

Rutland City VT Public Schools 403(b) Plan

Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2010

**ADOPTION AGREEMENT #001
EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS AND ELECTIVE DEFERRALS
403(b) VOLUME SUBMITTER PLAN**

The undersigned Eligible Employer, by executing this Adoption Agreement, elects to establish a 403(b) plan ("Plan") under the Future Planning Associates, Inc. 403(b) Volume Submitter Plan (basic plan document #20). The Employer, subject to the Employer's Adoption Agreement elections, adopts fully the Volume Submitter Plan provisions. This Adoption Agreement, the basic plan document, any incorporated Investment Arrangement Documentation, and any attached appendices, constitute the Employer's plan document. *All "Election" references within this Adoption Agreement are Adoption Agreement Elections. All "Section" references are basic plan document references. Numbers in parenthesis which follow headings are references to basic plan document sections.* Where an Adoption Agreement election calls for the Employer to supply text, the Employer may lengthen any space or line, or create additional tiers. When Employer-supplied text uses terms substantially similar to existing printed options, all clarifications and caveats applicable to the printed options apply to the Employer-supplied text unless the context requires otherwise. The Employer makes the following elections granted under the corresponding provisions of the basic plan document.

**ARTICLE 1
DEFINITIONS**

1. **EMPLOYER; PLAN; PLAN ADMINISTRATOR (1.29; 1.52; 1.53).** *(A Plan amendment is not needed solely to change the information in (a) or (d) below.)*

(a) Employer Information

Name of Adopting Employer: Rutland City VT Public Schools

Address: 6 Church Street

City Rutland State Vermont Zip 05701

Telephone: 802-773-1900

EIN: 30-0511861

(b) Plan Information

Plan name: Rutland City VT Public Schools 403(b) Plan

Plan number (optional): _____ *(3-digit number for Form 5500 reporting)*

(c) Type of entity. *(Choose one of (1) - (4)):*

(1) ☒ **Public School.** See 1.57.

(2) ☐ **Other Governmental employer exempt under Code §501(c)(3).**

(3) ☐ **Churches and Church-Related Organizations.** See 1.09. *(Choose a. and/or b.):*

a. ☐ **Church.** See 1.09. This would include a QCCO, but would not include a non-QCCO.

b. ☐ **Church-related organization,** other than a Church. See 1.09(A). This would include a non-QCCO.

(4) ☐ **Other tax-exempt organization under Code §501(c)(3).**

(d) Plan Administrator Information (If no Plan Administrator is named, the Employer is the Plan Administrator)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____

2. **PERMITTED INVESTMENTS (1.42).** The Plan permits Custodial Accounts invested in mutual funds under Code §403(b)(7) and Annuity Contracts under Code §403(b)(1).

3. **ERISA STATUS (1.34).** The Plan's ERISA status is [Note: Governmental Plans and non-electing Church Plans are exempt from ERISA. Other 403(b) plans which provide for employer contributions are not exempt from ERISA.] (Choose one of (a) - (c)):

- (a) ☒ **ERISA exempt.** The Plan is a Governmental Plan or a non-electing Church Plan. (This selection is valid only if (c)(1), (2) or (3) is selected in Election 1.)
- (b) ☐ **Intended to be ERISA exempt.** The Plan is a deferral only arrangement with limited Employer involvement which the Employer intends to be exempt from ERISA pursuant to the ERISA Safe Harbor Exemption. See Section 1.34(A).
- (c) ☐ **ERISA applies.** A Church Plan which has elected to be subject to ERISA as well as plans of other tax-exempt organizations not described in (a) or (b).

4. **PLAN YEAR (1.54).** Plan Year means the 12 consecutive month period (except for a short Plan Year) ending every:

[Note: Complete any applicable blanks under Election 4 with a specific date, e.g., June 30 OR the last day of February OR the first Tuesday in January. In the case of a Short Plan Year, include the year, e.g., May 1, 2016.]

Plan Year (Choose (a), (b) or (c).):

- (a) ☒ **December 31.**
- (b) ☐ **Fiscal Plan Year:** ending: _____.
- (c) ☐ **Other:** _____ (e.g., a 52/53 week year ending on the date nearest the last Friday in December).

Short Plan Year (Choose (d) if applicable.):

- (d) ☐ **Short Plan Year:** commencing: _____ and ending: _____.

5. **EFFECTIVE DATE (1.23).** The Employer's adoption of the Plan is a (Choose (a) or (b). Complete (c); complete (d) if an amendment and restatement. Choose (e) and (f) if applicable.):

- (a) ☐ **New Plan.**
- (b) ☒ **Restated Plan.**

Initial Effective Date of Plan (enter date)

- (c) January 1, 2009 (hereinafter called the "Effective Date" unless 5(d) is entered below)

Restatement Effective Date (If this is an amendment and restatement, enter effective date of the restatement.)

- (d) ☒ January 1, 2010 (enter month day, year; may enter a restatement date that is the first day of the current Plan Year) (hereinafter called the "Effective Date")

[Note: See Section 1.60 for the definition of Restated Plan. If this Plan is a Restatement under Rev. Proc. 2013-22, in order to have retroactive reliance, the Restatement Effective Date generally should be the later of January 1, 2010 or the Initial Effective Date. The Restatement Effective Date can be as early as January 1, 2009 but there is no retroactive reliance prior to January 1, 2010. If specific Plan provisions, as reflected in this Adoption Agreement and the basic plan document, do not have the Effective Date stated in this Election 5, indicate as such in the election where called for or in Appendix A.]

Additional Effective Dates (Choose if applicable)

- (e) ☐ **Restatement of surviving and merging plans.** The Plan restates two (or more) plans (Complete 5(c) and (d) above for this (surviving) Plan. Complete (1) below for the merging plan. Choose (2) if applicable.):

- (1) **Merging plan.** The _____ Plan was or will be merged into this surviving Plan as of: _____. The merging plan's restated Effective Date is: _____. The merging plan's original Effective Date was: _____.

- (2) ☐ **Additional merging plans.** The following additional plans were or will be merged into this surviving Plan (Optional to complete a. and b. if applicable. May attach an addendum to add additional plans.):

	<u>Name of merging plan</u>	<u>Merger date</u>	<u>Restated Effective Date</u>	<u>Original Effective Date</u>
a.	_____	_____	_____	_____
b.	_____	_____	_____	_____

- (f) ☐ **Special Effective Date for Elective Deferral provisions:** _____

[Note: If Elective Deferral provision is not effective as of the Initial Effective Date or the Restatement Effective Date, enter the date as of which the Elective Deferral provision is effective. The Special Effective Date may not precede the date on which the Employer adopted the Plan.]

