and to the extent permitted by the Individual Agreement: 1) in a lump sum, 2) in a partial payment, 3) in installment payments over a period not to exceed the Life Expectancy of the Participant or the joint and last survivor Life Expectancy of the Participant and their Designated Beneficiary, or 4) in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) to the Plan Administrator. If required in writing, such request shall be made on a form provided by or approved by the Plan Administrator. Upon a valid request, if applicable, the Plan Administrator shall direct the Vendor to commence distribution as soon as administratively feasible after the request is received.

If the value of the Vested portion of a Participant’s Individual Account exceeds $5,000 and the Participant has properly waived the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity (if applicable), as described in Plan Section 5.10, the Participant may request (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) to the Plan Administrator. If required in writing, such request shall be made on a form provided by or approved by the Plan Administrator. In the event that a Participant wishes to designate a primary Beneficiary who is not their Spouse, the Participant’s Spouse must consent (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) to such designation, and the Participant’s consent must acknowledge the effect of such designation and be witnessed by a notary public or plan representative. Notwithstanding the consent requirement, if the Participant establishes to the satisfaction of the Plan Administrator that such written consent may not be obtained because there is no Spouse or the Spouse cannot be located, no consent shall be required. In addition, if the Participant is legally separated or the Participant has been abandoned (within the meaning of local law) and the Participant has a court order to such effect, spousal consent is not required unless a Qualified Domestic Relations Order provides otherwise. Any change of Beneficiary will require a new spousal consent to the extent required by the Code or Treasury Regulations.

In the event that a Participant fails to designate a Beneficiary, the rights of Beneficiaries will be determined under the Individual Agreements, to the extent applicable.

### 5.03 DISTRIBUTIONS UPON THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT

**A. Designation of Beneficiary – Spousal Consent** – Each Participant (or the Participant’s surviving Spouse) may designate, upon a form provided by or approved by and delivered to the Plan Administrator, one or more primary and contingent Beneficiaries to receive all or a specified portion of the Participant’s Individual Account in the event of their death. A Participant may change or revoke such Beneficiary designation by completing and delivering the proper form to the Plan Administrator. If the Participant designates a Spouse Beneficiary and the individual later ceases to be a Spouse, such designation of the individual who becomes an ex-Spouse (other than by death) will be deemed valid and the ex-Spouse shall have no rights as a Beneficiary unless redesignated as a Beneficiary by the Participant subsequent to becoming an ex-Spouse.

In the event that a Participant wishes to designate a primary Beneficiary who is not their Spouse, the Participant’s Spouse must consent (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) to such designation, and the Participant’s consent must acknowledge the effect of such designation and be witnessed by a notary public or plan representative. Notwithstanding the consent requirement, if the Participant establishes to the satisfaction of the Plan Administrator that such written consent may not be obtained because there is no Spouse or the Spouse cannot be located, no consent shall be required. In addition, if the Participant is legally separated or the Participant has been abandoned (within the meaning of local law) and the Participant has a court order to such effect, spousal consent is not required unless a Qualified Domestic Relations Order provides otherwise. Any change of Beneficiary will require a new spousal consent to the extent required by the Code or Treasury Regulations.

In the event that a Participant fails to designate a Beneficiary, the rights of Beneficiaries will be determined under the Individual Agreements, to the extent applicable.

**B. Payment to Beneficiary** – Subject to the Individual Agreements, if a Participant dies before the Participant’s entire Individual Account has been paid to them, such deceased Participant’s Individual Account shall be payable to any surviving Beneficiary designated by the Participant, or, if no Beneficiary survives the Participant, 50% to the Participant’s Spouse and 50% to the Participant’s estate or, where no Spouse exists, to the Participant’s estate, unless otherwise set forth in the Individual Agreement.

If the Beneficiary is a minor, distribution will be deemed to have been made to such Beneficiary if the portion of the Participant’s Individual Account to which the Beneficiary is entitled is paid to their legal guardian or, if applicable, to their custodian under the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act or the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act. If a Beneficiary is not a minor but is not legally competent to request or consent to a distribution, distributions will be deemed to have been made to such Beneficiary if the portion of the Participant’s Individual Account to which the Beneficiary is entitled is paid to the Participant’s court-appointed guardian, an attorney in fact acting under a valid power of attorney, or any other individual or entity authorized under state law to act on behalf of the Beneficiary.

**C. Written Request: When Distributed** – A Beneficiary of a deceased Participant entitled to a distribution who wishes to receive a distribution must submit a written request (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) to the Plan Administrator. If required in writing, such request shall be made on a form provided by or approved by the Plan Administrator. Upon a valid request, if applicable, the Plan Administrator shall direct the Vendor to commence distribution as soon as administratively feasible after the request is received.

### 5.04 FORM OF DISTRIBUTION TO BENEFICIARIES

**A. Value of Individual Account Does Not Exceed $5,000** – If the value of the Vested portion of a Participant’s Individual Account does not exceed $5,000, the value of the Vested portion of a Participant’s Individual Account may be made to the Beneficiary as permitted by the Individual Agreements.
The value of the Participant’s Vested Individual Account for purposes of this paragraph shall be determined by including 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)(15).

B. Value of Individual Account Exceeds $5,000 - If the value of the Vested portion of a Participant’s Individual Account exceeds $5,000, the pre-retirement survivor annuity requirements of Plan Section 5.10 shall apply unless waived in accordance with that Plan Section 5.10 or unless the Retirement Equity Act safe harbor rules of Plan Section 5.10(c) apply. However, a surviving Spouse Beneficiary may elect any form of payment allowable under the Plan in lieu of the pre-retirement survivor annuity. Any such payment to the surviving Spouse must meet the requirements of Plan Section 5.05.

C. Other Forms of Distribution to Beneficiary - If the value of a Participant’s Individual Account exceeds $5,000, and the Participant has properly waived the pre-retirement survivor annuity, as described in Plan Section 5.10 (if applicable), or if the Beneficiary is the Participant’s surviving Spouse, the Beneficiary may, subject to the requirements of Plan Section 5.05, request (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) that the Participant’s Individual Account be paid in any form of distribution permitted to be taken by the Participant under this Plan and the Individual Agreements other than applying the Individual Account toward the purchase of an annuity contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, installment payments to a Beneficiary cannot be made over a period exceeding the Life Expectancy of such Beneficiary.

5.05 REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

A. General Rules

1. Subject to Plan Section 5.10, 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. Unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this Plan Section 5.05 apply to calendar years beginning after December 31, 2002.

2. All distributions required under this Plan Section 5.05 shall be determined and made in accordance with Treasury Regulation 1.401(a)(9), including the minimum distribution incidental benefit requirement of Code Section 401(a)(9)(G).

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 (or a combination thereof):
   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. Nothing in this Plan shall prohibit or otherwise limit a Participant’s option to apply the aggregation rules for purposes of satisfying their required minimum distribution as described in Treasury Regulations 1.408-8 and 1.403(b)-6(e).

B. Time and Manner of Distribution

1. Required Beginning Date - The Participant’s entire interest will be distributed, or begin to be distributed, to the Participant no later than the Participant’s Required Beginning Date. However, the undistributed portion of a Participant’s Individual Account valued as of December 31, 1986, exclusive of subsequent earnings, shall not be subject to required minimum distributions under Code Section 401(a)(9) but must be distributed in accordance with the incidental benefit requirements of Treasury Regulation 1.401-1(b)(1)(i) (generally the later of age 75 or separation from service) if such amounts are accounted for separately. If, in any year, a Participant withdraws an amount greater than the required minimum, such additional amounts will be considered to be distributed from the pre-1987 balance.

   For purposes of Plan Sections 5.05(B) and 5.05(D), unless Plan Section 5.05(D)(2)(a)(ii) applies, distributions are considered to begin on the Participant’s Required Beginning Date. If Plan Section 5.05(D)(2)(a)(ii) applies, distributions are considered to begin on the date distributions are required to begin to the surviving Spouse under Plan Section 5.05(D)(2)(a)(ii). If distributions under an annuity contract 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 Plan Section 5.05(D)(2)(a)(ii)) the date distributions are considered to begin is the date distributions actually commence.

   Participants or Beneficiaries may elect on an individual basis whether the five-year rule or the life expectancy rule in Plan Section 5.05(D) 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 distribution would be required to begin in Plan Section 5.05(B), 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 the Beneficiary makes an election under this paragraph, distributions will be made in accordance with Plan Sections 5.05(B) and 5.05(D) and, if applicable, the election in a separate good-faith amendment, if applicable.

2. 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 Plan Sections 5.05(B) and 5.05(D). If the Participant’s interest is distributed in the form of an annuity purchased from an insurance company, distributions thereafter will be made in accordance with the requirements of Code Section 401(a)(9) and the related Treasury Regulations.
C. Required Minimum Distributions During Participant's Lifetime

1. Amount of Required Minimum Distribution for Each Distribution Calendar Year – During the Participant's lifetime, the minimum amount that will be distributed for each Distribution Calendar Year is the lesser of:
   
a. the quotient obtained by dividing the Participant's Benefit by the distribution period in the Uniform Lifetime Table set forth in Treasury Regulation 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 Benefit by the number in the Joint and Last Survivor Table set forth in Treasury Regulation 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 Plan Section 5.05(C) beginning with the first Distribution Calendar Year and up to and including the Distribution Calendar Year that includes the Participant's date of death.

D. Required Minimum Distributions After Participant's Death

1. Death On or After Date Distributions Begin
   
   (a) Participant Survived by Designated Beneficiary – If the Participant dies on or after the date distributions begin and there is a Designated Beneficiary, the minimum amount that will be distributed for each Distribution Calendar Year after the year of the Participant's death is the quotient obtained by dividing the Participant's Benefit 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 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 Designated Beneficiary in the year following the year of the Participant's death, reduced by one for each subsequent year.

   (b) No Designated Beneficiary – If the Participant dies on or after the date distributions begin and there is no Designated Beneficiary as of September 30 of the 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 Benefit 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 are required to 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 Benefit by the remaining Life Expectancy of the Participant's Designated Beneficiary, determined as provided in Plan Section 5.05(D)(1):
      
      (i) If the Participant's surviving Spouse is the Participant's sole Designated Beneficiary, then, except as provided in a separate good-faith amendment, if applicable, 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 70½, if later.
      
      (ii) If the Participant's surviving Spouse is not the Participant's sole Designated Beneficiary, then, except as provided in a separate good-faith amendment, if applicable, distributions to the Designated Beneficiary will begin by December 31 of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the Participant died.
      
      (iii) 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 Plan Section 5.05(D)(2), other than Plan Section 5.05(D)(2)(d), will apply as if the surviving Spouse were the Participant.

   (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.
3. **Election to Allow Designated Beneficiary Receiving Distributions Under 5-Year Rule to Elect Life Expectancy Distributions**

   Unless specified otherwise in a separate IRS model amendment, a Designated Beneficiary who is receiving payments under the five-year rule may make a new election to receive payments under the life expectancy rule until December 31, 2003, provided that all amounts that would have been required to be distributed under the life expectancy rule for all distribution calendar years before 2004 are distributed by the earlier of December 31, 2003 or the end of the five-year period.

**E. Transition Rules**

For plans in existence before 2003, required minimum distributions before 2003 were made pursuant to this Plan Section 5.05(E), if applicable, and Plan Sections 5.05(E)(1) through 5.05(E)(3) below.

1. **2000 and Before** — Required minimum distributions for calendar years after 1984 and before 2001 were made in accordance with Code Section 401(a)(9) and the Proposed Treasury Regulations thereunder published in the Federal Register on July 27, 1987 (the “1987 Proposed Regulations”).

2. **2001** — Required minimum distributions for calendar year 2001 were made in accordance with Code Section 401(a)(9) and Proposed Treasury Regulation 1.401(a)(9) as published in the Federal Register on January 17, 2001 (the “2001 Proposed Regulations”) unless a prior IRS model amendment was adopted that stated that the required minimum distributions for 2001 were made pursuant to the 1987 Proposed Regulations. If distributions were made in 2001 under the 1987 Proposed Regulations before the date in 2001 that the Plan began operating under the 2001 Proposed Regulations, the special transition rule in Announcement 2001-82, 2001-2 C.B. 123, applied.

3. **2002** — Required minimum distributions for calendar year 2002 were made in accordance with Code Section 401(a)(9) and the 2001 Proposed Regulations unless the prior IRS model amendment, if applicable, provided either a. or b. below applies.
   a. Required minimum distributions for 2002 were made pursuant to the 1987 Proposed Regulations.
   b. Required minimum distributions for 2002 were made pursuant to the Final and Temporary Treasury Regulations under Code Section 401(a)(9) published in the Federal Register on April 17, 2002 (the “2002 Final and Temporary Regulations”) which are described in Plan Sections 5.05(E)(1) through 5.05(E)(3). If distributions were made in 2002 under either the 1987 Proposed Regulations or the 2001 Proposed Regulations before the date in 2002 that the Plan began operating under the 2002 Final and Temporary Regulations, the special transition rule in Section 1.2 of the model amendment in Revenue Procedure 2002-29, 2002-22 C.B. 1176, applied.

**5.06 ANNUTY CONTRACTS**

Any annuity contract distributed under the Plan (if permitted or required by Plan Section Five) must be nontransferable. The terms of any annuity contract purchased and distributed by the Plan to a Participant or Spouse shall comply with the requirements of the Plan. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, the availability of any form of distribution is subject to the terms of the Issuer’s annuity contracts.

**5.07 DISTRIBUTIONS IN KIND**

Any distribution under this Plan to be made either in any form permitted by the Individual Agreements, or in cash by converting assets other than cash into cash, or in any combination of the two foregoing methods but only to the extent permitted by the Individual Agreements.

**5.08 PROCEDURE FOR MISSING PARTICIPANTS OR BENEFICIARIES**

The Plan Administrator must use all reasonable measures to locate Participants or Beneficiaries who are entitled to distributions from the Plan. Such measures may include using certified mail, checking records of other plans maintained by the Employer, contacting the Participant’s Beneficiaries, using a governmental letter-forwarding service, or using internet search tools, commercial locator services, and credit reporting agencies. The Plan Administrator should consider the cost of the measures relative to the Individual Account balance when determining which measures are used.

In the event that the Plan Administrator cannot locate a Participant or Beneficiary who is entitled to a distribution from the Plan after using all reasonable measures, the Plan Administrator may, consistent with applicable laws, regulations, and other pronouncements under the Code and ERISA, as well as the Individual Agreements, use any reasonable procedure to dispose of distributable Plan assets, including but not limited to any of the following: 1) establish an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), under Code Section 408 or 408A, that complies with the automatic rollover safe harbor regulations, without regard to the amount in the Individual Account, 2) establish a federally-insured bank account for and in the name of the Participant or Beneficiary and transfer the assets to such bank account, 3) purchase an annuity contract with the assets in the name of the Participant or Beneficiary, 4) transfer the assets to the unclaimed property fund of the state in which the Participant or Beneficiary was last known to reside, or 5) after the expiration of five years after the benefit becomes payable, treat the amount distributable as a Forfeiture and allocate it in accordance with the terms of the Plan, and if the Participant or Beneficiary is later located, restore such benefit in the amount of the Forfeiture, unadjusted for earnings and losses to the Plan to the extent permitted by the Individual Agreements.