6. **CONTRIBUTION TYPES (1.12).** The Employer and/or Participants, in accordance with the Plan terms, make the following contributions to the Plan (Choose one or more of (a) through (g). If the Employer has made election 3(b) indicating that the ERISA Safe Harbor Exemption applies, the only valid elections are (b), (b)(1) or (g)):

- (a) ☐ **Mandatory Employee Contributions.** See Section 3.04(A)(3) and Election 18.
- (b) ☒ **Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals.** See Section 3.02 and Elections 19 – 21.
- (1) ☒ **Roth Deferrals.** See Section 3.02(F) and Elections 19 – 21. [Note: The Employer may not limit Elective Deferrals to Roth Deferrals only.]
- (c) ☐ **Matching.** See Sections 1.36, 1.47, and 3.03 and Elections 22, 23, 27, 28 and 32. [Note: If the Plan is a safe harbor plan, choose 6(f) and do not choose 6(c).]
- (d) ☐ **Nonelective.** See Sections 1.48 and 3.04 and Elections 25 through 28. [Note: The Employer may make an Operational QNEC without electing 6(d). See Section 3.04(C)(1). If the only nonelective contributions are safe harbor contributions, choose 6(f) and do not choose 6(d).]
- (e) ☐ **Employee (after-tax).** See Section 3.09 and Election 32.
- (f) ☐ **Safe Harbor/Additional Matching.** The Plan is a safe harbor 403(b) Plan. The Employer will make Safe Harbor Contributions as it elects in Election 24. The Employer may or may not make Additional Matching Contributions as it elects in Election 24. See Section 3.05.
- (g) ☐ **None (frozen plan).** The Plan is/was frozen effective as of: _____. See Sections 3.01(F) and 9.04.

[Note: Elections 18 through 26 and Election 32 do not apply to any Plan Year in which the Plan is frozen.]

7. **EXCLUDED EMPLOYEES (1.35).** The following Employees are not Eligible Employees (either as to the overall Plan or the designated contribution type) (Choose (a), (b) or (c). See also Election 18(e).):

- (a) ☐ **No Excluded Employees.** All Employees are Eligible Employees as to all Contribution Types.
- (b) ☐ **Exclusions - same for all Contribution Types.** The following Employees are Excluded Employees for all Contribution Types (Choose one or more of (e) through (h) and/or (m). Choose column (1) for each exclusion elected at (e) through (h).):
- (c) ☒ **Exclusions.** The following Employees are Excluded Employees (either as to all Contribution Types or to the designated Contribution Type) (Choose one or more of (d) through (m)):

[Note: For this Election 7, unless described otherwise in Election 7(m), Elective Deferrals includes Pre-Tax Deferrals, Roth Deferrals and Safe Harbor Contributions; Matching includes all Matching Contributions (unless this is a safe harbor plan); Nonelective includes all Nonelective Contributions other than safe harbor nonelective contributions and Operational QNECs; Employee/Mandatory includes Mandatory Employee Contributions and Employee (after-tax) Contributions.]

	(1) All Contributions	(2) Elective Deferrals	(3) Matching	(4) Nonelective	(5) Employee/ Mandatory
(d) ☐ No exclusions. No exclusions as to the designated Contribution Type.	N/A (See Election 7(a))	☐	☐	☐	☐
(e) ☐ Non-Resident Aliens. See Section 1.35(B).	☐	OR ☐	☐	☐	☐
(f) ☒ Employees who normally work less than 20 hours per week. See Section 1.35(E) (e.g., if any such excluded Employee actually completes a Year of Service).	☒	OR ☐	☐	☐	☐
(g) ☐ Student Employees. See Section 1.35(C) (i.e., students enrolled in the entity sponsoring this Plan).	☐	OR ☐	☐	☐	☐
(h) ☐ Other Employer plan. Employees who are eligible to participate in another plan of the Employer which is a (Choose one or more of a. through c.):	☐	OR ☐	☐	☐	☐
a. ☐ 401(k) plan					
b. ☐ 403(b) plan					
c. ☐ governmental 457(b) plan					

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| (i) | ☐ Collective Bargaining (union) Employees.
See Section 1.35(A). | N/A | N/A | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| (j) | ☐ Highly Compensated Employees.
See Section 1.39. | N/A | N/A | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| (k) | ☐ Per Diem Employees. | N/A | N/A | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| (l) | ☐ Describe exclusion: _____ | N/A | N/A | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| (m) | ☒ Describe exclusion: <u>Any employee eligible for the Rutland City Schools Teacher 403(b) Plan. This exclusion will be removed as of 1/1/2020 - See Appendix A.</u>
(e.g., exclude hourly paid employees). | | | | | |

[Note: The Employer may not complete Election 7(m) in a manner which would violate the universal availability rule of Treas. Reg. §1.403(b)-5(b), after taking into consideration the entity rules of Treas. Reg. §1.403(b)-5(b)(3) and the transition rules of Treas. Reg. §1.403(b)-10(d). Accordingly, Election 7(m) may only be used to provide an exclusion for Elective Deferrals if the Employer is a Church or the excluded Employees are eligible to make elective deferrals under another 403(b), 401(k) or governmental 457(b) plan of the Employer.]

[Note: Unless the Employer is a Church, any exclusion under Election 7(l) or 7(m), except for Employees who normally work less than 20 hours per week, may not be based on age or Service. See Election 14 for eligibility conditions based on age or Service. See Election 24 regarding Safe Harbor Contributions.]

8. **COMPENSATION (1.11).** The following Compensation (as adjusted under Elections 9 and 10) applies in allocating Employer Contributions (or the designated contribution type) (Choose one or more of (a) through (e). Choose (f) if applicable.):

[Note: Unless described otherwise in Election 8(e), Elective Deferrals includes Pre-Tax Deferrals and Roth Deferrals; Matching includes all Matching Contributions; Nonelective includes all Nonelective Contributions; Employee/Mandatory includes Mandatory Employee Contributions and Employee (after-tax) Contributions. In applying any Plan definition which references Section 1.11 Compensation, where the Employer in this Election 8 elects more than one Compensation definition for allocation purposes, the Plan Administrator will use W-2 wages for such other Plan definitions if the Employer has elected W-2 wages for any Contribution Type or Participant group under Election 8. If the Employer has not elected W-2 wages, the Plan Administrator for such other Plan definitions will use 415 Compensation.]

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All
Contributions | (2)
Elective
Deferrals | (3)
Matching | (4)
Nonelective | (5)
Employee/
Mandatory |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (a) ☒ W-2 wages increased by Elective Deferrals. | ☒ | OR | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| (b) ☐ Code §3401 federal income tax withholding wages increased by Elective Deferrals. | ☐ | OR | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| (c) ☐ 415 Compensation. | ☐ | OR | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| (d) ☐ Describe Compensation by Contribution Type or by Participant Group: _____ | ☐ | OR | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| (e) ☐ Describe Compensation by Contribution Type or by Participant Group: _____ | | | | | |

[Note: Under Election 8(d) or 8(e), the Employer may: (i) elect Compensation from the elections available under Elections 8(a), (b), (c) or (d), or a combination thereof as to a Participant group (e.g., W-2 Wages for Matching Contributions for Campus A Employees and 415 Compensation in all other cases); and/or (ii) define the Contribution Type column headings in a manner which differs from the "all-inclusive" description in the Note immediately preceding Election 8(a) (e.g., Compensation for Safe Harbor Matching Contributions means W-2 Wages and for Additional Matching Contributions means 415 Compensation).]

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| (f) ☐ Allocate based on specified 12-month period.
The allocation of all Contribution Types (or specified Contribution Types) will be made based on Compensation within a specified 12-month period ending within the Plan Year as follows:
_____ | ☐ | OR | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
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9. **PRE-ENTRY/POST-SEVERANCE COMPENSATION (1.11(H)/(I)).** Compensation under Election 8:

[Note: For this Election 9, unless described otherwise in Elections 9(c), 9(d), 9(n) or 9(o), Elective Deferrals includes Pre-Tax Deferrals and Roth Deferrals; Matching includes all Matching Contributions; Nonelective includes all Nonelective Contributions; Employee/Mandatory includes Mandatory Employee Contributions and Employee (after-tax) Contributions. Election 9(c) or 9(d) below may cause allocation Compensation to fail to be nondiscriminatory under Treas. Reg. §1.414(s).]

Pre-Entry Compensation (Choose one or more of (a), (b) or (c). Choose Contribution Type as applicable.):		(1) All Contributions	(2) Elective Deferrals	(3) Matching	(4) Nonelective	(5) Employee/ Mandatory
(a) ☒ Plan Year. Compensation for the entire Plan Year which includes the Participant's Entry Date. [Note: If the Employer under Election 8(f) elects to allocate some or all Contribution Types based on a specified 12-month period, Election 9(a) applies to that 12-month period in lieu of the Plan Year.]		☒	OR ☐	☐	☐	☐
(b) ☐ Participating Compensation. Only Participating Compensation. See Section 1.11(H)(1).		☐	OR ☐	☐	☐	☐
(c) ☐ Describe Pre-Entry Compensation		☐	OR ☐	☐	☐	☐

[Note: Under a Participating Compensation election, in applying any Adoption Agreement elected contribution limit or formula, the Plan Administrator will count only the Participant's Participating Compensation. See Section 1.11(H)(1) as to plan disaggregation.]

(d) ☐ **Describe Pre-Entry Compensation by Contribution Type or by Participant group:**

[Note: Under Election 9(c) or 9(d), the Employer may: (i) elect Compensation from the elections available under Pre-Entry Compensation or a combination thereof as to a Participant group (e.g., Participating Compensation for all Contribution Types as to Campus A Employees, Plan Year Compensation for all Contribution Types to Campus B Employees) and/or (ii) define the Contribution Type column headings in a manner which differs from the "all-inclusive" description in the Note immediately preceding Pre-Entry Compensation (e.g., Compensation for Nonelective Contributions is Participating Compensation and for Safe Harbor Nonelective Contributions is Plan Year Compensation).]

Post-Severance Compensation. The following adjustments apply to Post-Severance Compensation paid within any applicable time period as may be required (Choose (e), (f) or (g).):

[Note: Under the basic plan document, if the Employer does not elect any adjustments, Post-Severance Compensation includes regular pay, leave cash-outs, and deferred compensation, and excludes disability continuation payments and does not count Deemed Includible Compensation.]

- (e) ☒ **None.** The Plan includes post-severance regular pay, leave cash-outs, and deferred compensation, and excludes post-severance disability continuation payments, and Deemed Includible Compensation as to any Contribution Type except as required under the basic plan document (skip to Election 10).
- (f) ☐ **Same for all Contribution Types.** The following adjustments to Post-Severance Compensation apply to all Contribution Types (Choose one or more of (i) through (o). Choose column (1) for each option elected at (i) through (n).):
- (g) ☐ **Adjustments - different conditions apply.** The following adjustments to Post-Severance Compensation apply to the designated Contribution Types (Choose one or more of (h) through (o). Choose Contribution Type as applicable.):

Post-Severance Compensation:		(1) All Contributions	(2) Elective Deferrals	(3) Matching	(4) Nonelective	(5) Employee/ Mandatory
(h) ☐ None. The Plan takes into account Post-Severance Compensation as to the designated Contribution Types as specified under the basic plan document.		N/A (See Election 9(e))	☐	☐	☐	☐
(i) ☐ Exclude All. Exclude all Post-Severance Compensation. [Note: 415 testing Compensation (versus allocation Compensation) must include Post-Severance Compensation composed of regular pay. See Section 4.05(D).]		☐	OR ☐	☐	☐	☐
(j) ☐ Regular Pay. Exclude Post-Severance Compensation composed of regular pay. See Section 1.11(I)(1)(a). [Note: 415 testing Compensation (versus allocation Compensation) must include Post-Severance Compensation composed of regular pay. See Section 4.05(D).]		☐	OR ☐	☐	☐	☐
(k) ☐ Leave cash-out. Exclude Post-Severance Compensation composed of leave cash-out. See Section 1.11(I)(1)(b).		☐	OR ☐	☐	☐	☐

- (l) ☐ **Deferred Compensation.** Exclude Post-Severance Compensation composed of deferred compensation. See Section 1.11(I)(1)(c). ☐ **OR** ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
- (m) ☐ **Salary continuation for disabled Participants.** Include Post-Severance Compensation composed of salary continuation for disabled Participants. See Section 1.11(I)(2). (Choose a. or b.): ☐ **OR** ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
- a. ☐ **For NHCEs only.** The salary continuation will continue for the following fixed or determinable period: _____ (specify period, e.g., "ten years" or "term of disability policy").
- b. ☐ **For all Participants.** The salary continuation will continue for the following fixed or determinable period: _____ (specify period, e.g., "ten years" or "term of disability policy").
- (n) ☐ **Describe Post-Severance Compensation by Contribution Type or by Participant group:** ☐ **OR** ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
- (o) ☐ **Describe Post-Severance Compensation by Contribution Type or by Participant group:** _____

[Note: Under Election 9(n) or 9(o), the Employer may: (i) elect Compensation from the elections available under Post-Severance Compensation or a combination thereof as to a Participant group (e.g., Include regular pay Post-Severance Compensation for all Contribution Types as to Campus A Employees, no Post-Severance Compensation for all Contribution Types to Campus B Employees) and/or (ii) define the Contribution Type column headings in a manner which differs from the "all-inclusive" description in the Note immediately preceding Pre-Entry Compensation (e.g., Compensation for Nonelective Contributions does not include any Post-Severance Compensation and for Safe Harbor Nonelective Contributions includes regular pay Post-Severance Compensation).]

10. **EXCLUDED COMPENSATION (1.11(G)).** Apply the following additional exclusions or other adjustments to Compensation Elections under 8 and 9 (Choose (a), (b) or (c).):

- (a) ☐ **No exclusions.** Compensation as to all Contribution Types means Compensation as elected in Elections 8 and 9 (skip to Election 11).
- (b) ☒ **Exclusions - same for all Contribution Types.** The following exclusions apply to all Contribution Types (Choose one or more of (f) through (n). Choose column (1) for each option elected at (f) through (m).):
- (c) ☐ **Exclusions - different conditions apply.** The following exclusions apply for the designated Contribution Types (Choose one or more of (d) through (n) below. Choose Contribution Type as applicable.):

[Note: In a safe harbor 403(b) plan, allocations qualifying for the ACP test safe harbor must be based on a nondiscriminatory definition of Compensation. If the Plan applies permitted disparity, allocations also must be based on a nondiscriminatory definition of Compensation if the Plan is to avoid more complex testing. Elections 10(g) through (n) below may cause allocation Compensation to fail to be nondiscriminatory under Treas. Reg. §1.414(s). In a non-safe harbor 403(b) plan, Elections 10(g) through (n) which result in Compensation failing to be nondiscriminatory may result in more complex nondiscrimination testing. For this Election 10, unless described otherwise in Election 10(n), Elective Deferrals includes Pre-Tax Deferrals and Roth Deferrals; Matching includes all Matching Contributions; Nonelective includes all Nonelective Contributions; Employee/Mandatory includes Mandatory Employee Contributions and Employee (after-tax) Contributions.]