In the event the Plan is terminated, payments must be made in a manner that protects the benefit rights of a Participant or Beneficiary. Benefit rights shall be deemed to be protected if the amount in a Participant’s or Beneficiary’s Individual Account is placed into an individual retirement account, used to purchase an annuity contract, or transferred to another qualified retirement plan. Benefit rights need not, however, be protected if an Individual Account becomes subject to state escheat laws or if a payment is made to satisfy Code Section 401(a)(9), or if such other process is followed that is consistent with applicable statutory or regulatory guidance.
5.09 CLAIMS PROCEDURES

A. Filing a Claim for Plan Distributions
   A Participant or Beneficiary who has been denied a request for a distribution or loan (if loans are permitted by the Plan) and desires to make a claim for the Vested portion of their Individual Account shall file a request (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL and acceptable to the Plan Administrator) with the Plan Administrator. If such request is required in writing, such request must be made on a form provided by or acceptable to the Plan Administrator for such purpose. The request shall set forth the basis of the claim. The Plan Administrator is authorized to conduct such examinations as may be necessary to facilitate the payment of any benefits to which the Participant or Beneficiary may be entitled under the terms of the Plan.

B. Denial of a Claim
   Whenever a claim for a Plan distribution or loan submitted in accordance with this Plan Section 5.09 by any Participant or Beneficiary has been wholly or partially denied, the Plan Administrator must furnish such Participant or Beneficiary notice (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL and acceptable to the Plan Administrator) of the denial within 90 days of the date the original claim was filed. This notice shall set forth the specific reasons for the denial, specific reference to pertinent Plan provisions on which the denial is based, a description of any additional information or material needed to perfect the claim, an explanation of why such additional information or material is necessary and an explanation of the procedures for appeal.

C. Remedies Available
   The Participant or Beneficiary shall have 60 days from receipt of the denial notice in which to make written application for review by the Plan Administrator. The Participant or Beneficiary may request that the review be in the nature of a hearing. The Participant or Beneficiary shall have the right to representation, to review pertinent documents and to submit comments in writing (or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL). The Plan Administrator shall issue a decision on such review within 60 days after receipt of an application for review as provided for in this Plan Section 5.09. Upon a decision unfavorable to the Participant or Beneficiary, such Participant or Beneficiary shall be entitled to bring such actions in law or equity as may be necessary or appropriate to protect or clarify his or her right to benefits under this Plan.

5.10 JOINT AND SURVIVOR ANNUITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Application - The provisions of this Section shall apply to any Participant who is credited with at least one Hour of Service with the Employer on or after August 23, 1984 and such other Participants as provided in Treasury Regulations.

B. Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity - Unless an optional form of benefit is selected pursuant to a Qualified Election within the 180-day period ending on the Annuity Starting Date, a married Participant’s Vested Account Balance will be paid in the form of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity and an unmarried Participant’s Vested balance will be paid in the form of a life annuity. The Participant may elect to have such annuity distributed upon attainment of the Earliest Retirement Age under the Plan. In the case of a married Participant, the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity must be at least as valuable as any other optional form of benefit payable under the Plan at the same time.

Effective for Plan Years beginning after December 31, 2007, a Plan that is subject to the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity requirements must offer an additional survivor annuity option in the form of a Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity.

C. Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity - Unless an optional form of benefit has been selected within the Election Period pursuant to a Qualified Election, if a Participant dies before the Annuity Starting Date then the Participant’s Vested balance shall be applied toward the purchase of an annuity for the life of the surviving Spouse. The surviving Spouse may elect to have such annuity distributed within a reasonable period after the Participant’s death.

D. Notice Requirements
   1. In the case of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity, the Plan Administrator shall not less than 30 days and not more than 180 days prior to the Annuity Starting Date provide each Participant a written explanation (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) 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, and 4) the right to make, and the effect of, a revocation of a previous election to waive the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity.

   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 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 before the expiration of the seven-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 explanation was provided to the Participant.

   2. In the case of a Qualified Preretirement Annuity as described in Plan Section 5.10(C), the Plan Administrator shall provide each Participant within the applicable period for such Participant an explanation (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) of the Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity in such terms and in such manner as would be comparable to the explanation provided for meeting the requirements of Plan Section 5.10(D)(1) applicable to a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity.
5.11 DISTRIBUTION OF EXCESS ELECTIVE DEFERRALS

A. General Rule — A Participant may assign to this Plan any Excess Elective Deferrals made during a taxable year of the Participant by notifying the Plan Administrator of the amount of the Excess Elective Deferrals to be assigned to the Plan. Participants who claim Excess Elective Deferrals for the preceding calendar year must submit their claims (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) to the Plan Administrator by March 1. A Participant is deemed to notify the Plan Administrator of any Excess Elective Deferrals that arise by taking into account only those Elective Deferrals made to the Participant’s Pre-Tax Elective Deferral account or the Roth Elective Deferral account, or a combination of both, to the extent both Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals and Roth Elective Deferrals were made for the year, or may allow Participants to specify otherwise.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, notice must be provided within a reasonable period ending after separation from service 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), 3), and 4) is the end of the two-year period beginning one year before the date the applicable event occurs, and ending one year after that date. In the case of a Participant who separates from service before the Plan Year in which age 35 is attained, notice shall be provided within the two-year period beginning one year before separation and ending one year after separation. If such a Participant thereafter returns to employment with the Employer, the applicable period for such Participant shall be redetermined.

3. Notwithstanding the other requirements of this Plan Section 5.10(D), the respective notices prescribed by this Plan Section 5.10(D), need not be given to a Participant if 1) the Plan “fully subsidizes” the costs of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity or Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity, or 2) the Plan does not allow the Participant to waive the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity or Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity and does not allow a married Participant to designate a non-Spouse Beneficiary. For purposes of this Plan Section 5.10(D)(3), a plan fully subsidizes the costs of a benefit if no increase in cost, or decrease in benefits to the Participant may result from the Participant’s failure to elect another benefit.

E. Retirement Equity Act Safe Harbor Rules

1. If the Adopting Employer has elected the RIA Safe Harbor option in the Adoption Agreement, the safe harbor provisions of this Plan Section 5.10(E) shall apply to a Participant if the following conditions are satisfied:

a. the Participant does not or cannot elect payments in the form of a lump sum; and

b. on the death of a Participant, the Participant’s Vested account balance will be paid to the Participant’s surviving Spouse, if there is no surviving Spouse, or if the surviving Spouse has consented in a manner conforming to a qualified election to receive the Participant’s Vested account balance commenced within the 90-day period following the date of the Participant’s death. The Vested Account Balance shall be adjusted for gains or losses occurring after the Participant’s death in accordance with the provisions of the Plan governing the adjustment of account balances for other types of distributions. This Plan Section 5.10(E) shall not apply to a Participant in a 403(b) plan if the plan is a direct or indirect transferee of another 403(b) plan which is subject to the survivor annuity requirements of ERISA Section 205. If this Plan Section 5.10(E) applies, then no other provisions of this Plan Section 5.10 shall apply except as provided in Treasury Regulations.

2. The Participant may waive the spousal death benefit described in this Plan Section 5.10(E) at any time provided that no such waiver shall be effective unless it is a Qualified Election (other than the notification requirement referred to therein) that would apply to the Participant’s waiver of the Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity.

3. In the event this Plan is a direct or indirect transferee of or a restatement of a plan previously subject to the survivor annuity requirements of ERISA Section 205 and the Employer has selected to have this Plan Section 5.10(E) apply, the provisions of this Plan Section 5.10(E) shall not apply to any benefits accrued (including subsequent adjustments for earnings and losses) before the adoption of these provisions. Such amounts shall be separately accounted for in a manner consistent with Plan Section Seven and administered in accordance with the general survivor annuity requirements of Plan Section 5.10.
B. **Determination of Income or Loss** — Excess Elective Deferrals shall be adjusted for any income or loss up to the date of distribution. The income or loss allocable to Excess Elective Deferrals is the sum of: 1) the income or loss allocable to the Participant’s Elective Deferral account for the taxable year multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is such Participant’s Excess Elective Deferrals for the taxable year and the denominator of which is the Participant’s Individual Account balance attributable to Elective Deferrals without regard to any income or loss occurring during such taxable year and 2) 10 percent of the amount determined under 1) multiplied by the number of whole calendar months between the end of the Participant’s taxable year and the date of distribution, counting the month of distribution, if distribution occurs after the 15th day of such month. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Plan Administrator may compute the income or loss allocable to Excess Elective Deferrals in the manner described in Plan Section Seven (i.e., the usual manner used by the Plan for allocating income or loss to Participants’ Individual Accounts or any reasonable method), provided such method is used consistently for all Participants and for all corrective distributions under the Plan for the Plan Year.

**5.12 DISTRIBUTION OF EXCESS AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTIONS**

A. **General Rule** — Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, Excess Aggregate Contributions, plus any income and minus any loss allocable thereto, shall be forfeited, if forfeitable, or if not forfeitable, distributed no later than 12 months after a Plan Year to Participants to whose accounts such Excess Aggregate Contributions were allocated for the such Plan Year. Excess Aggregate Contributions are allocated to the Highly Compensated Employee with the largest Contribution Percentage Amounts taken into account in calculating the ACP test for the year in which the excess arose, beginning with the Highly Compensated Employee with the largest amount of such Contribution Percentage Amounts and continuing in descending order until all the Excess Aggregate Contributions have been allocated. If such Excess Aggregate Contributions are distributed more than 2½ months (6 months in the case of Excess Aggregate Contributions under an EACA described in Plan Section 5.06(c)(3)) after the last day of the Plan Year in which such Excess Aggregate Contributions were made, a 10 percent excise tax will be imposed on the Employer maintaining the Plan with respect to those amounts. Excess Aggregate Contributions shall be treated as Annual Additions under the Plan even if distributed.

B. **Determination of Income or Loss** — Excess Aggregate Contributions shall be adjusted for any income or loss up to the end of the Plan Year to which such contributions were allocated. The income or loss allocable to Excess Aggregate Contributions allocated to each Participant is equal to the income or loss allocable to the Participant’s Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable, and Matching Contribution account for the Plan Year multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is such Participant’s Excess Aggregate Contributions for the year and the denominator is the Participant’s Individual Account balance attributable to Contribution Percentage Amounts without regard to any income or loss occurring during such Plan Year. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Plan Administrator may compute the income or loss allocable to Excess Aggregate Contributions in the manner described in Plan Section Seven (i.e., the usual manner used by the Plan for allocating income or loss to Participants’ Individual Accounts or any reasonable method), provided such method is used consistently for all Participants and for all corrective distributions under the Plan for the Plan Year.

C. **Forfeitures of Excess Aggregate Contributions** — Forfeitures of Excess Aggregate Contributions may either be reallocated to the accounts of Contributing Participants who are not Highly Compensated Employees or applied to reduce Plan Contributions, as elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement.

**5.13 LOANS TO PARTICIPANTS**

If the Adoption Agreement so indicates, a Participant may receive a loan from the Funding Vehicles authorized by the Employer for use under the Plan, subject to the following rules, the Individual Agreements, if applicable, and the Plan’s loan policy.

A. Loans shall be made available to all Participants on a reasonably equivalent basis.

B. Loans shall not be made available to Highly Compensated Employees in an amount greater than the amount made available to other Employees.

C. Loans must be adequately secured and bear a reasonable interest rate.

D. No Participant loan shall exceed the Present Value of the Vested portion of a Participant’s Individual Account.

E. A Participant must obtain the consent of his or her Spouse, if any, to the use of the Individual Account as security for the loan. Spousal consent shall be obtained no earlier than the beginning of the 90 day period that ends on the date on which the loan is to be so secured. The consent must be in writing (or any other form permitted by the IRS and DOL), 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 Individual Account is used for renegotiation, extension, renewal, or other revision of the loan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no spousal consent is necessary if, at the time the loan is secured, no consent would be required for a distribution from the Plan. In addition, spousal consent is not required if the Plan or the Participant is not subject to ERISA Section 206 at the time the Individual Account is used as security; or if the total Individual Account subject to the security is less than or equal to $5,000.

F. In the event of default, foreclosure on the Participant’s account balance in an amount authorized by the Employer for use under the Plan, if applicable, or the note and attachment of security, if applicable, will not occur until a distributable event occurs in the Plan.

G. Loan repayments will be suspended under the Plan as permitted under Code Section 414(u)(4).
H. If the Participant’s Individual Account contains both Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals and Roth Elective Deferrals, the specific rules governing the loan program and the Individual Agreements, if applicable, may designate the extent to which Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals, Roth Elective Deferrals, or a combination of both will: 1) be used to calculate the maximum amount available for a loan, or 2) be available as a source from which loan proceeds may be taken or which may be used as security for a loan. To the extent permitted by law and related regulations, the rules established by the Vendor and the Individual Agreements may specify the ordering rules to be applied in the event of a defaulted loan.

If a valid spousal consent has been obtained in accordance with this Plan Section 5.13(E), then, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Plan, the portion of the Participant’s Vested Individual Account 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 Individual Account payable at the time of death or distribution, but only if the reduction is used as repayment of the loan. If less than 100 percent of the Participant’s Vested Individual Account (determined without regard to the preceding sentence) is payable to the surviving Spouse, then the Individual Account shall be adjusted by first reducing the Vested Individual Account by the amount of the security used as repayment of the loan, and then determining the benefit payable to the surviving Spouse.

To avoid taxation to the Participant, unless otherwise permitted by law or regulatory guidance, 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 date the loan is made, over the outstanding balance of loans from the Plan on the date the loan is made, or 2) 50 percent of the present value of the nonforfeitable Individual Account of the Participant. For the purpose of the above limitation, all loans from all plans of the Employer and other members of a group of employers described in Code Sections 414(b), 414(i), and 414(m) are aggregated. Furthermore, any loan shall be subject to repayment (principal and interest) amortized in level payments, not less frequently than quarterly, over a period not extending beyond five years from the date of the loan, unless such 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. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Participant will suspend their loan repayments under this Plan as permitted under Code Section 414(u)(4).

The loan program will be administered in accordance with specific rules that are documented either in writing, under the Individual Agreements, if applicable, the Plan’s loan policy, or in such other format as permitted by the IRS and the DOL. Such rules shall include, at a minimum, the following: 1) the identity of the person or positions authorized to administer the Participant loan program; 2) the procedure for applying for loans; 3) the basis on which loans will be approved or denied; 4) limitations (if any) on the types and amounts of loans offered; 5) the procedure under the program for determining a reasonable rate of interest; 6) the types of collateral which may secure a Participant loan; and 7) the events constituting default and the steps that will be taken to preserve Plan assets in the event of such default.

5.14 HURRICANE RELIEF

If elected in a prior hurricane relief amendment, affected Participants may take advantage of the hurricane relief under the Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act of 2005 (KETRA), the Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005 (GO Zone), and related relief.

SECTION SIX: DEFINITIONS

Unless modified in Section Six of the Adoption Agreement, words and phrases used in the Plan with initial capital letters shall, for the purpose of this Plan, have the meanings set forth in the portion of the Plan entitled “Definitions” unless the context indicates that other meanings are intended.

SECTION SEVEN: MISCELLANEOUS

A. In General

The Plan Administrator shall select the Vendors that will provide the Funding Vehicles under the Plan. As indicated by the definition of Vendor, the Vendors are insurance companies or banks or other entities that hold amounts in custodial accounts that invest in regulated investment companies (mutual fund companies). The Plan Administrator will identify each entity that will be treated as a Vendor for purposes of the Plan.

The Plan Administrator will also identify the investment accounts that each Vendor may offer under the Funding Vehicles, subject to the Individual Agreements. The Vendor may be permitted to offer one or more Funding Vehicles as authorized by the Plan Administrator.

Each Funding Vehicle offered by a Vendor may provide a range of investment options. The Plan Administrator shall determine the investment options that will be available under a Funding Vehicle. The Plan Administrator may alter the investment options available under a Funding Vehicle. Participants must be notified of any alterations to the investment options available under the Funding Vehicles.

If Participant direction is permitted under Adoption Agreement Section Seven, Part A, a Participant may elect to use the investment options of one or more Vendors to receive contributions under the Plan made on their behalf and may change the Vendor or Vendors who are to receive those contributions, but only pursuant to rules specified by the Plan Administrator and the Individual Agreements and acceptable to the affected Vendors. Each Participant shall complete an application form or use another method of application made available by the Plan Administrator and Vendor or Vendors in order for one or more Funding Vehicles to be issued or utilized on behalf of the Participant under the Plan. The Plan Administrator may, at its discretion, and for the benefit of Participants and Beneficiaries, change the Vendors available under the Plan for future allocations to the extent permitted by the Individual Agreements. The Plan Administrator must notify affected Participants regarding any such change.
Funding Vehicles shall be made available for the sole purpose of providing benefits under this Plan in accordance with Code Section 403(b) and any other laws relating thereto. Documents establishing such Funding Vehicles shall be consistent with the terms of the Plan. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Plan and the terms of any document that is a part of the Plan, the Plan Administrator shall resolve the conflict. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Plan and the terms of any portion of any document that is not a part of the Plan, the Plan provisions shall control. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event will the terms of the Plan expand or change the benefits, rights or features available under the Individual Agreements.

If any Vendor ceases to be eligible to receive contributions under the Plan, the Employer will enter into an information sharing agreement with the former Vendor to the extent another agreement with the Vendor does not provide for the exchange of information, as required by the Code and Treasury Regulations thereunder.

B. Investment of Contributions
Contributions made on behalf of a Participant shall be forwarded in accordance with applicable regulations to the Vendors authorized to accept contributions under the terms of the Plan.

C. Allocation Among Vendors
If Participant direction is permitted under Adoption Agreement Section Seven, Part A(1), a Participant may elect to allocate the Plan Contributions made for the Participant among the investment options which are available under the Individual Agreements. The Plan Administrator may permit, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, a Beneficiary of a deceased Participant or the Alternate Payee under a Qualified Domestic Relations Order to individually direct investments in accordance with this Plan Section Seven, Part C.

Each separate investment option shall be charged or credited (as appropriate) with the earnings, gains, losses, or expenses attributable to such separate investment option under the Individual Agreement.

D. Transfers Limited to Vendors Eligible to Accept New Plan Contributions
If Participant direction is permitted under Adoption Agreement Section Seven, Part A(1), and the Employer elects to limit Participant direction to only those Vendors eligible to receive contributions under the Plan in accordance with Option I under Adoption Agreement Section Seven, Part A(2), Participants or Beneficiaries may change the investment of their Individual Accounts among the Funding Vehicles issued by Vendors authorized under the Plan provided that (i) such Vendor may accept new Plan Contributions, (ii) such transfers are permissible under the restrictions of the relevant Individual Agreements, and (iii) such transfers are consistent with any procedures and rules which may be established by the Plan Administrator and that Vendor, including any rules or procedures with respect to the sharing of information necessary for plan compliance under the Code and Treasury Regulations thereunder.

If any Vendor authorized to accept contributions under the Plan ceases to be eligible to receive contributions under the Plan after December 31, 2008, the Employer will enter into an information sharing agreement with the Vendor to the extent another agreement with the Vendor does not provide for the exchange of information, as required by the Code and Treasury Regulations thereunder.

E. Transfers to Vendors Not Eligible to Accept New Plan Contributions
If Participant direction of investments is permitted under Adoption Agreement Section Seven, Part A(1), and the Employer elects to permit Participant direction among both Vendors which are eligible to accept new Plan Contributions and Vendors which are not permitted to accept new Plan Contributions, Participants or Beneficiaries may transfer any portion of their Individual Account among the investment options under the Funding Vehicles of the eligible Vendors or to another Funding Vehicle of a Vendor not permitted to accept new Plan Contributions, provided that (i) such transfers are permissible under the restrictions of the relevant Individual Agreement, and (ii) such transfers are consistent with any procedures and rules which may be established by the Plan Administrator and the Vendors. In addition, the following conditions must be satisfied:

1. The Participant or Beneficiary must have a balance in their Individual Account immediately after the exchange that is at least equal to the balance in their Individual Account immediately before the exchange,
2. The Individual Agreement with the receiving Vendor has distribution restrictions with respect to the Participant that are not less stringent than those imposed on the Individual Agreements being exchanged, and
3. The Employer and any Vendor not eligible to receive contributions under the Plan enter into an agreement under which the Employer and the Vendor agree to share information as may be necessary to ensure that the Funding Vehicle issued by the Vendor will satisfy Section 403(b) of the Code ("information sharing agreement").

F. ERISA Section 404(c) Compliance
Unless otherwise provided in the Adoption Agreement, the Adopting Employer intends to operate the Plan in conformance with ERISA Section 404(c). If all of the requirements of ERISA Section 404(c)(1) are satisfied, then to the extent of the investment directions made by Participants, the Employer, the Plan Administrator, a Vendor (if applicable), and all other Fiduciaries are relieved of fiduciary liability under ERISA Section 404(c).

7.02 VALUATION AND INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS
A. Valuation – The Participants’ Individual Accounts will be valued each Valuation Date at fair market value.
B. Establishment and Maintenance—The Plan Administrator (or Vendor, if applicable) shall establish and maintain an Individual Account in the name of each Participant to reflect the total value of their interest in the Funding Vehicle. Each Individual Account established hereunder shall consist of such subaccounts as may be needed for each Participant:

1. a subaccount to reflect Plan Contributions and Forfeitures allocated on behalf of a Participant;
2. a subaccount to reflect a Participant’s rollover contributions;
3. a subaccount to reflect a Participant’s transfer contributions;
4. a subaccount to reflect a Participant’s Nondeductible Employee Contributions;
5. a subaccount to reflect a Participant’s Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals;
6. a subaccount to reflect a Participant’s Roth Elective Deferrals;
7. a subaccount to reflect a Participant’s Mandatory Employee Contributions;
8. a subaccount to reflect a Participant’s pre-1987 contributions exempt from the distribution rules described in Code Section 401(a)(9);
9. a subaccount to reflect a Participant’s pre-1989 Elective Deferrals in an annuity contract, and
10. a subaccount to reflect a Participant’s pre-2009 Employer Contributions and Matching Contributions in an annuity contract.

The Plan Administrator (or Vendor, if applicable) may establish additional accounts as it may deem necessary for the proper administration of the Plan, including, but not limited to, a suspense account for Forfeitures as required pursuant to Plan Section Four. Also, separate accounts will be established whenever specified in the Plan or required by regulations under Code Section 403(b), including for Excess Annual Additions and for portions of a Participant’s Individual Account that are not Vested.

7.03 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR

A. The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to control and manage the operation and administration of the Plan. The Plan Administrator shall administer the Plan for the exclusive benefit of the Participants and their Beneficiaries in accordance with the specific terms of the Plan.

B. The Plan Administrator may, by appointment, allocate the duties of the Plan Administrator among several individuals or entities, including Vendor(s), if appropriate. Such appointments shall not be effective until the party designated accepts such appointment in writing.

C. The Plan Administrator shall be charged with the duties of the general administration of the Plan, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. To determine all questions of interpretation or policy in a manner consistent with the Plan’s documents. The Plan Administrator’s construction or determination in good faith shall be conclusive and binding on all persons except as otherwise provided herein or by law. Any interpretation or construction shall be done in a nondiscriminatory manner and shall be consistent with the intent that the Plan shall continue to be deemed a plan under the terms of Code Section 403(b), as amended from time to time, and shall comply with the terms of ERISA, as amended from time to time;
2. To determine all questions relating to the eligibility of Employees to become or remain Participants hereunder;
3. To compute the amounts necessary or desirable to be contributed to the Plan;
4. To compute the amount and kind of benefits to which a Participant or Beneficiary shall be entitled under the Plan and to direct the Vendor with respect to all disbursements under the Plan, and, when requested by the Vendor, to furnish the Vendor with instructions, in writing, on matters pertaining to the Plan and the Vendor may rely and act thereon;
5. To maintain all records necessary for the administration of the Plan;
6. To prepare and file such disclosures and tax forms as may be required from time to time by the Secretary of Labor or the Secretary of the Treasury;
7. To furnish each Employee, Participant or Beneficiary such notices, information, and reports under such circumstances as may be required by law; and
8. To periodically review the performance of each Fiduciary and all other relevant parties to ensure such individuals’ obligations under the Plan are performed in a manner that is acceptable under the Plan and applicable law.

D. The Plan Administrator shall have all of the powers necessary or appropriate to accomplish their duties under the Plan, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. To appoint and retain such persons as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the Plan Administrator;
2. To appoint and retain counsel, specialists, or other persons as the Plan Administrator deems necessary or advisable in the administration of the Plan;
3. To resolve all questions of administration of the Plan;
4. To establish such uniform and nondiscriminatory rules which it deems necessary to carry out the terms of the Plan;
5. To make any adjustments in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner which it deems necessary to correct any arithmetical or accounting errors which may have been made for any Plan Year;

6. To correct any defect, supply any omission, or reconcile any inconsistency in such manner and to such extent as shall be deemed necessary or advisable to carry out the purpose of the Plan; and

7. To change the Vendors and/or Funding Vehicles (and the investment options available under the Funding Vehicles) which are authorized by the Employer for use under the Plan for future allocations to the extent permitted by the Individual Agreements.

7.04 EXPENSES AND COMPENSATION
All reasonable expenses of administration, including, but not limited to, those involved in retaining necessary professional assistance, may be paid from the assets of the Funding Vehicles, subject to the Individual Agreements. Alternatively, the Employer may, in its discretion, pay any or all such expenses. Pursuant to uniform and nondiscriminatory rules that the Plan Administrator may establish from time to time, and subject to the Individual Agreements, administrative expenses and expenses unique to a particular Participant or group of Participants may be charged to the Individual Account of such Participant or may be assessed against terminated Participants even if not assessed against active Participants (subject to rules promulgated by the IRS and the DOL), or the Plan Administrator may allow Participants to pay such fees outside of the Plan. The Employer shall furnish the Plan Administrator with such clerical and other assistance as the Plan Administrator may need in the performance of its duties.

7.05 INFORMATION FROM EMPLOYER
To enable the Plan Administrator to perform its duties, the Employer shall supply complete, accurate, and timely information to the Plan Administrator (or its designated agents) on all matters relating to the Compensation of all Participants; their regular employment; retirement, death, Disability, or Severance from Employment; and such other pertinent facts as the Plan Administrator (or its agents) may require. The Plan Administrator shall advise the Vendor of the foregoing facts as may be pertinent to the Vendor's duties under the Plan. The Plan Administrator (or its agents) is entitled to rely on such information as is supplied by the Employer and shall have no duty or responsibility to verify such information. Such information, including authorizations and directions, may be exchanged among the Employer, the Plan Administrator, the Vendor, or its agents through electronic, telephonic, or other means (including, for example, through the Internet) pursuant to applicable servicing arrangements in effect for the Plan.

7.06 PLAN AMENDMENTS
A. Right of Adopting Employer to Amend the Plan - The Adopting Employer reserves the right to replace the Plan in its entirety by adopting another retirement plan which the Adopting Employer designates as a replacement plan or to amend the Plan by changing options previously selected in the Adoption Agreement.

B. Limitation On Power To Amend - No amendment to the Plan shall be effective to the extent that it has the effect of decreasing a Participant's accumulated benefits. For purposes of this paragraph, a Plan amendment which has the effect of decreasing a Participant's Individual Account with respect to benefits attributable to service before the amendment shall be treated as reducing an accumulated benefit.

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 their Individual Account under a particular optional form of benefit if the amendment provides a single-sum distribution form, to the extent such form is available under the Individual Agreements. Where this Plan document is being adopted to amend another plan that contains a protected benefit not provided for in this document, the Employer must complete Attachment A, "Protected Benefit and Prior Plan Provisions," describing such protected benefit which shall become part of the Plan.

C. Amendment Of Vesting Schedule - If the vesting schedule of the Plan is amended, in the case of an Employee who is a Participant as of the later of the date such amendment is adopted or the date it becomes effective, the Vested percentage (determined as of such date) of each Employee's Individual Account derived from Employer Contributions or Matching Contributions will not be less than the percentage computed under the Plan as of that date without regard to such amendment. Furthermore, 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 Vested percentage, each Participant with at least three Years of Vesting Service with the Employer may elect, within the time set forth below, to have the Vested percentage computed under the Plan without regard to such amendment.

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 the later 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 a notice (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) of the amendment by the Employer or Plan Administrator.

With respect to benefits accrued as of the later of the adoption or effective date of the amendment, the Vested percentage of each Participant will be the greater of the Vested percentage under the old vesting schedule or the Vested percentage under the new vesting schedule.
7.07 PLAN MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION
If provided for in the Adoption Agreement, and subject to the Individual Agreements, in the case of any merger or consolidation of the Plan with, or transfer of assets or liabilities of such Plan to, any other plan, each Participant shall be entitled to receive benefits immediately after the merger, consolidation, or transfer (if the Plan had then terminated) which are equal to or greater than the benefits they would have been entitled to receive immediately before the merger, consolidation, or transfer (if the Plan had then terminated).

7.08 METHOD AND PROCEDURE FOR TERMINATION
The Plan may be terminated by the Adopting Employer at any time by appropriate action of its managing body. Such termination shall be effective on the date specified by the Adopting Employer. Written notice of the termination and effective date thereof shall be given to the Vendors, Plan Administrator, and the Participants and Beneficiaries of deceased Participants. The required filings (such as the Form 5500 series and others) must be made by the Adopting Employer with the IRS and any other regulatory body as required by current laws and regulations. Until all of the Plan assets (including annuity contracts, if applicable) have been distributed, the Adopting Employer must keep the Plan in compliance with current laws and regulations by making appropriate amendments to the Plan and by taking such other measures as may be required.

Upon termination of the Plan, the balance of the Individual Accounts of each Participant will be distributed in a lump sum or by delivery of a fully paid annuity contract, as permitted by Treasury Regulation 1.403(b)-10(a). Distribution is permitted only if the Employer and the Related Employers do not make contributions to any Funding Vehicles that are not part of the Plan during the period beginning on the date of Plan termination and ending 12 months after distribution of all assets from the Plan. An exception to that requirement may apply as described in Treasury Regulation 1.403(b)-10(a).

7.09 CONTINUANCE OF PLAN BY SUCCESSOR EMPLOYER
Notwithstanding the preceding Plan Section 7.08, a successor of the Adopting Employer may continue the Plan and be substituted in the place of the present Adopting Employer. The successor and the present Adopting Employer must execute a written instrument authorizing such substitution, and the successor shall amend the Plan in accordance with Plan Section 7.06.

7.10 STATE COMMUNITY PROPERTY LAWS
The terms and conditions of this Plan shall be applicable without regard to the community property laws of any state.

7.11 HEADINGS
The headings of the Plan have been inserted for convenience of reference only and are to be ignored in any construction of the provisions hereof.

7.12 GENDER AND NUMBER
Whenever any words are used herein in the masculine gender they shall be construed as though they were also used in the feminine gender in all cases where they would so apply, and whenever any words are used herein in the singular form they shall be construed as though they were also used in the plural form in all cases where they would so apply.