Compensation Exclusions	(1) All Contributions	(2) Elective Deferrals	(3) Matching	(4) Nonelective	(5) Employee/ Mandatory
(d) ☐ No exclusions. No exclusion as to the designated Contribution Type(s).	N/A (See Election 10(a))	☐	☐	☐	☐
(e) ☐ Elective Deferrals. See Section 1.24. (e.g., exclusions under Code §§ 401(k), 125, 132(f)(4), 403(b), 414(h)(2) pickup, & 457).	N/A	N/A	☐	☐	☐
(f) ☐ Fringe benefits. As described in Treas. Reg. §1.414(s)-1(c)(3) (e.g., reimbursements or other expense allowances, fringe benefits, moving expenses, deferred compensation and welfare benefits).	☐ OR ☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

- (g) ☐ ☐ **Compensation exceeding \$_____.** ☐ **OR** ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Apply this election to (Choose a. or b.):
- a. ☐ **All Participants.**
[Note: If the Employer elects Safe Harbor Contributions under Election 6(f), the Employer may not elect 10(g)a. to limit the Safe Harbor Contribution allocation to the NHCEs.]
- b. ☐ **HCE Participants only.**
- (h) ☐ ☐ **Bonus.** ☐ **OR** ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
- (i) ☐ ☐ **Commission.** ☐ **OR** ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
- (j) ☐ ☐ **Overtime.** ☐ **OR** ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
- (k) ☐ ☐ **Leave of Absence Pay.** ☐ **OR** ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
- (l) ☐ ☐ **Related Employers.** See Section 1.29(B).
(If there are Related Employers, choose one or both of a. and b.):
- a. ☐ ☐ **Non-Participating.** Compensation paid to Employees by a Related Employer that is not a Participating Employer. ☐ **OR** ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
- b. ☐ ☐ **Participating.** As to the Employees of any Participating Employer, Compensation paid by any other Participating Employer to its Employees. See Election 26(f). ☐ **OR** ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
- (m) ☒ ☐ **Describe Compensation adjustment(s):** ☒ **OR** ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
all compensation in excess of "base contract"
compensation is excluded
- (n) ☐ ☐ **Describe Compensation adjustment(s):** _____

[Note: Under Election 10(m) or 10(n), the Employer may: (i) describe Compensation from the elections available under Elections 10(d) through (l), or a combination thereof as to a Participant group (e.g., No exclusions as to Campus A Employees and exclude bonus as to Campus B Employees); (ii) define the Contribution Type column headings in a manner which differs from the "all-inclusive" description in the Note immediately following Election 10(c) (e.g., Elective Deferrals means \$125 cafeteria deferrals only OR No exclusions as to Safe Harbor Contributions and exclude bonus as to Nonelective Contributions); and/or (iii) describe another exclusion (e.g., Exclude shift differential pay). Any adjustment must be definitely determinable.]

11. **HOURS OF SERVICE (1.40).** The Plan credits Hours of Service for the following purposes (and to the Employees) as follows (Hours of Service for Eligibility as defined below also applies to the application of the exclusion for Employees who normally work less than 20 hours per week (Election 7(f)).) (Choose one or more of (a) through (e)):

- | | (1)
All
Purposes | (2)
Eligibility | (3)
Vesting | (4)
Allocation
Conditions |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| (a) ☒ Actual (hourly) Method. | ☒ | OR ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| (b) ☐ Equivalency Method: _____ (e.g., daily, weekly, etc.) | ☐ | OR ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| (c) ☐ Elapsed Time Method. See Section 1.40(D)(3). | ☐ | OR ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| (d) ☐ Actual (hourly) and Equivalency other.
Equivalency Method: _____ (e.g., daily, weekly, etc.) for Employees for whom records or actual Hours of Service are not maintained or available (e.g., salaried Employees), and Actual Method for all other Employees. | ☐ | OR ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| (e) ☐ ☐ Describe: _____ | | | | |

[Note: Under Election 11(e), the Employer may describe Hours of Service from the elections available under Elections 11(a) through (d), or a combination thereof as to a Participant group and/or Contribution Type (e.g., For all purposes, Actual Method applies to staff and Equivalency Method applies to faculty).]

12. **ELECTIVE SERVICE CREDITING (1.66).** The Plan must credit Related Employer Service under Section 1.29(B) and also must credit certain Predecessor Employer/Predecessor Employer Service under Section 1.66(A)/(B). If the Plan is a Multiple Employer Plan, the Plan also must credit Service as provided in Section 10.07. The Plan also elects under Section 1.66(C) to credit as Service the following Predecessor Employer Service (*Choose (a) OR (b).*):

(a) ☒ **Not applicable.** No elective Predecessor Employer Service crediting applies.

(b) ☐ **Predecessor Employer.** The Plan credits the specified service with the following designated Predecessor Employers as Service for the Employer for the purposes indicated (*Complete (1). Choose (2) and/or (3) if applicable*):

[Note: Any elective Service crediting under this Election 12 must be nondiscriminatory if this is an ERISA Plan.]

(1) Employer/Purposes. Credit as Service, service with the following Predecessor Employer(s) for the designated purpose(s) (<i>Choose one or more</i>):	(1) All Purposes	(2) Eligibility	(3) Vesting	(4) Allocation Conditions
a. ☐ Employer: _____	☐	☐	☐	☐
b. ☐ Employer: _____	☐	☐	☐	☐
c. ☐ Employer: _____	☐	☐	☐	☐
d. ☐ Type of Predecessor. Credit service with any Predecessor Employer which is (<i>Choose one or more of i. – vi.</i>):	☐	☐	☐	☐
i. ☐ An Educational Organization.				
ii. ☐ An Educational Organization providing post-secondary education.				
iii. ☐ An Eligible Employer.				
iv. ☐ A Church-Related Organization.				
v. ☐ A nonprofit research institution.				
vi. ☐ Other: _____ (<i>specify organization type</i>)				
(2) ☐ Time period. Subject to any exceptions noted under Election 12(b)(3), the Plan credits as Service under Election 12(b)(1), all service regardless of when rendered unless a. and/or b. is elected below (<i>Choose a. and/or b. if applicable</i>):				
a. ☐ Service after. All service, which is or was rendered after: _____ (<i>specify date</i>).				
b. ☐ Service before. All service, which is or was rendered before: _____ (<i>specify date</i>).				
(3) ☐ Describe elective Predecessor Employer Service crediting:				

[Note: Under Election 12(b)(3), the Employer may describe service crediting from the elections available under Elections 12(b)(1) or (2), or a combination thereof as to a Participant group and/or Contribution Type (e.g., For all purposes credit all service with X, but credit service with Y only on/after 1/1/05 OR Credit all service for all purposes with entities the Employer acquires after 12/31/04 OR Service crediting for X Campus applies only for purposes of Nonelective Contributions and not for Matching Contributions).]

ARTICLE 2 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

13. **ELIGIBILITY/ELECTIVE DEFERRALS (Universal Availability) (2.01(A)).** Unless the Employer is a Church, an Employee (other than an Excluded Employee) generally becomes a Participant in the Elective Deferral portion of the Plan as soon as administratively feasible on or after the Employee's first day of employment with the Employer, as more fully described in Section 2.01(A). [Note: Elections 14 - 17 do not apply to Elective Deferrals unless Election 14(l) is elected or the Employer is a Church.]