7.13 STANDARD OF FIDUCIARY CONDUCT
The Employer, Plan Administrator, and any other Fiduciary under this Plan shall discharge their duties with respect to this Plan solely in the interests of Participants and their Beneficiaries, and with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims. No Fiduciary shall cause the Plan to engage in any transaction known as a “non-exempt prohibited transaction” under ERISA.

7.14 GENERAL UNDERTAKING OF ALL PARTIES
All parties to this Plan and all persons claiming any interest whatsoever hereunder agree to perform any and all acts and execute any and all documents and papers which may be necessary or desirable for the carrying out of this Plan and any of its provisions.

7.15 AGREEMENT Binds HEIRS, ETC.
This Plan shall be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, as those terms shall apply to any and all parties hereto, present and future.

7.16 INALIENABILITY OF BENEFITS
No benefit or interest available under the Plan will be subject to assignment or alienation, either voluntarily or involuntarily. The preceding sentence shall not apply to judgments and settlements described in ERISA Section 206(d)(4). Such sentence shall, however, apply to the creation, assignment, or recognition of a right to any benefit payable with respect to a Participant pursuant to a Domestic Relations Order, unless such order is determined to be a Qualified Domestic Relations Order as defined in the Definitions Section of the Plan.

Generally, a Domestic Relations Order cannot be a Qualified Domestic Relations Order until January 1, 1985. However, in the case of a Domestic Relations Order entered before January 1, 1985, the Plan Administrator:
1) shall treat such order as a Qualified Domestic Relations Order if the Plan Administrator is paying benefits pursuant to such order on January 1, 1985, and
2) may treat any other such order entered before January 1, 1985, as a Qualified Domestic Relations Order even if such order does not meet the requirements of Code Section 414(p).
Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, a distribution to an Alternate Payee under a Qualified Domestic Relations Order shall be permitted even if the Participant affected by such order is not otherwise entitled to a distribution, and even if such Participant has not attained the earliest retirement age as defined in Code Section 414(p).

7.17 BONDING

Every fiduciary and every person who handles funds or other property of the Plan shall be bonded to the extent required by ERISA Section 412 and the regulations thereunder for purposes of protecting the Plan against loss by reason of acts of fraud or dishonesty on the part of the person, group, or class, alone or in connivance with others, to be covered by such bond. The amount of the bond shall be fixed at the beginning of each Plan Year and shall not be less than 10 percent of the amount of funds handled. The amount of funds handled shall be determined by the funds handled the previous Plan Year or, if none, the amount of funds estimated, in accordance with rules provided by the Secretary of Labor, to be handled during the current Plan Year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no bond shall be less than $1,000 nor more than $500,000, except that the Secretary of Labor shall have the right to prescribe an amount in excess of $500,000.

7.18 DISPUTES

A Participant, Beneficiary, or Alternate Payee may not commence a civil action pursuant to ERISA Section 502(a)(1), with respect to a benefit under the Plan after the earlier of:

(i) three years after the occurrence of the facts or circumstances that give rise to or form the basis for such action, and

(ii) one year from the date the Participant, Beneficiary, or Alternate Payee had actual knowledge of the facts or circumstances that give rise to or form the basis for such action,

except that in the case of fraud or concealment, such action may be commenced not later than three years after the date of discovery of the facts or circumstances that give rise to, or form the basis for, such action.

In the case of a dispute between a Participant, Beneficiary, Alternate Payee, or other person claiming a right or entitlement pursuant to the Plan and the Employer, the Plan Administrator, or other person relating to or arising from the Plan, the United States District Court for the state in which the Employer is domiciled will apply for purposes of resolving such dispute.

SECTION EIGHT: EMPLOYER SIGNATURE

Section Eight of the Plan Adoption Agreement must contain the signature of an authorized representative of the Adopting Employer evidencing the Employer's agreement to be bound by the terms of the Basic Plan Document and Adoption Agreement.
ERISA Specimen 403(b) Plan
For Code Section 501(c)(3) Tax-Exempt Organizations
Adoption Agreement

EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Name of Adopting Employer: ASME

Address: 3 Park Ave
City: New York
State: NY
Zip: 10016-5990

Telephone: 212-591-7839

Adopting Employer’s Federal Tax Identification Number: 131623899

Adopting Employer’s Tax Year End: 06/30

Name of Plan: American Society of Mechanical Engineers DC Pension Plan

Plan Sequence Number: 201
Account Number: 103534

Related Employers - If the Adopting Employer is part of a group of Related Employers, then such Related Employers will participate in this Plan only if listed on Attachment B, Related Employer Participation Form. Failure to include Related Employers in the Plan may cause a violation of the nondiscrimination rules under Code Sections 401(a)(4) and 410(b). Additions to or deletions from Attachment B, Related Employer Participation Form, do not constitute amendments to this Plan.

SECTION ONE: EFFECTIVE DATES

Complete Part A or B

Part A. ☐ New Plan Effective Date
This is the initial adoption of a 403(b) plan by the Adopting Employer.
The Effective Date of the Plan is ____________________________.

NOTE: The Effective Date is usually the first day of the Plan Year in which this Adoption Agreement is signed and may not be earlier than such date. Elective Deferrals (whether or not resulting from automatic enrollment), Nondeductible Employee Contributions, and Mandatory Employee Contributions, however, cannot be made available before the later of the date this Adoption Agreement is signed or the Effective Date for such contributions. Special Effective Dates that apply to these types of contributions or other Plan features, if applicable, are listed on Attachment C, Special Effective Dates.

Part B. ✓ Existing Plan Amendment or Restatement Date
This is an amendment or restatement of an existing 403(b) plan (a Prior Plan).
The Prior Plan was initially effective on 01/01/2006.
The Effective Date of this amendment or restatement is 01/01/2009.

NOTE: The restatement Effective Date is generally the first day of the Plan Year in which this Adoption Agreement is signed. An amendment or restatement Effective Date after the first day of the Plan Year in which this Adoption Agreement is signed may result in a prohibited reduction or elimination of accrued benefits violating ERISA Section 204(g). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Effective Dates for other items (e.g., EGTRRA, the Pension Protection Act of 2006, and certain government pronouncements) are governed by the dates specified in the Basic Plan Document. If Elective Deferrals, Nondeductible Employee Contributions, or Mandatory Employee Contributions are being made available for the first time as a result of this amendment or restatement, these contributions cannot be made available before the later of the date this Adoption Agreement is signed or the special Effective Date listed on Attachment C, Special Effective Dates. Special Effective Dates that apply to other Plan features, if applicable, are also listed on Attachment C.

SECTION TWO: ELIGIBILITY

Complete Parts A through E

NOTE: The age and Years of Eligibility Service requirements specified below for Matching Contributions and Employer Contributions will not apply to Elective Deferrals unless the Adopting Employer maintains another plan providing for elective deferrals that satisfies the universal availability requirements under Code Section 403(b)(12) and the corresponding Treasury Regulations. Eligibility requirements selected for Matching Contributions will also apply to Qualified Nonelective Contributions, if such contributions are made to the Plan. Eligibility requirements selected for Elective Deferrals will also apply to Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if such contributions are permitted in the Plan. Eligibility requirements selected for Employer Contributions will also apply to Mandatory Employee Contributions, if applicable, except as set forth in Adoption Agreement Section Three, Part B.

Part A. Age and Years of Eligibility Service

1. Age Requirement
   a. Elective Deferrals
      If Elective Deferrals are permitted in Adoption Agreement Section Three, Part A, an Employee will be eligible to become a Participant in the Plan for purposes of becoming a Contributing Participant (and thus eligible to make Elective Deferrals) unless they are part of an excluded class of Employees as described in Adoption Agreement Section Two, Part C. There is no minimum age an Employee must attain to become a Participant in this Plan for purposes of making Elective Deferrals unless the Adopting Employer maintains another plan providing for elective deferrals that satisfies the universal availability requirements under Code Section 403(b)(12) and the corresponding Treasury Regulations. If the Adopting Employer maintains another plan, then the age specified below for Matching Contributions and Employer Contributions will apply to Elective Deferrals.
b. Matching Contributions and Employer Contributions

If Matching Contributions or Employer Contributions will be made to the Plan, unless they are part of an excluded class of Employees as described in Adoption Agreement Section Two, Part C, the Employee will become a Participant in the Plan for purposes of receiving Matching Contributions or receiving an allocation of any Employer Contributions, as applicable, pursuant to Adoption Agreement Section Three, after attaining age ______________.

NOTE: Generally the required age can be no more than age 21. Certain educational institutions may require up to age 26 but only if the Plan requires one Year of Eligibility Service or less for Employer Contributions and provides for immediate 100 percent vesting. If no age is specified in item (b) above, there will be no age requirement.

2. Years of Eligibility Service Requirement

a. Elective Deferrals

If Elective Deferrals are permitted in Adoption Agreement Section Three, Part A, an Employee will be eligible to become a Participant in the Plan for purposes of becoming a Contributing Participant (and thus eligible to make Elective Deferrals) unless they are part of an excluded class of Employees as described in Adoption Agreement Section Two, Part C. There is no minimum Years of Eligibility Service an Employee must meet to become a Participant in this Plan for purposes of making Elective Deferrals unless the Adopting Employer maintains another plan providing for elective deferrals that satisfies the universal availability requirements under Code Section 403(b)(12) and the corresponding Treasury Regulations. If the Adopting Employer maintains another plan, then the Years of Eligibility Service requirements specified below for Matching Contributions and Employer Contributions will apply to Elective Deferrals.

b. Matching Contributions and Employer Contributions

If Matching Contributions or Employer Contributions will be made to the Plan pursuant to Adoption Agreement Section Three, an Employee will become a Participant in the Plan for purposes of receiving Matching Contributions or receiving an allocation of any Employer Contributions, as applicable, pursuant to Adoption Agreement Section Three, after satisfying the following Years of Eligibility Service requirements, unless they are part of an excluded class of Employees as described in Adoption Agreement Section Two, Part C (select one):

Option 1: ☐ No Years of Eligibility Service required.
Option 2: ☐ After completing ____ consecutive Months of Eligibility Service (no more than 12).
Option 3: ☐ After completing ____ Years of Eligibility Service (enter 0, 1 or 2).
Option 4: ☐ Other: ______

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply. A Participant cannot be required to complete more than two Years of Eligibility Service for Matching Contributions and Employer Contributions. If more than one Year of Eligibility Service is selected in this Section Two, Part A for Matching Contributions and Employer Contributions, the immediate 100 percent vesting schedule in Adoption Agreement Section Four will automatically apply to such contribution sources.

Part B. Employees Employed as of the Effective Date

Will an Employee (other than an Employee who either is part of an excluded class of Employees as described in Adoption Agreement Section Two, Part C or is employed by a Related Employer that does not participate in the Plan) employed as of the Effective Date listed in Adoption Agreement Section One, Part A, who has not otherwise met the age and Years of Eligibility Service requirements listed above be considered to have met those requirements as of the Effective Date and be eligible to become a Participant in the Plan for purposes of receiving Matching Contributions or receiving an allocation of any Employer Contributions, as applicable, made pursuant to Adoption Agreement Section Three (select one)?

Option 1: ☐ Yes.
Option 2: ☐ No.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 2 will apply.

Part C. Exclusion of Certain Classes of Employees

1. Elective Deferrals

If Elective Deferrals are authorized in Adoption Agreement Section Three, Part A, all Employees shall be eligible to become Participants in the Plan for purposes of making Elective Deferrals except those Employees who are (select all that apply):

☐ Eligible to participate in a Code Section 401(k) plan maintained by the Employer in which Employees may make elective deferrals.
☐ Eligible to participate in another Code Section 403(b) plan maintained by the Employer in which Employees may make elective deferrals.
☐ Non-resident aliens (within the meaning of Code Section 7701(b)(1)(B)) who received no earned income (within the meaning of Code Section 911(d)(2)) from the Employer which constitutes income from sources within the United States (within the meaning of Code Section 861(a)(3)).
☐ Students performing services described in Code Section 3121(b)(10) (generally, this refers to students who are enrolled and regularly attending classes offered by the Employer where the Employer is a school, college or university).

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2. Matching Contributions and Employer Contributions

All Employees shall be eligible to become Participants in the Plan for purposes of receiving Matching Contributions and receiving an allocation of any Employer Contributions, as applicable, pursuant to Adoption Agreement Section Three, except those Employees who are (select all that apply):

- Non-resident aliens (within the meaning of Code Section 7701(b)(1)(13)) who received no earned income (within the meaning of Code Section 911(d)(2)) from the Employer which constitutes income from sources within the United States (within the meaning of Code Section 661(a)(3)).
- Those Employees included in a unit of Employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement between the Employer and Employee representatives, if retirement benefits were the subject of good faith bargaining and if two percent or less of the Employees who are covered pursuant to such agreement are professionals as defined in Treasury Regulation 1.410(b)-9. For this purpose, the term “employee representatives” does not include any organization more than half of whose members are Employees who are owners, officers, or executives of the Employer.
- Students performing services described in Code Section 3121(b)(10) (generally, this refers to students who are enrolled and regularly attending classes offered by the Employer where the Employer is a school, college or university).
- Other: (Describe the classification(s) of Employees that will be excluded from the Plan. Classifications cannot be based on impermissible service-related exclusions that directly or indirectly exceed the ERISA minimum standards.)

NOTE: A Related Employer will be excluded from the Plan unless such employer signs Attachment B, Related Employer Participation Form. Exclusions of Employees of a Related Employer (other than statutorily excluded Employees under Code Sections 410(b)(3),(4), and (12)) may result in the Plan failing to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements under Code Sections 401(a)(4) and 410(b).

Part D. Entry Dates

Employees will enter the Plan for purposes of becoming a Contributing Participant (and thus eligible to make Elective Deferrals and/or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) as soon as administratively feasible following the Employee’s Employment Commencement Date in accordance with Plan Section 2.02(B), unless they are part of an excluded class of Employees selected in Adoption Agreement Section Two, Part C, or they are eligible under another plan of the Adopting Employer that provides for elective deferrals and that satisfies the universal availability requirements under Code Section 403(b)(12) and the corresponding Treasury Regulations. For Matching Contributions, Employer Contributions, and any other types of contributions under the Plan, the Entry Dates selected below will apply after the Employee satisfies all applicable age and Years of Eligibility Service requirements selected in Adoption Agreement Section Two, Part A (select one):

Option 1: ☐ Immediately – The day the age and Years of Eligibility Service requirements in Adoption Agreement Section Two, Part A, are satisfied.

Option 2: ☐ Monthly – The first day of each month of the Plan Year.

Option 3: ☐ Quarterly – The first day of the Plan Year and the first day of the fourth, seventh, and tenth months of the Plan Year.

Option 4: ☐ Semi-Annually – The first day of the Plan Year and the first day of the seventh month of the Plan Year.

Option 5: ☐ Annually – The first day of the Plan Year.

Option 6: ☐ Other (define Entry Date(s))

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply. Option 5 or Option 6 can be selected only if the eligibility requirements and Entry Dates are coordinated such that each Employee will become a Participant in the Plan the earlier of 1) the first day of the Plan Year beginning after the date the Employee satisfies the age and Years of Eligibility Service requirements of ERISA Section 202, if applicable, or 2) six months after the date the Employee satisfies such requirements.

Part E. Eligibility Computation Period

An Employee’s Eligibility Computation Period after their initial Eligibility Computation Period shall be (select one):

Option 1: ☐ The Plan Year commencing with the Plan Year beginning during their initial Eligibility Computation Period.

Option 2: ☐ The 12-consecutive month period commencing on the anniversary of their Employment Commencement Date.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply.

SECTION THREE: CONTRIBUTIONS

Complete Parts A through J
2. Catch-up Contributions
   a. Age 50 Catch-up Contributions
      Will eligible Contributing Participants be permitted to make Age 50 Catch-up Contributions pursuant to Plan Section 3.01(D)(1) (select one)?
      Option 1: ☐ Yes.
      Option 2: ☐ No.
      NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply.
   b. Special Code Section 403(b) Catch-up Contributions
      Will eligible Contributing Participants be permitted to make Special Code Section 403(b) Catch-up Contributions pursuant to Plan Section 3.01(D)(2) if they have 15 years of service (as defined in Plan Section 3.01(D)(2)) with a qualified organization described in Code Section 402(g)(7) (select one)?
      Option 1: ☐ Yes.
      Option 2: ☐ No.
      NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 2 will apply.

3. Automatic Enrollment for Elective Deferrals
   a. Authorization of Automatic Elective Deferrals
      Will the automatic Elective Deferral enrollment provisions in Plan Section 3.01(E) apply (select one)?
      Option 1: ☐ Yes, the Automatic Contribution Arrangement (ACA) provisions will apply.
      Option 2: ☐ Yes, the Eligible Automatic Contribution Arrangement (EACA) provisions will apply (complete the following).
      Will the Employer permit withdrawals of Elective Deferrals contributed under an EACA and the earnings attributable to such Elective Deferrals during a Participant's initial 90-day period as described in Plan Section 5.01(A)(4) (select one)?
      Suboption (a): ☐ Yes.
      Suboption (b): ☐ No.
      NOTE: If no option is selected, Suboption (a) will apply.
      Option 3: ☐ No.
      NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 3 will apply. Any elections made on the Adoption Agreement (e.g., the rate of Matching Contributions, or any vesting schedules that apply to such Matching Contributions) will also apply to the ACA or EACA options selected above. This may affect, for example, the total amount of Matching Contributions made by the Employer. If Option 2 is selected, the Plan must include a qualified default investment alternative described in ERISA Section 404(c)(5) and the accompanying Labor Regulations, unless and until such time as this requirement is modified or eliminated by applicable laws and regulations. Complete the remainder of this item 3 only if Option 1 or Option 2 is selected.
   b. Employees Subject to Automatic Enrollment
      The following Employees will be automatically enrolled in the Plan (select one).
      Option 1: ☐ New Employees.
      Option 2: ☐ New Employees and current Employees.
      NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the EACA provisions are selected in item 3(a) above, Option 2 must be selected (and, if no Option is selected, Option 2 will apply) unless and until final Treasury Regulations under Code Section 1.414(w) permit Option 1 to be applied in conjunction with the EACA provisions of the Plan.
   c. Initial Amount of Automatic Elective Deferral
      The following percentage or amount of each Eligible Employee's Compensation will be automatically withheld and contributed to the Plan as a Pre-Tax Elective Deferral if Option 1 or Option 2 was selected in item 3(a) above (select and complete one).
      Option 1: ☐ Percent.
      Option 2: ☐ $______
      NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply and three percent of Compensation will be withheld. If the EACA provisions are selected in item 3(a) above, a percentage of Compensation must be designated rather than a dollar amount. If Option 2 is designated above and the Employer elects to apply the EACA provisions by selecting Option 2 under item 3(a) above, three percent of Compensation will be withheld.
   d. Automatic Deferral Increases
      Will Elective Deferrals be increased automatically each year for Employees who are automatically enrolled under item 3(a) above (select one)?
      Option 1: ☐ Yes.
      Option 2: ☐ No.
      NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 2 will apply.
PART B. MANDATORY EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Application of Mandatory Employee Contributions

Will Mandatory Employee Contributions be required under this Plan (select one)?

Option 1: ☐ Yes (select one):

Suboption (a): ☐ as a condition of employment (after meeting the Plan’s age and Years of Eligibility Service requirements, as applicable, described in Adoption Agreement Section Two, Part A).

Suboption (b): ☐ as a condition of employment after (check all that apply):
☐ Age ________
☐ ________ Years of Eligibility Service.

NOTE: If no Suboption is selected, Suboption (a) will apply. If Suboption (b) is selected, the Plan’s age and Years of Eligibility Service requirements will not apply for purposes of Mandatory Employee Contributions.

Option 2: ☑ No.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 2 will apply.

2. Amount of Mandatory Employee Contribution

The following percentage or amount of each Employee’s Compensation will be automatically withheld and contributed to the Plan as a Mandatory Employee Contribution subject to Suboption (a) or Suboption (b), as applicable, if Option 1 was selected in item 1 above (select and complete one):

Option 1: ☐ ________ Percent.

Option 2: ☐ $__________

3. Matching Contributions on Mandatory Employee Contributions

a. Authorization for Matching Contributions

Will the Employer make Matching Contributions to the Plan on behalf of each Employee who makes Mandatory Employee Contributions (select one)?

Option 1: ☐ Yes.

Option 2: ☑ No.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 2 will apply.

b. Matching Contribution Formula

If the Employer elected to make Matching Contributions in item 3(a) above, then the amount of such Matching Contributions each Plan Year shall be (select one):

Option 1: ☐ Percentage of Compensation Match.

An amount equal to ________ percent of such Employee’s Compensation.

Option 2: ☐ Other formula (Specify an amount equal to a percentage of the Mandatory Employee Contributions.)

PART C. MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

NOTE: If Matching Contributions are authorized in item 1 below, Elective Deferrals (and/or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) must also be authorized in this Adoption Agreement Section Three. (Employers that intend to maintain an ACP Safe Harbor contribution plan, as defined in Plan Section 3.04, must skip this Part C and complete Part D. Matching Contributions made under this Part C will be subject to ACP testing).

1. Authorization of Matching Contributions

Will the Employer make Matching Contributions to the Plan on behalf of a Qualifying Contributing Participant (select one)?

Option 1: ☐ Yes, with respect to the following types of contributions (select all that apply):

Suboption (a): ☐ Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals.

Suboption (b): ☐ Roth Elective Deferrals.

Suboption (c): ☐ Nondeductible Employee Contributions.

NOTE: If no Suboption is selected, Suboption (a) will apply.

Option 2: ☑ No.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 2 will apply. Complete the remainder of this Part C only if Option 1 is selected.
2. Matching Contribution Formula

If the Employer elected to make Matching Contributions in item 1 above, then the amount of such Matching Contributions made on behalf of a Qualifying Contributing Participant each Plan Year shall be (select one):

Option 1: Percentage of Compensation Match.

An amount equal to ________ percent of such Qualifying Contributing Participant’s Compensation provided a Qualifying Contributing Participant’s Elective Deferrals (and/or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) equal or exceed ________ percent of the Qualifying Contributing Participant’s Compensation.

Option 2: Percentage of Contribution Match.

That percentage of each Qualifying Contributing Participant’s Elective Deferrals (and/or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) determined by the Qualifying Contributing Participant’s rate of Elective Deferrals (and/or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) as specified in the matching schedule below.

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Notwithstanding the Matching Contribution formula specified above, no Matching Contributions in excess of $________ percent of a Qualifying Contributing Participant’s Compensation will be made with respect to any Qualifying Contributing Participant for any Plan Year (complete the applicable blank(s), if any).

Option 3: Multi-Tiered Percentage of Contribution Match.

That percentage of each Qualifying Contributing Participant’s Elective Deferrals (and/or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) determined by the Qualifying Contributing Participant’s rate of Elective Deferrals (and/or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) as specified in the matching schedule below.

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Notwithstanding the Matching Contribution formula specified above, no Matching Contributions in excess of $________ percent of a Qualifying Contributing Participant’s Compensation will be made with respect to any Qualifying Contributing Participant for any Plan Year (complete the applicable blank(s), if any).

Option 4: Discretionary Match.

That percentage of each Qualifying Contributing Participant’s Elective Deferrals (and/or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) determined by the Employer, in its sole discretion, determines from year to year. The amount, the allocation formula, and the percentage or dollar amount limit applicable to such match, if any, is at the complete and sole discretion of the Employer and may vary from year to year. Any Matching Contribution will be allocated in a nondiscriminatory manner based upon each Qualifying Contributing Participant’s Elective Deferrals (and/or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable).

Option 5: Age- or Service-Graded Match

Suboption (a): Age-Graded Match.

That percentage of each Qualifying Contributing Participant’s Elective Deferrals (and/or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) determined based on the age of the Participant as specified in the matching schedule below.

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Notwithstanding the Matching Contribution formula specified above, no Matching Contributions in excess of $________ percent of a Qualifying Contributing Participant’s Compensation will be made with respect to any Qualifying Contributing Participant for any Plan Year (complete the applicable blank(s), if any).

Suboption (b): Service-Graded Match.

An amount equal to a percentage of each Qualifying Contributing Participant’s Elective Deferral (and/or Nondeductible Employee Contribution, if applicable) determined by the number of such Qualifying Contributing Participant’s Years of Eligibility, if applicable.

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Notwithstanding the Matching Contribution formula specified above, no Matching Contributions in excess of $________ or _______ percent of a Qualifying Contributing Participant's Compensation will be made with respect to any Qualifying Contributing Participant for any Plan Year (complete the applicable blank(s), if any).

Option 6: □ Match Based on Job Classification or Business Location.

For each Plan Year the Employer will contribute a Matching Contribution in the percentages listed below for each Qualifying Contributing Participant based on the Elective Deferrals (and/or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) for each Qualifying Contributing Participant who satisfies the job classification or business location requirement listed below.

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Notwithstanding the Matching Contribution formula specified above, no Matching Contributions in excess of $________, or _______ percent of a Qualifying Contributing Participant's Compensation will be made with respect to any Qualifying Contributing Participant for any Plan Year (complete the applicable blank(s), if any).

Option 7: □ Other formula (Specify an amount equal to a percentage of the Elective Deferrals (and/or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) of each Qualifying Contributing Participant entitled thereto.)

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 4 will apply. If Matching Contribution percentages in Option 3 or Option 5, suboption (b), above increase as the percent of a Qualifying Contributing Participant's Elective Deferrals (and/or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) increases (e.g., the Matching Contribution percentage in Tier 1 is greater than the Matching Contribution percentage in Tier 2, etc.), special nondiscrimination testing under Code Section 401(a)(4) may be necessary. If Option 7 is selected, the formula specified can only allow Matching Contributions to be made with respect to a Qualifying Contributing Participant's Elective Deferrals (and/or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable). Matching Contributions in excess of 100% of a Qualifying Contributing Participant's Elective Deferrals (and/or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable) will be subject to the additional ACP testing limits under Plan Section 3.03 and Treasury Regulation 1.401(m)-2(a)(5). If this Plan allows for a graded matching formula, each grade may have to satisfy separate nondiscrimination testing.

3. Qualifying Contributing Participants

A Contributing Participant will be a Qualifying Contributing Participant, and thus entitled to share in Matching Contributions for any Plan Year, only if the Participant has satisfied all of the eligibility requirements described in Adoption Agreement Section Two on at least one day of such Plan Year and satisfies the following additional conditions (select one):

Option 1: □ The following additional conditions apply (select all that apply):

- Hours of Service Requirement. The Contributing Participant completes at least _______ (not more than 1,000) Hours of Service during the Plan Year.
- Last Day Requirement. The Contributing Participant is an Employee of the Employer on the last day of the Plan Year.

Option 2: □ No additional conditions apply.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 2 will apply.

4. ACP Testing Alternatives

The testing method used for purposes of the ACP test under this Plan shall be (select one):

Option 1: □ Prior Year Testing Method.

Initial Plan Year ACP

If this is not a successor Plan, then for the first Plan Year this Plan permits any Participant to make Nondeductible Employee Contributions, provides for Matching Contributions or both, the ACP for Participants who are non-Highly Compensated Employees shall be (select one):

Suboption (a): □ 3%.

Suboption (b): □ Such first Plan Year's ACP.

NOTE: If no suboption is selected, Suboption (a) will apply.

Option 2: □ Current Year Testing Method.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply unless the Adopting Employer elects to apply the ACP Safe Harbor provisions of Section Three, Part D below, in which case Option 2 will apply. If the Adopting Employer elects to apply the ACP Safe Harbor provisions of Section Three, Part D below, Option 2 must be selected. If Option 2 is selected, the current year testing method must continue to be used unless 1) the Plan has been using the current year testing method for the preceding five Plan Years; or, if fewer, the number of Plan Years the Plan has been in existence, or 2) the Plan otherwise meets one of the conditions specified in the Treasury Regulations (or additional guidance issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)) for changing from the current year testing method.
Part D. ACP Safe Harbor Contributions

1. Application of ACP Safe Harbor

Will the ACP Safe Harbor provisions of Plan Section 3.04 apply (select one)?

Option 1: Yes.
Option 2: No.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 2 will apply. Complete the remainder of this Part D only if Option 1 is selected. If Option 1 is selected, the ACP Safe Harbor provisions of the Plan shall apply for the Plan Year and any provisions relating to the ACP test generally will not apply. Contribution provisions that are selected in addition to the options listed in this Part D may subject the Plan to ACP testing. A Plan intending to satisfy the ACP Safe Harbor contribution requirements of Code Section 401(m)(11) generally must satisfy such requirements, including the notice requirement, for the entire Plan Year. If an ACP Safe Harbor contribution is eliminated during a Plan Year, the Plan will be subject to provisions relating to the ACP test, including restrictions on the selection of testing methods (e.g., current vs. prior year).

2. ACP Safe Harbor Contributions

The Employer will make the following ACP Safe Harbor Contributions for the Plan Year (select one):

Option 1: Basic Matching Contributions.

The Employer will make Matching Contributions to the Individual Account of each Eligible Employee, equal to:

(i) 100 percent of the amount of the Employee’s Elective Deferrals that do not exceed three percent of the Employee’s Compensation for the Plan Year, plus
(ii) 50 percent of the amount of the Employee’s Elective Deferrals that exceed three percent of the Employee’s Compensation but do not exceed five percent of the Employee’s Compensation.

Option 2: Enhanced Matching Contributions

The Employer will make Matching Contributions to the Individual Account of each Eligible Employee in an amount equal to the sum of:

\[
\text{Elective Deferral Percentage} \times \text{Matching Percentage}
\]

Base Rate: Less than or equal to \( \frac{3\%}{100\%} \) (not less than 3%) and not greater than 6%
Tier 2: Greater than \( \frac{3\%}{6\%} \) but less than or equal to \( \frac{6\%}{100\%} \)

NOTE: The Enhanced Matching Contribution formula must be completed so that, at any rate of Elective Deferrals, the Matching Contribution is at least equal to the Matching Contribution that would be received if the Employer were making Basic Matching Contributions, but the rate of match cannot increase as Elective Deferrals increase.

Option 3: ACP Safe Harbor Nonelective Contributions

The Employer will make an ACP Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution to the Individual Account of each Eligible Employee in an amount equal to \( \frac{\%}{\%} \) (not less than three) percent of the Employee’s Compensation for the Plan Year.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply.

3. Additional ACP Safe Harbor Matching Contributions

NOTE: No additional contributions are required in order to satisfy the requirements for the ACP Safe Harbor. The Employer may, however, make Matching Contributions in addition to Basic or Enhanced Matching Contributions. To ensure that the Plan continues to satisfy the ACP Safe Harbor contribution requirements, only the following additional Matching Contributions may be made (see the NOTE below for specific contribution limitations).

For the Plan Year, the Employer will make additional ACP Safe Harbor Matching Contributions to the Individual Account of each Eligible Employee in the amount of (select one):

Option 1: Percentage of Contribution Match.