14. **ELIGIBILITY NONELECTIVE/MATCHING/EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS (2.01(B)).** To become a Participant in all applicable contributions under the Plan, an Employee must satisfy the following eligibility condition(s). All applicable contributions under the Plan include the Matching, Nonelective and Employee Contributions. If the Employer is a Church, then all applicable contributions under the Plan also include the Elective Deferral portion of the Plan. (*Choose (a)(1) or choose one or more of (a) through (i) as applicable. Choose (j), (k) and/or (l) if applicable.*):

[Note: For this Election 14, unless described otherwise in Election 14(i), or the context otherwise requires, Matching includes all Matching Contributions; Nonelective includes all Nonelective Contributions (except Operational QNECs); Employee/Mandatory includes Mandatory Employee Contributions and Employee (after-tax) Contributions unless otherwise elected at 14(k). This Election does not apply to Safe Harbor Contributions, but see Election 24(g). If the Plan is an ERISA Plan, eligibility conditions must comply with ERISA §202, which is similar to Code §410(a).]

	(1) All Applicable Contributions	(2) Matching	(3) Nonelective	(4) Employee/ Mandatory
(a) ☐ None. Entry on Employment Commencement Date or if later, upon the next following Entry Date	☐	OR	☐	☐
(b) ☐ Age: ____ (See the Minimum Age Note)	☐	OR	☐	☐
(c) ☐ One Year of Service.	☐	OR	☐	☐
(d) ☐ Two Years of Service (without an intervening Break in Service.)	☐	OR	☐	☐
(e) ☐ ____ Years of Service (without an intervening Break in Service. Do not use for an ERISA Plan.)	☐	OR	☐	☐
(f) ☐ ____ months (not exceeding 12 months for Safe Harbor Contributions and if an ERISA Plan, not exceeding 24 months for other contributions). Service need not be continuous (mere passage of time).	☐	OR	☐	☐
(g) ☐ ____ month period (not to exceed 12) from the Eligible Employee's employment commencement date and during which at least ____ Hours of Service are completed in each month. If the Employee does not complete the designated Hours of Service each month during the specified monthly time period, the Employee is subject to the one Year of Service (or two Years of Service if more than 12 months is elected) requirement as defined in Election 16. The months during which the Employee completes the specified Hours of Service (Choose one of (1) or (2).):	☐	OR	☐	☐
(1) ☐ Consecutive. Must be consecutive.				
(2) ☐ Not consecutive. Need not be consecutive.				
(h) ☐ Describe eligibility conditions: _____	☐	OR	☐	☐

(i) ☐ **Describe eligibility conditions:** _____.

[Note: The Employer may use Election 14(h) or 14(i) to describe different eligibility conditions (e.g., for all contributions, no eligibility requirements for faculty Employees and One Year of Service as to administrative staff Employees). If the Plan is not an ERISA Plan, this option may be used to specify age or service conditions which would exceed those ERISA permits.]

[Note: If the Plan is an ERISA Plan, the Employer must provide immediate 100% vesting if the Service condition under Election 14 exceeds one Year of Service or more than twelve months.]

[Minimum Age Note. If the Plan is an ERISA Plan, the minimum age cannot exceed 21, except in a plan which meets all of the following conditions: (1) The minimum age does not exceed 26; (2) The Employer is an educational organization which normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and has a regularly enrolled body of pupils or students in attendance at the place where its educational activities are regularly carried on; (3) the Plan does not require more than one Year of Service as a condition for entry; and (4) the Plan provides full vesting after no more than one Year of Service.]

(j) ☐ **Special eligibility Effective Date** (Choose (1) and/or (2) if applicable.)

- (1) ☐ **Waiver of eligibility conditions for certain Employees.** The eligibility conditions and entry dates apply solely to an Eligible Employee employed or reemployed by the Employer after ____ (specify date). If the Eligible Employee was employed or reemployed by the Employer by the specified date, the Employee will become a Participant on the latest of: (i) the Effective Date; (ii) the restated Effective Date; (iii) the Employee's Employment Commencement Date or Re-Employment Commencement Date; or (iv) the date the Employee attains age ____ (not exceeding age 21).

[Note: If the Employer does not wish to impose an age condition under clause (iv) as part of the requirements for the eligibility conditions waiver, leave the age blank.]

(2) ☐ **Describe special eligibility Effective Date(s):** _____.

[Note: Under Election 14(j)(2), the Employer may describe special eligibility Effective Dates as to a Participant group and/or Contribution Type.]

- (k) ☐ **Mandatory Contribution - eligibility conditions.** If different conditions apply to Mandatory and Employee (after-tax) Contributions, to become a Participant with respect to Mandatory Contributions, an Employee must satisfy the following eligibility condition(s). *(Choose (1) or (2) if applicable):*

(1) ☐ **No conditions.**

(2) ☐ **Conditions apply.** To become a Participant with respect to Mandatory Contributions, an Employee must satisfy the following eligibility condition(s): *(Choose one or more):*

a. ☐ **Age** _____ *(See the Minimum Age Note that follows option 14(i) above)*

b. ☐ **Year(s) of Service** *(may not exceed 2 Years of Service; if this is an ERISA Plan, then the Employer must provide immediate 100% vesting if more than 1 Year of Service)*

c. ☐ **months** *(may not exceed 24 months; if this is an ERISA Plan, then the Employer must provide immediate 100% vesting if more than 12 months). Service need not be continuous (mere passage of time).*

d. ☐ **Describe eligibility conditions:** _____.

[Note: Election 14(k)(2)d. may only be used to describe different eligibility conditions in a manner consistent with the parameters set forth in the Notes following Elections 14(i).]

- (l) ☐ **Employer maintains another plan.** The Employer maintains another plan providing for elective deferrals that satisfies the universal availability requirements under Code §403(b)(12). Instead of satisfying the universal availability requirements in this plan, the eligibility conditions for the following contribution source will also apply for Elective Deferral purposes. *(Choose one)*

(1) ☐ **Matching**

(2) ☐ **Nonelective**

(3) ☐ **Employee/Mandatory**

15. YEAR OF SERVICE - ELIGIBILITY (2.02(A)). *(Complete (b). Choose (a) if other than 1,000 Hours of Service. Choose (c) if applicable): [Note: If the Employer under Election 14 elects a one or two Year(s) of Service condition or elects to apply a Year of Service for eligibility under any other Adoption Agreement election, the Employer should complete Election 15. The Employer should not complete Election 15 if it elects the Elapsed Time Method for eligibility.]*

(a) ☐ **Year of Service.** An Employee must complete _____ Hour(s) of Service during the relevant Eligibility Computation Period to receive credit for one Year of Service under Article 2: *[Note: If the Plan is an ERISA Plan, the number may not exceed 1,000. If left blank, the requirement is 1,000 Hours of Service.]*

(b) **Subsequent Eligibility Computation Periods.** After the Initial Eligibility Computation Period described in Section 2.02(C), the Plan measures Subsequent Eligibility Computation Periods as *(Choose (1) or (2))*:

(1) ☐ **Plan Year.** The Plan Year, beginning with the Plan Year which includes the first anniversary of the Employee's Employment Commencement Date.