A Matching Contribution that equals \( \frac{\%}{\%} \) percent of the Employee’s Elective Deferrals that do not exceed \( \frac{\%}{\%} \) percent (not more than six percent) of the Employee’s Compensation for the Plan Year.

Option 2: Two-Tiered Percentage of Contribution Match.

That percentage of each Contributing Participant’s Elective Deferrals determined by the Contributing Participant’s rate of Elective Deferrals as specified in the matching schedule below.

\[
\text{Elective Deferral Percentage} \times \text{Matching Percentage}
\]

Base Rate: Less than or equal to \( \frac{6\%}{100\%} \)
Tier 2: Greater than \( \frac{6\%}{100\%} \) but less than or equal to \( \frac{10\%}{100\%} \)

NOTE: The matching percentage for Tier 2 cannot exceed the matching percentage for the base rate. No Matching Contributions will be made on Elective Deferrals that exceed six percent of Compensation.

Option 3: A discretionary contribution that matches those Employee’s Elective Deferrals that do not exceed a permissible percentage of the Employee’s Compensation for the Plan Year.

NOTE: The Elective Deferrals that are matched will be determined by the Employer for the year, but in no event can a Matching Contribution be made on Elective Deferrals that exceed six percent of the Employee’s Compensation. In addition, the additional discretionary Matching Contributions made to any Employee cannot exceed four percent of the Employee’s Compensation for the Plan Year. If the Employer wishes to make Matching Contributions in addition to ACP Safe Harbor Matching Contributions, Adoption Agreement Section Three, Part C, must be completed. Matching Contributions made pursuant to Adoption Agreement Section Three, Part C will be subject to ACP testing.
Part E. Employer Contributions

1. Authorization of Employer Contributions

Will the Employer make Employer Contributions to the Plan on behalf of Qualifying Participants (select one)?

Option 1: ☐ Yes.
Option 2: ☐ No.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 2 will apply. Complete the remainder of Part E only if Option 1 is selected.

2. Contribution and Allocation Formula

Employer Contributions will be allocated to the Individual Accounts of Qualifying Participants as follows: (Select one contribution and allocation formula below. For the option selected (except Option 6), designate whether the contribution will be nondiscretionary and contributed each year or will be discretionary and the Employer will determine from year to year whether to make the Employer Contribution.)

Option 1: ☑ Pro Rata Formula.

a. Contribution Amount

Employer Contributions will be allocated to the Individual Accounts of Qualifying Participants each Plan Year equal to 3 percent of Compensation (specify a percentage of Compensation).

b. Contribution Requirement

The amount of the Employer Contribution allocated to Qualifying Participants each Plan Year will be:

Suboption (i): ☑ Nondiscretionary.
Suboption (ii): ☐ Discretionary.

Option 2: ☐ Flat Dollar Formula.

a. Contribution Amount

Employer Contributions will be allocated to the Individual Accounts of Qualifying Participants for each Plan Year in the amount of $ for each Qualifying Participant.

b. Contribution Requirement

The amount of the Employer Contribution allocated to Qualifying Participants each Plan Year will be:

Suboption (i): ☐ Nondiscretionary.
Suboption (ii): ☐ Discretionary.

Option 3: ☐ Integrated Formula.

a. Contribution Amount

Employer Contributions will be allocated to the Individual Accounts of Qualifying Participants each Plan Year equal to the sum of the amounts determined in Steps 1 and 2:

Step 1. An amount equal to 3 percent (the base contribution percentage) of the Qualifying Participant’s Compensation for the Plan Year up to the integration level, plus

Step 2. An amount equal to 3 percent (not to exceed the base contribution by more than the lesser of: (1) the base contribution percentage, or (2) the maximum disparity rate as described in Plan Section 3.05(B)(2)) of such Qualifying Participant’s Compensation for the Plan Year in excess of the integration level.

The integration level will be (select one):

Suboption (i): ☐ The Taxable Wage Base.
Suboption (ii): ☐ $ (a dollar amount less than the Taxable Wage Base).
Suboption (iii): ☐ percent (not more than 100 percent) of the Taxable Wage Base.

NOTE: If no suboption is selected, Suboption (i) will apply.

b. Contribution Requirement

The amount of the Employer Contribution contributed to Qualifying Participants each Plan Year will be:

Suboption (i): ☐ Nondiscretionary.
Suboption (ii): ☐ Discretionary.

Option 4: ☐ Age- or Service-Graded Formula.

a. Contribution Amount

Suboption (i): ☐ Age-Graded Employer Contribution

Employer Contributions will be allocated to the Individual Accounts of Qualifying Participants each Plan Year equal to a percentage of each Qualifying Participant’s Compensation determined based on the age of the Participant as specified in the schedule below.

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Suboption (ii): Service-Graded Employer Contribution.

Employer Contributions will be allocated to the Individual Accounts of Qualifying Participants each Plan Year equal to a percentage of each Qualifying Participant’s Compensation determined by the number of such Participant’s Years of Eligibility Vesting Service with the Employer as specified in the schedule below.

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b. Contribution Requirement

The amount of the Employer Contribution contributed to Qualifying Participants each Plan Year will be:

Suboption (i): Nondiscretionary.
Suboption (ii): Discretionary.

Option 5: Business Location or Job Classification Formula.

a. Contribution Amount

Employer Contributions will be allocated to the Individual Accounts of Qualifying Participants for each Plan Year in an amount equal to a percentage of each Qualifying Participant’s Compensation determined based on the business location or job classification of the Participant as specified in the schedule below.

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b. Contribution Requirement

The amount of the Employer Contribution contributed to Qualifying Participants each Plan Year will be:

Suboption (i): Nondiscretionary.
Suboption (ii): Discretionary.

Option 6: Discretionary Employer Contributions.

The Employer will be permitted to make an Employer Contribution in an amount to be determined from year to year at the Employer’s discretion which will be allocated to the Individual Accounts of Qualifying Participants in the ratio that each Qualifying Participant’s Compensation for the Plan Year bears to the total Compensation of all Qualifying Participants for the Plan Year.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 6 will apply.

3. Supplemental Employer Contribution

Will the Employer be permitted to make supplemental Employer Contributions, in an amount to be determined from year to year at the Employer’s discretion, in addition to the Employer Contributions described in item 2 above (select one)?

Option 1: Yes.

If Option 1 is selected the supplemental Employer Contributions will be allocated to each Qualifying Participant in accordance with the following Employer Contribution formula (select one):

Suboption (a): Discretionary Employer Contribution, in the ratio that each Qualifying Participant’s Compensation for the Plan Year bears to the total Compensation of all Qualifying Participants for the Plan Year.

Suboption (b): Other (specify) ____________________________________________

NOTE: If Option 1 is selected under item 3 and no suboption is selected, Suboption (a) will apply.

Option 2: No.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 2 will apply.
4. Qualifying Participants
   a. Additional Conditions
   A Participant will be a Qualifying Participant, and thus entitled to share in Employer Contributions for any Plan Year, only if the Participant has satisfied all of the eligibility requirements described in Adoption Agreement Section Two on at least one day of such Plan Year and satisfies the following additional conditions (select one):

   Option 1: ☐ The following additional conditions apply (select all that apply):
   ☐ Hours of Service Requirement. The Participant completes at least ______ (not more than 1,000) Hours of Service during the Plan Year.
   ☐ Last Day Requirement. The Participant is an Employee of the Employer on the last day of the Plan Year.

   Option 2: ☑ No additional conditions apply.
   NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 2 will apply.

   b. Participants on a Paid Leave of Absence
   Will a Qualifying Participant include a Participant on a paid leave of absence?

   Option 1: ☑ Yes.
   Option 2: ☐ No.
   NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 2 will apply. If Option 2 applies, it will not eliminate the leave protections for certain absences granted by ERISA or related law or regulations (e.g., military leave).

5. Contributions To Disabled Participants
   Will a Participant who has incurred a Disability be entitled to an Employer Contribution pursuant to Plan Section 3.05(B)(1) and Code Section 415(c)(3)(C) (select one)?

   Option 1: ☐ Yes.
   Option 2: ☑ No.
   NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 2 will apply.

Part F. Other Contributions
1. Rollover Contributions
   a. Rollover Availability
   May Participants make rollover contributions to the Plan pursuant to Plan Section 3.07 (select one)?

   Option 1: ☑ Yes.
   Option 2: ☐ No.
   NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply.

   b. Rollover Contributions from IRAs
   Will the Plan accept a Participant's rollover contributions of the portion of a distribution from an individual retirement account or annuity described in Code Section 408(a) or 408(b) that is eligible to be rolled over and would otherwise be includible in gross income (select one)?

   Option 1: ☐ Yes.
   Option 2: ☑ No.
   NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply.

2. Plan-to-Plan Transfer Contributions
   May an Employee make transfer contributions to the Plan pursuant to Plan Section 3.08 (select one)?

   Option 1: ☐ Yes, for current Employees only.
   Option 2: ☑ Yes, for current and former Employees.
   Option 3: ☐ Yes, but only if the Employee is part of a class of Employees whose assets are being transferred as a result of a merger or acquisition.
   Option 4: ☑ No.
   NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 4 will apply.

3. Nondeductible Employee Contributions
   May an Employee who satisfies the eligibility requirements specified in the Adoption Agreement for making Elective Deferrals, and who is not a member of an excluded class of Employees as specified in Adoption Agreement Section Two, Part C, item 1 make Nondeductible Employee Contributions pursuant to Plan Section 3.09 (select one)?

   Option 1: ☐ Yes.
   Option 2: ☑ No.
   NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 2 will apply.
SECTION FOUR: VESTING AND FORFEITURES
Complete Parts A through C

Part A. Vesting Schedule for Matching Contributions and Employer Contributions

A Participant will become Vested in the portion of their Individual Account derived from Matching Contributions (including additional ACP Safe Harbor Matching Contributions made under Adoption Agreement Section Three, Part D, item 3) and Employer Contributions, if applicable, made pursuant to Adoption Agreement Section Three as follows:

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NOTE: If no option is selected as of the first date on which such contributions may be made to the Plan, Option 1 will apply. The vesting schedule selected above will apply to all Matching Contributions, Employer Contributions and additional ACP Safe Harbor Matching Contributions made under Adoption Agreement Section Three, Part D, item 3, even if previously subject to a less favorable vesting schedule, unless such prior schedule is preserved on Attachment A, Protected Benefits and Prior Plan Provisions.

Part B. Exclusion of Certain Years of Vesting Service

All of an Employee's Years of Vesting Service with the Employer are counted to determine the Vested percentage in the Participant's Individual Account except (select any that apply):

☐ Years of Vesting Service before the Employee reaches age 18.
☐ Years of Vesting Service before the Employer maintained this Plan or a predecessor plan.

Part C. Allocation of Forfeitures

Forfeitures of Matching Contributions, Employer Contributions, and Excess Aggregate Contributions shall be (select one):

Option 1: ☐ Allocated to the Individual Accounts of Participants in the ratio that each Participant's Compensation for the Plan Year bears to the total Compensation of all Participants for such Plan Year.

The Participants entitled to receive allocations of such Forfeitures shall be (select one):

Suboption (a): ☐ Qualified Contributing Participants (for Forfeitures of Matching Contribution and Excess Aggregate Contribution) and Qualifying Participants (for Forfeitures of Employer Contributions).

Suboption (b): ☐ All Participants.

NOTE: If no suboption is selected, Suboption (a) will apply.

Option 2: ☑ Applied to reduce Plan Contributions.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 2 will apply. Pursuant to Plan Section 3.05(C) and notwithstanding the election made above, the Employer may first apply Forfeitures to either the payment of the Plan's administrative expenses or the restoration of Participants' Individual Accounts pursuant to Plan Section 4.01(B)(5).

SECTION FIVE: DISTRIBUTIONS
Complete Parts A through D

Part A. Eligibility for Distributions (Answer each of the following items.)

1. Cashout Distributions Upon Severance from Employment

For purposes of applying the cashout rules in Plan Section 4.01(B), the cashout level will be (select one):

Option 1: ☑ Not Applicable. The cashout distribution provisions in Plan Section 4.01(B)(1) will not apply.

Option 2: ☐ $5,000.

Option 3: ☐ $1,000.

Option 4: ☐ $250.

Option 5: ☐ $____________ (specify an amount less than $1,000).

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply. A cashout level exceeding $1,000 will subject the Plan to the automatic rollover requirements of Code Section 401(a)(31)(B) as described in Plan Section 5.01(B).
2. Distribution Events (Select the criteria that a Participant must satisfy to be eligible for a distribution from the Plan)

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<td>At any time with respect to pre-2009 Employer Contributions and Matching Contributions in an annuity contract</td>
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NOTE: Place a “✓” or enter the specific criteria (e.g., age, years of participation, etc.) in each box, as applicable. A Participant need only satisfy one of the criteria to be eligible for a distribution. If no selections or entries are made in the table above, Plan Section 5.01 will apply in determining whether a Participant is entitled to a distribution. Plan Section 5.01(C)(2) sets forth the conditions for a hardship distribution. Use Attachment A, Protected Benefits and Prior Plan Provisions, to preserve any additional distribution options available in a Prior Plan.

3. Miscellaneous Distribution Issues

a. Withdrawals of Rollover Contributions

Will a Participant be entitled to request a distribution of their rollover contributions at any time, provided the rollover contributions have been properly segregated (select one)?

Option 1: ☐ Yes.
Option 2: ✓ No.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply. If Option 2 applies, the Plan’s provisions governing distributions will apply according to Plan Section 5.01.

b. Withdrawals of Transfer Contributions

Will an Employee be entitled to request a distribution of their transfer contributions at any time subject to the restrictions of Plan Section 5.01 (select one)?

Option 1: ☐ Yes.
Option 2: ✓ No.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply. If Option 2 applies, the Plan’s provisions governing distributions will apply according to Plan Section 5.01.

c. Qualified Reservist Distributions

Will Qualified Reservist Distributions of Elective Deferrals be permitted pursuant to Plan Section 5.01(D)(2) (select one)?

Option 1: ✓ Yes.
Option 2: ☐ No.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply.

Part B. Form of Distribution

Income options will be permitted as provided by the terms of the Funding Vehicles. All forms of distribution shall be subject to the terms of the Individual Agreements. (Answer each of the following items.)

1. Individual Account Balances of $1,000 or Less

If permitted, cashout distributions of $1,000 or less that are Eligible Rollover Distributions and are made to terminated Participants pursuant to Plan Section 5.01(B) shall be (select one):

Option 1: ✓ Paid in a lump sum distribution.
Option 2: ☐ Paid in a Direct Rollover to an individual retirement account (as defined in Code Sections 408(a), 408(b) or 408A).

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply.
2. Individual Account Balances Exceeding $1,000
   
a. Lump Sum
   Will a Participant be entitled to request a distribution of the Vested portion of their Individual Account in a lump sum, subject to Plan Section 5.02 (select one)?
   Option 1:  Yes.
   Option 2:  No.

b. Partial Payments
   Will a Participant be entitled to request a partial distribution of the Vested portion of their Individual Account, subject to Plan Section 5.02 (select one)?
   Option 1:  Yes.
   Option 2:  No.

c. Installment Payments
   Will a Participant be entitled to request a distribution of the Vested portion of their Individual Account over a period not to exceed the life expectancy of the Participant or the joint and last survivor life expectancy of the Participant and their designated Beneficiary, subject to Plan Section 5.02 (select one)?
   Option 1:  Yes.
   Option 2:  No.

d. Annuity Contracts
   Will a Participant be entitled to apply the Vested portion of their Individual Account toward the purchase of an annuity contract, subject to Plan Section 5.02 (select one)?
   Option 1:  Yes.
   Option 2:  No.