(2) ☐ **Anniversary Year.** The Anniversary Year, beginning with the Employee's second Anniversary Year.

[Note: To maximize delayed entry under a two Years of Service condition for Nonelective Contributions or Matching Contributions, the Employer should elect to remain on the Anniversary Year for such contributions.]

(c) ☐ **Describe:** _____.
(e.g., Anniversary Year as to faculty and Plan Year as to other employees OR 500 Hours of Service for Matching Contributions and 1,000 Hours of Service for Nonelective Contributions.)

16. **ENTRY DATE (2.02(D))**. The Entry Date means the Effective Date and (Choose one or more of (a) through (f); select (g) if applicable):

[Note: For this Election 16, unless described otherwise in Election 16(f), Matching includes all Matching Contributions; Nonelective includes all Nonelective Contributions (except Operational QNECs); Employee/Mandatory includes Mandatory Employee Contributions and Employee (after-tax) Contributions unless otherwise elected at 16(g). If the Employer is a Church, then all applicable contributions under the Plan also include the Elective Deferral portion of the Plan.]

	(1) All Applicable Contributions	(2) Matching	(3) Nonelective	(4) Employee/ Mandatory
(a) ☐ Semi-annual. The first day of the first month and of the seventh month of the Plan Year.	☐	OR	☐	☐
(b) ☐ First day of Plan Year.	☐	OR	☐	☐
(c) ☐ First day of each Plan Year quarter.	☐	OR	☐	☐
(d) ☐ The first day of each month.	☐	OR	☐	☐
(e) ☐ Immediate. Upon Employment Commencement Date or if later, upon satisfaction of eligibility conditions.	☐	OR	☐	☐
(f) ☐ Describe: _____ (e.g., Immediate as to faculty Employees and semi-annual as to administrative staff Employees. A Church Plan may use this option to specify an Entry Date for Elective Deferrals. If the Plan is not an ERISA Plan, this option may be used to specify an entry date later or otherwise different from those ERISA permits.)				

Mandatory Contribution - entry date (Choose if applicable):

- (g) ☐ **Mandatory Contribution - entry date.** If a different entry date applies to Mandatory and Employee (after-tax) Contributions, the Entry Date for Mandatory Contributions means (Choose one):
- (1) ☐ **Semi-annual.** The first day of the first month and of the seventh month of the Plan Year.
 - (2) ☐ **First day of Plan Year.**
 - (3) ☐ **The first day of each month.**
 - (4) ☐ **Immediate.** Upon Employment Commencement Date or if later, upon satisfaction of eligibility conditions.
 - (5) ☐ **Describe:** _____
(e.g., Immediate as to faculty Employees and semi-annual as to administrative staff Employees. If the Plan is not an ERISA Plan, this option may be used to specify an entry date later or otherwise different from those ERISA permits.)

17. **PROSPECTIVE/RETROACTIVE ENTRY DATE (2.02(D))**. An Eligible Employee after satisfying the eligibility conditions in Election 14 will become a Participant for all applicable contributions on the Entry Date immediately following or coincident with the date the Employee completes the eligibility conditions (if employed on that date) unless otherwise elected below (Choose one if applicable):

- (a) ☐ **Immediately following** the date the Employee completes the eligibility conditions.
- (b) ☐ **Immediately preceding or coincident with** the date the Employee completes the eligibility conditions.
- (c) ☐ **Immediately preceding** the date the Employee completes the eligibility conditions.
- (d) ☐ **Nearest** the date the Employee completes the eligibility conditions.
- (e) ☐ **Describe:** _____
(e.g., nearest as to faculty Employees and immediately following as to administrative staff Employees. A Church Plan may use this option to specify the relevant date for Elective Deferrals.)

[Note: Unless otherwise excluded under Election 7, if this is an ERISA Plan, an Employee who remains employed by the Employer on the relevant date must become a Participant by the earlier of: (i) the first day of the Plan Year beginning after the date the Employee completes the age and service requirements of ERISA §202 (Code §410(a)) or (ii) 6 months after the date the Employee completes those requirements.]

ARTICLE 3 PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS

AMOUNT AND TYPE(S) (3.01). The amount and type(s) of contributions for a Plan Year or other specified period are those described in Election 6 above and in the Article 3 elections below.

18. **MANDATORY EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS (3.04(A)(3)).** The Mandatory Employee Contributions under Election 6(a) are subject to the following additional elections. The Plan will hold and administer Mandatory Employee Contributions as pretax Nonelective Contributions.

Amount of Mandatory Employee Contribution. The Employer shall withhold the following Mandatory Employee Contributions from Participant Compensation and contribute them. *(Choose (a), (b) or (c).):*

- (a) ☐ **Uniform %.** _____% of each Participant's Compensation, per Plan Year.
- (b) ☐ **Fixed dollar amount.** \$_____, per Plan Year.
- (c) ☐ **Describe:** _____ *(e.g., The greater of \$500 or 3% of each Participant's Compensation, per Plan Year. The time period is the Plan Year unless otherwise elected at (f) below.)*

[Note: The Employer under Election 18(c) may specify any definitely determinable Mandatory Employee Contribution formula not described under Elections 18(a) or (b) and/or the Employer may describe different Mandatory Employee Contributions as applicable to different Participant groups.]

Type of Mandatory Employee Contribution. The Mandatory Employee Contribution is being made in accordance with the following *(Choose one):*

- (d) ☐ **Condition of employment.** The Mandatory Employee Contribution is a condition of employment.
- (e) ☐ **Irrevocable Election.** An Eligible Employee may make, on or before first being eligible to participate under any plan of the Employer, an irrevocable election to contribute to the Plan the Mandatory Employee Contribution. *(Choose one):*
 - (1) ☐ **Participation Condition.** No Eligible Employee will become a Participant in the Plan unless the Employee makes such an irrevocable election. This condition will not apply to Elective Deferrals to the extent it would violate the universal availability rule of Treas. Reg. §1.403(b)-5.
 - (2) ☐ **Employer Contribution Condition.** No Eligible Employee will be eligible to receive an allocation of Employer Contributions in the Plan unless the Employee makes such an irrevocable election.

Additional provisions *(Choose one or both of (f) and (g) if applicable)*

- (f) ☐ **Time period.** Instead of the Plan Year, the time period will be per _____ *(e.g., month, Hour of Service, per Participant per month).*
- (g) ☐ **Describe additional conditions related to Mandatory Employee Contributions**

19. **AUTOMATIC DEFERRAL (ACA/EACA/QACA) (3.02(B)).** The Automatic Deferral provisions of Section 3.02(B) *(Choose (a) or (b). Also see Election 20 regarding Automatic Escalation of Salary Reduction Agreements.):*

[Note: If the Plan intends to use the ERISA Safe Harbor Exemption, the Employer should choose (a); otherwise it risks losing the exemption. If this is not an ERISA Plan, the Employer should confirm that Automatic Deferral provisions are permissible under applicable law.]