NOTE: Option 1 must be selected for at least one of items (a) through (d) in Part B, item 2 above. If Option 1 is not selected for at least one of items (a) through (d) above, then Option 1 will apply for items (a) and (d). If this Plan is restating a Prior Plan, the forms of distribution under this Plan must generally be at least as favorable as under the Prior Plan.

Part C. Retirement Equity Act Safe Harbor
Will the safe harbor provisions of Plan Section 5.10(E) apply (select one)?
Option 1:  Yes.
Option 2:  No.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 2 will apply.

Survivor Annuity Percentage (Complete only if Option 2 is selected or if certain Plan assets (e.g., transfer contributions) are subject to the Retirement Equity Act annuity requirements.)
The survivor annuity portion of the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity shall be a percentage equal to \( \frac{50}{\text{}} \) percent (at least 50 percent, but no more than 100 percent) of the annual paid to the Participant prior to his or her death.

NOTE: If no option is selected, the survivor annuity portion of the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity will be equal to 50 percent.

Part D. Loans
May a Participant request a loan pursuant to Plan Section 5.13 (select one)?
Option 1:  Yes.
Option 2:  No.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 2 will apply.

NOTE: Generally, ERISA Section 204(g) prohibits the elimination of protected benefits. Protected benefits include the timing of payout options. If the Plan is restating a Prior Plan that permitted a distribution option described above that involves the timing of a distribution, the selections must generally be at least as favorable as under the Prior Plan. Certain forms of distributions (e.g., redundant forms of distribution) may, however, be eliminated. Refer to ERISA Section 204(g) and the corresponding Department of Labor Regulations for details pertaining to the elimination of otherwise protected benefits.

SECTION SIX: DEFINITIONS
Complete Parts A through F

Part A. Compensation

1. Base Definition
   Compensation will mean all of each Participant’s (select one):
   Option 1:  W-2 wages.
   Option 2:  Section 3401(a) wages.
   Option 3:  415 safe-harbor compensation.
   NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply.
2. Exclusions from Compensation
Compensation shall not include the following. (Select all that apply.)
- [] Bonuses
- [ ] Overtime
- [ ] Compensation due to a paid leave of absence
- [x] Other See “Other Plan Information” Attachment

NOTE: If any items are excluded, the definition of Compensation may not be a safe harbor alternative definition of compensation and may be subject to nondiscrimination testing under Code Section 414(s). No exclusions from Compensation are permitted if the integrated allocation formula in Adoption Agreement Section Three, Part E, item 2 is selected.

3. Inclusion of Elective Deferrals
Will Compensation include contributions made by the Employer pursuant to a salary reduction agreement that are not includible in the gross income of the Employee under Code Sections 125 (cafeteria plans), 132(f)(4) (transportation fringe benefits), 402(e)(3) (401(k) Plans), 408(k) (salary deferral SEP Plans), 403(b) (tax-sheltered annuity plans), or 457 (deferred compensation plans of state and local governments and tax-exempt organizations) (select one)?

Option 1: [x] Yes.
Option 2: [ ] No.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply.

4. Pre-Entry Date Compensation
Unless a different definition of Compensation is required by either the Code or ERISA, for the Plan Year in which an Employee enters the Plan, the Employee’s Compensation that will be taken into account for purposes of the Plan will be (select one):

Option 1: [x] Compensation from the Entry Date.
Option 2: [ ] Compensation for the full Plan Year.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply.

5. Post-Severance Compensation
a. Leave Cashouts
In addition to any adjustment to Compensation selected above, will Compensation exclude leave cashouts paid after Severance from Employment as described in the Basic Plan Document (select one)?

Option 1: [x] Yes.
Option 2: [ ] No.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply with respect to all Plan Contributions.

b. Deferred Compensation
In addition to any adjustment to Compensation selected above, will Compensation exclude deferred compensation paid after Severance from Employment as described in the Basic Plan Document (select one)?

Option 1: [x] Yes.
Option 2: [ ] No.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply.

6. Permanently and Totally Disabled Employees
In addition to the basic definition of Compensation selected above, will Compensation include compensation defined in Code Section 415(c)(3)(C) for Participants who are permanently and totally disabled (select one)?

Option 1: [ ] Yes.
Option 2: [x] No.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 2 will apply.

Part B. Highly Compensated Employee

1. Top-Paid Group Election
For purposes of determining who is a Highly Compensated Employee under the Plan, will the top-paid group election apply (select one)?

Option 1: [ ] Yes.
Option 2: [x] No.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 2 will apply.
2. **Calendar Year Data Election**

   If the Plan Year is a fiscal year other than a calendar year, for purposes of determining who is a Highly Compensated Employee (other than a five-percent owner) under the Plan, will the calendar year data election apply (select one)?

   **Option 1:** Yes.
   **Option 2:** No.

   **NOTE:** If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply.

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**Part C. Hours of Service – Method of Determining Service**

   Hours of service will be determined on the basis of (select one):

   **Option 1:** Elapsed Time.
   **Option 2:** Actual hours for which an Employee is paid or entitled to payment.
   **Option 3:** Days worked. An Employee will be credited with 10 Hours of Service if under the definition of Hours of Service such Employee would be credited with at least one Hour of Service during the day.
   **Option 4:** Weeks worked. An Employee will be credited with 45 Hours of Service if under the definition of Hours of Service such Employee would be credited with at least one Hour of Service during the week.
   **Option 5:** Semi-Monthly payroll periods worked. An Employee will be credited with 95 Hours of Service if under the definition of Hours of Service such Employee would be credited with at least one Hour of Service during the semi-monthly payroll period.
   **Option 6:** Months worked. An Employee will be credited with 190 Hours of Service if under the definition of Hours of Service such Employee would be credited with at least one Hour of Service during the month.

   **NOTE:** If no option is selected, Option 2 will apply.

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**Part D. Plan Year**

   **Option 1:** The 12-consecutive month period which coincides with the Adopting Employer’s tax year.
   **Option 2:** The calendar year.
   **Option 3:** Other 12-consecutive month period (Specify a 12-consecutive month period selected in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner.)

   **NOTE:** If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply.

   If the initial Plan Year or any subsequent Plan Year is less than 12 months (a short Plan Year) specify such Plan Year’s beginning and ending dates.

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**Part E. Predecessor Employer Service**

   In addition to the Hours of Service credited when an Employer maintains the plan of a predecessor employer, Hours of Service with a predecessor employer will be credited for the following purposes where the Employer does not maintain the plan of a predecessor employer (select all that apply):

   - Eligibility.
   - Vesting.
   - Allocation of Contributions.

   Service from the following named predecessor employer(s), if any, will apply.

   In addition to any predecessor employer(s) that may be named above, employers from the following types of organizations will also constitute predecessor employers from which hours of service will apply. (Select all that apply.)

   - An educational organization.
   - An organization that meets the eligibility requirements of Code Section 403(b)(1).
   - A teaching institution.
   - An institution of higher education.
   - A non-profit (research) institution.

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**Part F. Retirement Age**

1. **Early Retirement Age**

   The Early Retirement Age under the Plan will be (select one):

   **Option 1:** An Early Retirement Age is not applicable under the Plan.
   **Option 2:** A Participant satisfies the Plan’s Early Retirement Age conditions by attaining age _____ and completing _______ Years of Vesting Service.

   **NOTE:** If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply.
2. Normal Retirement Age

The Normal Retirement Age under the Plan will be (select and complete one):

Option 1: ☐ Age 65 (not to exceed 65 or such later age as may be allowed under Code Section 411(a)(8)).

Option 2: ☐ The later of age _________ (not to exceed 65 or such later age as may be allowed under Code Section 411(a)(8)) or the _________ (not to exceed [fifth]) anniversary of the first day of the first Plan Year in which the Participant commenced participation in the Plan.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 and age 59½ will apply.

SECTION SEVEN: MISCELLANEOUS

Complete Parts A and B

Part A. Participant Direction

1. Will Participants be responsible for directing the investment of their Plan assets pursuant to Plan Section 7.01(C) (select one)?

Option 1: ☑ Yes.
Option 2: ☐ No.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply.

2. If Option 1 was selected above, what investments will be available for transfer of Participant’s Individual Accounts (select one)?

Option 1: ☑ Only approved investment options of Vendors eligible under the Plan to accept Plan Contributions.
Option 2: ☐ Investment options of Vendors eligible under the Plan to accept Plan Contributions and investment options of other Vendors not eligible to accept Plan Contributions but only if in accordance with the requirements of Plan Section 7.01(F).

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply.

Part B. ERISA 404(c) Compliance

Does the Adopting Employer intend to operate this Plan in compliance with ERISA Section 404(c) as set forth in Plan Section 7.01(F) (select one)?

Option 1: ☑ Yes.
Option 2: ☐ No.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply.

SECTION EIGHT: EMPLOYER SIGNATURE

Plan Administrator

☐ Check here and provide the applicable information below if someone other than the Adopting Employer will be the Plan Administrator.

Name of Plan Administrator

Address

City

Telephone

Signature of Plan Administrator

Type Name

Date Signed

Check the applicable box if there is an attachment(s) that applies to this Plan other than a separate Individual Agreement.

☐ Attachment B, Related Employer Participation Form.
☒ Attachment C, Special Effective Dates.
☐ Other: (If this box is checked, please describe the attachment(s)) Other Governing Provisions

I am an authorized representative of the Adopting Employer named above and I state the following:

1. I acknowledge that I have relied upon my own advisors regarding the completion of this Adoption Agreement and the legal and tax implications of adopting this Plan.

2. I understand that this Adoption Agreement and the corresponding Basic Plan Document are specimen documents that have not been reviewed or approved by the IRS. I further understand that TIAA-CREF cannot and does not provide legal or tax advice.

3. I have received a copy of this Adoption Agreement and the corresponding Basic Plan Document.

Signature of Adopting Employer

Type Name

Date Signed

Title

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ATTACHMENT B
RELATED EMPLOYER PARTICIPATION FORM

ADOPTING EMPLOYER PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Adopting Employer: ASME
Plan Name: American Society of Mechanical Engineers DC Pension Plan
Plan Sequence Number: 201
Account Number: 103534

RELATED EMPLOYER INFORMATION

The following Related Employer will participate in the Plan of the Adopting Employer as described in the Effective Date section.
Name of Related Employer: ASME Innovative Technologies Institute, LLC
Address: 1828 L Street NW Suite 906
City: Washington State: DC Zip: 20036
Telephone: (202) 785-3756
Related Employer's Federal Tax Identification Number: 20-1285874
Related Employer's Tax Year End (specify month and day): 12/31

EFFECTIVE DATES

☐ New Plan - This is the initial adoption of a plan by the Related Employer. The effective date of its adoption is _________.
The Effective Date is usually the first day of the Plan Year in which this Attachment B is signed and may not be earlier than such date. Elective Deferrals, however, cannot be made available before the later of the date this Attachment B is signed or the Effective Date for Elective Deferrals specified in the Adoption Agreement.

☐ Existing Plan Restatement - This is a restatement of an existing plan of the Related Employer. The effective date of this restatement is _________.
The restatement effective date generally the first day of the Plan Year in which this Attachment, Related Employer Participation Form is signed. An amendment or restatement effective date after the first day of the Plan Year in which the Adoption Agreement is signed may result in a reduction or elimination of accrued benefits, violating ERISA Section 204(g). If Elective Deferrals are being made available for the first time as a result of an amendment or restatement, Elective Deferrals cannot be made available before the later of the date this Attachment, Related Employer Participation Form is signed or the effective date for Elective Deferrals specified in the Adoption Agreement.

☐ Cessation - This is the cessation of participation in the Plan by the Related Employer. The effective date of the cessation is _________.

SIGNATURES

Adopting Employer
I am an authorized representative of the Adopting Employer named above and I acknowledge that the Related Employer listed on this Related Employer Participation Form will participate in the Plan as described above. I agree to provide the Related Employer identified above with any amendments that have been made to the Plan and, if applicable, I agree to notify the Related Employer of a decision to discontinue or abandon the Plan. I acknowledge that I have relied upon my own advisors regarding such employer participating or ceasing to participate in the Plan.

Signature of Adopting Employer ____________________________ Date Signed ____________
Type Name ____________________________ Title ____________________________

Related Employer
I am an authorized representative of the Related Employer name above. I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Basic Plan Document, the Adoption Agreement, and, if applicable, any other documents that constitute part of the Plan. In addition, I authorize the Adopting Employer to make amendments to the Plan on my behalf. I understand that the Adopting Employer will provide me with any amendments made to the Plan, including a notification if the Adopting Employer has discontinued or abandoned the Plan. I acknowledge that I have relied upon my own advisors regarding the legal and tax implications of participating or ceasing to participate in the Plan.

Signature of Adopting Employer ____________________________ Date Signed ____________
Type Name ____________________________ Title ____________________________
## ATTACHMENT B
### RELATED EMPLOYER PARTICIPATION FORM

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- **Existing Plan Restatement** - This is a restatement of an existing plan of the Related Employer. The effective date of this restatement is 01/01/2009. The restatement effective date generally the first day of the Plan Year in which this Attachment, Related Employer Participation Form is signed. An amendment or restatement effective date after the first day of the Plan Year in which the Adoption Agreement is signed may result in a reduction or elimination of accrued benefits, violating ERISA Section 204(g). If Elective Deferrals are being made available for the first time as a result of an amendment or restatement, Elective Deferrals cannot be made available before the later of the date this Attachment, Related Employer Participation Form is signed or the effective date for Elective Deferrals specified in the Adoption Agreement.
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ATTACHMENT B
RELATED EMPLOYER PARTICIPATION FORM

ADOPTING EMPLOYER PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Adopting Employer: ASME
Plan Name: American Society of Mechanical Engineers DC Pension Plan
Plan Sequence Number: 201
Account Number: 103524

RELATED EMPLOYER INFORMATION

The following Related Employer will participate in the Plan of the Adopting Employer as described in the Effective Date section.
Name of Related Employer: ASME Foundation
Address: 3 Park Avenue
City: New York
State: NY
Zip: 10016
Telephone: (212) 591-7077
Related Employer's Federal Tax Identification Number: 29-32934

EFFECTIVE DATES

☐ New Plan – This is the initial adoption of a plan by the Related Employer. The effective date of its adoption of the Plan is
☐ Existing Plan Restatement – This is a restatement of an existing plan of the Related Employer. The effective date of this restatement is 01/01/2009.
☐ Cessation – This is the cessation of participation in the Plan by the Related Employer. The effective date of the cessation is

SIGNATURES

Adopting Employer
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Signature of Adopting Employer
Type Name
Title
Date Signed

Related Employer
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Signature of Related Employer
Type Name
Title
Date Signed
ATTACHMENT C
SPECIAL EFFECTIVE DATES

This attachment is used when a new or restated plan document is prepared and special effective dates apply for certain plan provisions.

EMPLOYER INFORMATION
Name of Adopting Employer: ASME
Name of Plan: American Society of Mechanical Engineers DC Pension Plan
Plan Sequence Number: 201 Account Number: 103534

SPECIAL EFFECTIVE DATES

The following special effective dates shall apply to the plan: (select one or more as applicable). Note: All parameters or limitations stated in the Adoption Agreement apply.

A. SECTION TWO: ELIGIBILITY
   □ Part A Age and Years of Eligibility Service.
      Effective Date:
   □ Part C Exclusion of Certain Classes of Employees.
      Effective Date:
   □ Part D Entry Dates.
      Effective Date:

B. SECTION THREE: CONTRIBUTIONS
   Note: If Elective Deferrals, Nondeductible Employee Contributions, or Mandatory Employee Contributions are being made available for the first time as a result of this amendment or restatement, these contributions cannot be made available before the later of the date the Adoption Agreement is signed or the Special Effective Date listed on this Schedule C.
   □ Part A Elective Deferrals
      Option 1: □ Pre-Tax Elective Deferral and Roth Elective Deferral Availability
         Suboption 1: □ The next payroll date coinciding with or following the later of the date the Adoption Agreement is signed or the Effective Date selected in Adoption Agreement Section One.
            Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals
            Roth Elective Deferrals
         Suboption 2: □ (Must be on or after the later of the date the Adoption Agreement is signed or the Effective Date selected in Adoption Agreement Section One).
            Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals
            Roth Elective Deferrals
      Note: If different effective dates are selected for Pre-Tax and Roth Elective Deferrals, the Effective Date for Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals must be either the same date or an earlier date than that selected for Roth Elective Deferrals.
      Option 2: □ Automatic Contribution Arrangement for Elective Deferrals (ACA)
      Option 3: □ Eligible Automatic Contribution Arrangement (EACA)
      Option 4: □ Automatic Increases for Elective Deferrals
      Option 5: □ Frequency or Limits affecting Elective Deferrals
      Effective Date:
   □ Part B Mandatory Employee Contributions
      Option 1: □ The next payroll date coinciding with or following the later of the date the Adoption Agreement is signed or the Effective Date selected in Adoption Agreement Section One.
      Option 2: □ (Must be on or after the later of the date the Adoption Agreement is signed or the Effective Date selected in Adoption Agreement Section One).
C. SECTION FOUR: VESTING AND ALLOCATION OF FORFEITURES

Part A Vesting Schedule for Matching Contributions and Employer Contributions

Part C Allocation of Forfeitures

D. SECTION FIVE: DISTRIBUTIONS AND LOANS

Part A Eligibility for Distributions (e.g., hardship, in-service)

Part B Form of Distribution (e.g., lump sum, installment, annuity)

Part D Loans

E. SECTION SIX: DEFINITIONS

Part A Compensation

W-2 wages excluding Group Term Life Insurance, Imputed Income and Gross-ups, Tuition Reimbursement, spousal travel and service award bonuses and payments to Employees pursuant to any Employer-sponsored non-qualified deferred compensation plan. Effective 09/30/09.

Compensation does not include payments made to Employees on or after 10/1/09 pursuant to the ASME Incentive Compensation Plan. Effective 09/30/2009.

Part B Highly Compensated Employee (e.g., top paid group, calendar year election)
Part C  

Hour of Service – Method of Determining Service

☐ OTHER (Specify)

Effective Date:

☐ OTHER (Specify)

Effective Date:
OTHER PLAN INFORMATION

Other Governing Provisions:

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary with respect to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers DC Plan (the “Plan”) in either the ERISA specimen 403(b) plan for Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations basic plan document (the “basic plan document”) and/or the related adoption agreement effective January 1, 2009, the Plan shall be considered a profit sharing plan and if and to the extent not precluded by the applicable funding vehicles, the Retirement Equity Act safe harbor provisions otherwise described in Section 5.10(E) of the basic plan document and referenced in Section Five, Part C of the related adoption agreement shall apply.

Definition of Compensation:

Compensation will mean W-2 wages excluding Group Term Life Insurance, Imputed Income and Gross-ups, Tuition Reimbursement, spousal travel, service award bonuses and payments to Employees pursuant to any Employer-sponsored non-qualified deferred compensation plan. Effective September 30, 2009, Compensation does not include payments made to Employees on or after October 1, 2009 pursuant to the ASME Incentive Compensation Plan.

Exclusion of Certain Classes of Employees:

Section Two, Part C, Paragraph 2 of the Adoption Agreement with respect to the 2009 restatement of The American Society of Mechanical Engineers Defined Contribution Pension Plan (the “DC Pension Plan”) is amended in its entirety with respect to the fourth category of employees who are excluded from participation in the DC Pension Plan, as follows:

- **x.** Other: (Describe the classification(s) of Employees that will be excluded from the Plan. Classifications cannot be based on impermissible service-related exclusions that directly or indirectly exceed the ERISA minimum standards.) (i) independent contractors; (ii) employees who are participants in The American Society of Mechanical Engineers Pension Plan; (iii) employees who commenced employment with the Employer prior to January 1, 2006; and (iv) employees who commenced employment with the Employer prior to January 1, 2006, terminated employment, and thereafter are rehired by the Employer on or after January 1, 2006 will be excluded from participation but only with respect to their employment period occurring prior to such rehire date.
Heroes Earnings and Assistance Relief Tax Act of 2008 (HEART)
Basic Plan Document Amendment

This amendment of the Plan (hereinafter referred to as “the Amendment”) is comprised of the Heroes Earnings and Assistance Relief Tax Act of 2008 (HEART) Basic Plan Document Amendment (the “Basic Plan Document Amendment”) and the corresponding Adoption Agreement Amendment. The Amendment is adopted to reflect the provisions of the Heroes Earnings and Assistance Relief Tax Act of 2008 (HEART). The Amendment is intended to provide good faith compliance with HEART and related guidance until the Plan is formally restated to incorporate such guidance. The Amendment is effective as specified in this Basic Plan Document Amendment except as otherwise provided in the Adoption Agreement Amendment. The Amendment supersedes the existing provisions of the Plan to the extent that these provisions are inconsistent with the provisions of the Amendment.

DEFINITIONS

DIFFERENTIAL WAGE PAYMENT

Differential Wage Payment is added to the Plan as a new defined term with the following definition:

Means a payment defined in Code Section 3401(h)(2) that is made by the Employer to an individual performing service in the uniformed services.

COMPENSATION

The Plan’s definition of Compensation is modified by adding the following, as the next alphabetically ordered paragraph, to the end:

Differential Wage Payments

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, for years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, (or, if later, the Effective Date of the Plan) if the Employer chooses to provide Differential Wage Payments to individuals who are active duty members of the uniformed services, such individuals will be treated as Employees of the Employer making the Differential Wage Payment, the Differential Wage Payment will be treated as Compensation for purposes of applying the Code. Accordingly, Differential Wage Payments must be treated as Compensation under Code Section 415(c)(3) and Treasury Regulation 1.415-2(d). Differential Wage Payments will also be treated as Compensation for contribution, allocation and other general Plan purposes unless excluded from the Plan’s definition of Compensation on the Adoption Agreement Amendment. In addition, the Plan will not be treated as failing to meet the requirements of any provision described in Code Section 414(u)(1)(C) by reason of any contribution or benefit that is based on Differential Wage Payments only if all Employees of the Employer (as determined under Code Sections 414(b), (c), (m), and (o)) performing service in the uniform services as defined in Code Section 3401(h)(2)(A) are entitled to receive Differential Wage Payments on reasonably equivalent terms and, if eligible to participate in the Plan, to make contributions based on the payments on reasonably equivalent terms. Such contributions or benefits may be taken into account for purposes of nondiscrimination testing as long as they do not cause the Plan to fail the nondiscrimination requirements.

DEEMED SEVERANCE FROM EMPLOYMENT

Deemed Severance from Employment is added to the Plan as a new defined term with the following definition:

Means, effective for years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, (or, if later, the Effective Date of the Plan) and notwithstanding the definition of Differential Wage Payment, an individual is deemed to cease to be an Employee for purposes of Code Section 414(u)(12)(B) during any period the individual is performing service in the uniform services as defined in Code Section 3401(h)(2)(A).

EMPLOYEE

The Plan’s definition of Employee is modified by adding the following to the end:

The term Employee will also include individuals providing qualified military service who are treated as reemployed for purposes of applying the rules under Code Sections 403(b)(14) and 414(u).

The Basic Plan Document section titled Miscellaneous Distribution Issues is modified by adding as the next numbered paragraph, to the end:

Distribution Due to a Deemed Severance from Employment - Except as otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement Amendment, effective for years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, (or, if later, the Effective Date of the Plan) and notwithstanding the definition of Differential Wage Payment, an individual who dies or becomes disabled on or after January 1, 2009, while performing qualified military service (as defined in Code Section 414(u)) may elect to receive a distribution of Elective Deferrals, Qualified Nonelective Contributions and income allocable to each. If an individual receives a distribution due to a Deemed Severance from Employment, the individual may not make an Elective Deferral or Nondeductible Employee Contribution during the six-month period beginning on the date of the distribution.

MILITARY SERVICE

Notwithstanding any provision of this Plan to the contrary, contributions, benefits, and service credit with respect to qualified military service will be provided in accordance with Code Section 414(u), including, but not limited to the following:

Part A. Benefit Accrual in the Case of Death or Disability Resulting From Active Military Service.

1. Benefit Accrual - If elected in the Adoption Agreement Amendment, for benefit accrual purposes, an individual who dies or becomes disabled on or after January 1, 2009, while performing qualified military service (as defined in Code Section 414(u)) will be treated as if the individual resumed employment in accordance with the individual’s reemployment rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA), on the day preceding death or Disability as applicable) and terminated employment on the actual date of death or Disability. If the Employer elects to treat an individual as having resumed employment as described above, subject to terms (2) and (3) below, any full or partial compliance by the Plan with respect to the benefit accrual requirements will be treated for purposes of Code Section 414(u)(1) as if such compliance were required under USERRA.
2. **Nondiscrimination Requirement** - Part A, item (1) above will only apply if all individuals performing qualified military service with respect to the Employer (as determined under Code Sections 414(b), (c), (m), and (o)) who die or became disabled as a result of performing qualified military service (as defined in Code Section 414(u)) prior to reemployment by the Employer are credited with service and benefits on reasonably equivalent terms.

3. **Determination of Benefits** - The amount of Nondeductible Employee Contributions and the amount of Elective Deferrals of an Employee treated as reemployed under Part A, item (1) for purposes of applying Code Section 414(u)(8)(C) will be determined on the basis of the individual's average actual Nondeductible Employee Contributions or Elective Deferrals for the lesser of:
   a. the 12-month period of service with the Employer immediately prior to qualified military service (as defined in Code Section 414(u)), or
   b. if service with the Employer is less than such 12 month period, the actual length of continuous service with the Employer.

**Part B. Vesting in the Case of Disability Resulting From Active Military Service**

1. **Years of Vesting Service** - If elected in the Adoption Agreement Amendment, for vesting purposes, an individual who becomes disabled on or after January 1, 2007, (or such later date as specified in the Adoption Agreement Amendment), while performing qualified military service (as defined in Code Section 414(u)) will be treated as if the individual resumed employment in accordance with the individual's reemployment rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA), on the day preceding Disability and terminated employment on the actual date of Disability. If the Employer elects to treat an individual as having resumed employment as described above, subject to item (2) below, compliance by the Plan with respect to the vesting requirements will be treated for purposes of Code Section 414(u)(1) as if such compliance were required under USERRA.

2. **Nondiscrimination Requirements** - Part B, item (1) above will apply to the extent permitted under other applicable rules, including the rules provided in Treasury Regulation Section 1.401(a)(4)-11(d)(3), which provides nondiscrimination rules for crediting imputed service. Under Treasury Regulation Section 1.401(a)(4)-11(d)(3), the provisions crediting Years of Vesting Service to any Highly Compensated Employee must apply on the same terms to all similarly situated non-Highly Compensated Employees.

**Part C. Death Benefits**

In the case of an individual Participant who dies on or after January 1, 2007, while performing qualified military service (as defined in Code Section 414(u)), the Participant's survivors are entitled to any additional benefits (other than benefit accruals relating to the period of qualified military service) provided under the Plan had the Participant resumed employment with the Employer and then terminated employment on account of death.
Worker, Retiree and Employer Recovery Act of 2008 (WRERA)
Adoption Agreement Amendment

This amendment of the Plan (hereinafter referred to as “the Amendment”) is comprised of this Worker, Retiree and Employer Recovery Act of 2008 (WRERA) Adoption Agreement Amendment (the “Adoption Agreement Amendment”) and the corresponding Basic Plan Document Amendment. The Amendment is adopted to reflect the provisions of WRERA. The Amendment is intended to provide good faith compliance with WRERA and related guidance until the Plan is formally restated to incorporate such guidance. The Amendment is effective January 1, 2009, and such provisions apply to Plan operations during the period beginning on December 1, 2009, and ending on December 31, 2009. The IRS will not consider the Plan to have failed to operate in accordance with its terms merely because during the period beginning on January 1, 2009, and ending on November 30, 2009, the Plan’s operation conflicted with the provisions of the Amendment pertaining to required minimum distributions (RMDs) for 2009. The Amendment supersedes the existing provisions of the Plan to the extent that these provisions are inconsistent with the provisions of the Amendment.

EMPLOYER INFORMATION

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DISTRIBUTIONS

Part A. 2009 RMD Payment Election
May Participants and Beneficiaries who would have otherwise been required to receive RMDs for 2009 but for the enactment of Code Section 401(a)(9)(H) choose whether to remove their 2009 RMD or Extended 2009 RMD from the Plan (select one)?
Option 1: Yes. (Complete the following)
If a Participant or Beneficiary does not choose whether to remove their 2009 RMD or Extended 2009 RMD, the Employer will (select one):
Suboption (a): retain such amount within the Plan
Suboption (b): distribute such amount to the Participant or Beneficiary.
NOTE: If no suboption is selected, Suboption (a) will apply.

Option 2: No. (Complete the following)
The Employer will (select one):
Suboption (a): retain such amount within the Plan.
Suboption (b): distribute such amount to the Participant or Beneficiary.
NOTE: If no suboption is selected, Suboption (a) will apply.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply. If Option 2, Suboption (a) is selected, ERISA Section 204(g) may be violated if no other distribution event is available to a Participant or Beneficiary under the Plan. Generally, ERISA Section 204(g) prohibits the elimination of protected benefits and protected benefits include the timing of payout options. Refer to ERISA Section 204(g) and the corresponding Treasury regulation for details pertaining to the elimination of an otherwise protected benefit.

Part B. Annuity Starting Dates
If a 2009 RMD or Extended 2009 RMD is not removed from the Plan, there will be (select one):
Option 1: a new Annuity Starting Date upon recommencement.
Option 2: no new Annuity Starting Date upon recommencement.
NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 2 will apply. A Plan subject to the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity provisions must follow the procedures described in IRS Notice 97-75, Q & A-8 regarding Annuity Starting Dates.

Part C. Definition of Eligible Rollover Distribution
For purposes of the Direct Rollover distribution provisions of the Plan, the following will also be treated as Eligible Rollover Distributions (select one):
Option 1: 2009 RMDs and Extended 2009 RMDs.
Option 2: 2009 RMDs.
Option 3: Neither 2009 RMDs nor Extended 2009 RMDs.
NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will apply.

EMPLOYER SIGNATURE

Signature of Employer

1. I acknowledge that I have relied upon my own advisers regarding the completion of the Amendment and the legal and tax implications of amending this Plan;
2. I understand that my failure to properly complete the Amendment may result in disqualification of the Plan; and
3. I have received a copy of the Amendment.

Signature of Adopting Employer ______________________ Date Signed ________________________
Type Name ______________________ Title ______________________
This amendment and restatement of The American Society of Mechanical Engineers DC Pension Plan is hereby adopted this _______ day _______________, 2014.

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers

By: __________________________

Name: _________________________

Title: __________________________