- (a) ☒ **Do not apply.** The Plan is not an ACA, EACA, or QACA *(skip to Election 20).*
- (b) ☐ **Apply.** The Automatic Deferral Effective Date is the effective date of automatic deferrals or, as appropriate, any subsequent amendment thereto. *(Complete (1), (2) and (3). Complete (4) and (5) if an EACA or an EACA/QACA. Choose (6) if applicable.):*
 - (1) **Type of Automatic Deferral Arrangement.** The Plan is an *(Choose a., b. or c.):*
 - a. ☐ **ACA.** The Plan is an Automatic Contribution Arrangement (ACA) under Section 3.02(B)(1).
 - b. ☐ **EACA.** The Plan is an Eligible Automatic Contribution Arrangement (EACA) under Section 3.02(B)(2).
 - c. ☐ **EACA/QACA.** The Plan is a combination EACA and Qualified Automatic Contribution Arrangement (QACA) under Sections 3.02(B)(3) and 3.05(J).

[Note: If the Employer chooses Election 19(b)(1)c., the Employer also must choose Election 6(f) and complete Election 24 as to the Safe Harbor Contributions under the QACA.]

- (2) **Participants affected.** The Automatic Deferral applies to *(Choose a., b., c. or d. Choose e. if applicable.):*
 - a. ☐ **All Participants.** All Participants, regardless of any prior Salary Reduction Agreement, unless and until they make a Contrary Election after the Automatic Deferral Effective Date.
 - b. ☐ **Election of at least Automatic Deferral Percentage.** All Participants, except those who have in effect a Salary Reduction Agreement on the Automatic Deferral Effective Date provided that the Elective Deferral amount under the Agreement is at least equal to the Automatic Deferral Percentage.
 - c. ☐ **No existing Salary Reduction Agreement.** All Participants, except those who have in effect a Salary Reduction Agreement on the Automatic Deferral Effective Date regardless of the Elective Deferral amount under the Agreement.

- d. ☐ **New Participants (not applicable to QACA).** Each Employee whose Entry Date is on or following the Automatic Deferral Effective Date.
- e. ☐ **Describe affected Participants (not applicable to QACA):** _____.

[Note: The Employer in Election 19(b)(2)e. may further describe affected Participants, e.g., non-Collective Bargaining Employees OR Campus A Employees. All Employees eligible to defer must be Covered Employees to apply the 6-month correction period without excise tax under Code §4979.]

(3) **Automatic Deferral Percentage/Scheduled increases.** (Choose a., b., c. or d.):

- a. ☐ **Fixed percentage.** The Employer, as to each Participant affected, will withhold as the Automatic Deferral Percentage, _____% from the Participant's Compensation each payroll period unless the Participant makes a Contrary Election. The Automatic Deferral Percentage will or will not increase in Plan Years following the Plan Year containing the Automatic Deferral Effective Date (or, if later, the Plan Year or partial Plan Year in which the Automatic Deferral first applies to a Participant) as follows (Choose e., f. or g.):

[Note: In order to satisfy the QACA requirements, enter an amount between 6% and 10% if no scheduled increase.]

- b. ☐ **QACA statutory increasing schedule.** The Automatic Deferral Percentage will be:

<u>Plan Year of application to a Participant</u>	<u>Automatic Deferral Percentage</u>
1	3%
2	3%
3	4%
4	5%
5 and thereafter	6%

- c. ☐ **Other increasing schedule.** The Automatic Deferral Percentage will be:

<u>Plan Year of application to a Participant</u>	<u>Automatic Deferral Percentage</u>
_____	____%
_____	____%
_____	____%
_____	____%
_____	____%

- d. ☐ **Describe Automatic Deferral percentage:** _____.

If (3)a. or (3)d. selected, choose one of the following:

- e. ☐ **No scheduled increase.** The Automatic Deferral Percentage applies in all Plan Years.
- f. ☐ **Automatic increase.** The Automatic Deferral Percentage will increase by _____% per year up to a maximum of _____% of Compensation.
- g. ☐ **Describe increase:** _____.

Change Date. If Election 19(b)(3)b., c., f. or g. is selected, Elective Deferrals will increase on the following day each Plan Year:

- h. ☐ **First day of the Plan Year.**
- i. ☐ **Other:** _____ (must be a specified or definitely determinable date that occurs at least annually)

[Note: If Election 19(b)(3)(b) is selected and the Change Date is other than the first day of the Plan Year, then the increases in the schedule are accelerated by 1 year in order to satisfy the QACA requirements]

First Year of Increase. The automatic increase under Election 19(b)(3)c., f. or g. will apply to a Participant beginning with the first Change Date after the Participant first has automatic deferrals withheld, unless otherwise elected below (leave blank if not applicable):

- j. ☐ **The increase will apply as of the second Change Date thereafter.**
- k. ☐ **Describe first year increase:** _____
(e.g., the increase will apply on the Change Date occurring on or after the Participant has been automatically enrolled for 3 months).

[Note: To satisfy the QACA requirements, the Automatic Deferral Percentage must be: (i) a fixed percentage which is at least 6% and not more than 10% of Compensation; (ii) an increasing Automatic Deferral Percentage in accordance with the schedule under Election 19(b)(3)b.; or (iii) an alternative schedule which must require, for each Plan Year, an Automatic Deferral Percentage that is at least equal to the Automatic Deferral Percentage under the schedule in Election 19(b)(3)b. and which does not exceed 10%. See Section 3.02(B)(3).]

- (4) **EACA permissible withdrawal.** The permissible withdrawal provisions of Section 3.02(B)(2)(d) (Choose a., b. or c.):
- ☐ **Do not apply.**
 - ☐ **90 day withdrawal.** Apply within 90 days of the first Automatic Deferral.
 - ☐ **30-90 day withdrawal.** Apply, within _____ days of the first Automatic Deferral (may not be less than 30 nor more than 90 days).
- (5) **Contrary Election/Covered Employee.** Any Participant who makes a Contrary Election (Choose a. or b.; leave blank if an ACA or a QACA):
- ☐ **Covered Employee.** Is a covered employee and continues to be covered by the EACA provisions. [Note: Under this Election, the Participant's Contrary Election will remain in effect, but the Participant must receive the EACA annual notice.]
 - ☐ **Not a Covered Employee.** Is not a Covered Employee and will not continue to be covered by the EACA provisions. [Note: Under this Election, the Participant no longer must receive the EACA annual notice, but the Plan cannot use the six month period for relief from the excise tax of Code §4979(f)(1).]
- (6) ☐ **Describe Automatic Deferral:** _____

[Note: Under Election 19(b)(6), the Employer may describe Automatic Deferral provisions from the elections available under Election 19 and/or a combination thereof as to a Participant group (e.g., Automatic Deferrals do not apply to Campus A Employees. All Campus B Employee/Participants are subject to an Automatic Deferral Amount equal to 3% of Compensation effective as of January 1, 2017).]

20. **AUTOMATIC ESCALATION (3.02(G)).** The Automatic Escalation provisions of Section 3.02(G). (Choose (a) or (b). See Election 19 regarding Automatic Deferrals. Automatic Escalation applies to Participants who have a Salary Reduction Agreement in effect.):

- (a) ☒ **Do not apply.**
- (b) ☐ **Apply.** (Complete (1), (2), (3), and if appropriate (4).):
- (1) **Participants affected.** The Automatic Escalation applies to (Choose a., b. or c.):
- ☐ **All Deferring Participants.** All Participants who have a Salary Reduction Agreement in effect to defer at least _____% of Compensation.
 - ☐ **New Deferral Elections.** All Participants who file a Salary Reduction Agreement after the effective date of this Election, or, as appropriate, any amendment thereto, to defer at least _____% of Compensation.
 - ☐ **Describe affected Participants:** _____

[Note: The Employer in Election 20(b)(1)c. may further describe affected Participants, e.g., non-Collective Bargaining Employees OR Campus A Employees. The group of Participants must be definitely determinable and if an EACA under Election 19, must be uniform.]

- (2) **Automatic Increases.** (Choose a. or b.):
- ☐ **Automatic increase.** The Participant's Elective Deferrals will increase by _____% per year up to a maximum of _____% of Compensation unless the Participant has filed a Contrary Election after the effective date of this Election or, as appropriate, any amendment thereto.
 - ☐ **Describe increase:** _____

[Note: The Employer in Election 20(b)(2)b. may define different increases for different groups of Participants or may otherwise limit Automatic Escalation. Any such provisions must be definitely determinable.]

- (3) **Change Date.** The Elective Deferrals will increase on the following day each Plan Year:
- ☐ **First day of the Plan Year.**
 - ☐ **Other:** _____ (must be a specified or definitely determinable date that occurs at least annually)
- (4) **First Year of Increase.** The Automatic Escalation provision will apply to a Participant beginning with the first Change Date after the Participant files a Salary Reduction Agreement (or, if sooner, the effective date of this Election, or, as appropriate, any amendment thereto), unless otherwise elected below:
- ☐ **The escalation provision will apply as of the second Change Date thereafter.**
 - ☐ **Describe first year increase:** _____
(e.g., the increase will apply on the Change Date occurring on or after the Participant has been automatically enrolled for 3 months).

21. **CATCH-UP DEFERRALS (3.02(D)/(E)).** A Participant otherwise eligible to do so (Choose (a) or (b)):

(a) ☒ **Permitted.** May make the following Catch-Up Deferrals to the Plan. (Choose one or both of (1) and (2)):

(1) ☒ **Age 50 Catch-Up.**

(2) ☐ **Qualified Organization (defined in Section 3.02(D)(2)) Catch-Up** (Choose a. if applicable).

a. ☐ **Denominational Service (1.17).** For purposes of Qualified Organization Catch-Ups, the Plan limits Denominational Service as Service for the Employer as follows:

(b) ☐ **Not Permitted.** May not make any Catch-Up Deferrals to the Plan.

22. **MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS (EXCLUDING SAFE HARBOR MATCH AND ADDITIONAL MATCH UNDER SECTION 3.05) (3.03(A)).** The Employer Matching Contributions under Election 6(c) are subject to the following additional elections regarding type (discretionary/fixed), rate/amount, limitations and time period (collectively, such elections are "the matching formula") and the allocation of Matching Contributions is subject to Section 3.06 except as otherwise provided. (Choose one or more of (a) through (h); then, for the elected match, complete (1), (2) and/or (3) as applicable. If the Employer completes (2) or (3), also complete (4), (5) or (6)):

[Note: If the Employer wishes to make any Matching Contributions that satisfy the ACP safe harbor, the Employer should make these Elections under Election 24, and not under this Election 22.]

	(1) Match Rate/Amt [\$/% of Elective Deferrals]	(2) Limit on Deferrals Matched [\$/% of Compensation]	(3) Limit on Match Amount [\$/% of Compensation]	(4) Apply limit(s) per Plan Year ["true-up"]	(5) Apply limit(s) per payroll period [no "true-up"]	(6) Apply limit(s) per designated time period [no "true-up"]
(a) ☐ Discretionary - see Section 1.47(B) (The Employer may, but is not required to complete (a)(1)-(6). See the "Note" following Election 22.)	_____	_____	_____	☐	☐	☐ _____
(b) ☐ Fixed - uniform rate/amount	_____	_____	_____	☐	☐	☐ _____
(c) ☐ Fixed - tiered		_____	_____	☐	☐	☐ _____
	Elective Deferral %	Matching Rate				
(e.g., up to 3)	_____ %	_____ %				
(e.g., more than 3 up to 5)	_____ %	_____ %				
	_____ %	_____ %				
	_____ %	_____ %				
(d) ☐ Fixed - Years of Service		_____	_____	☐	☐	☐ _____
	Years of Service	Matching Rate				
(e.g., up to 2)	_____	_____ %				
(e.g., more than 2 up to 5)	_____	_____ %				
	_____	_____ %				
	_____	_____ %				
"Years of Service" under this Election 22(d) means (Choose a. or b.):						
a. ☐ Eligibility. Years of Service for eligibility in Election 15.						
b. ☐ Vesting. Years of Service for vesting in Elections 37 and 38.						
(e) ☐ Fixed - Based on age at end of period		_____	_____	☐	☐	☐ _____
	Age	Matching Rate				
	_____	_____ %				
	_____	_____ %				
	_____	_____ %				
	_____	_____ %				

- (f) ☐ **Fixed** - Job location or classification _____ ☐ ☐ ☐ _____
(must be objectively determinable)

Location or Class	Matching Rate
_____	_____%
_____	_____%
_____	_____%
_____	_____%

- (g) ☐ **Fixed Percent of Compensation.** _____% of Compensation provided the Participant's Elective Deferrals equal or exceed _____% of the Participant's Compensation.

- (h) ☐ **Describe:** _____.
(e.g., A discretionary match applies to staff members. A fixed match equal to 50% of Elective Deferrals not exceeding 6% of Plan Year Compensation applies to professors.)

[Note: A Participant's Elective Deferral percentage is equal to the Participant's Elective Deferrals (or such other amounts specified in this Adoption Agreement) being matched divided by the Participant's Compensation. The matching rate/amount is the specified rate/amount of match for the corresponding Elective Deferral amount/percentage. The Employer under Election 22(a) in its discretion may determine the amount of a Discretionary Matching Contribution and the matching contribution formula or formulas. Alternatively, the Employer in Election 22(a) may specify the Discretionary Matching Contribution formula.]

Additional Provisions (Choose if applicable)

Contributions that are matched. Matching Contributions are made only with respect to Elective Deferrals (includes Pre-Tax and Roth Elective Deferrals) unless otherwise elected below. (Choose if applicable):

- (i) ☐ Matching contributions will only be made with respect to the following (Choose one or more):
- (1) ☐ Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals.
 - (2) ☐ Roth Elective Deferrals.
 - (3) ☐ Employee (after-tax) Contributions.
 - (4) ☐ Elective Deferrals made to the following plan: _____ (enter name of plan).
 - (5) ☐ Describe: _____.

Participating Employers. The Matching Contributions will be allocated to all Participants regardless of which Employer directly employs them and regardless of whether their direct Employer made Matching Contributions for the Plan Year unless otherwise elected below or specified in a participation agreement. (Choose if applicable):

- (j) ☐ The Plan Administrator will allocate the Matching Contributions made by the Signatory Employer and by any Participating Employer only to the Participants directly employed by the contributing Employer.

23. **MATCHING CATCH-UP DEFERRALS (3.03(B)).** If a Participant makes an Age 50 Catch-Up or a Qualified Organization Catch-Up (15-year catch-up), the Employer (Choose (a), (b) or (c) as appropriate, selecting the relevant Catch-Up Deferrals):

- | | Age 50
Catch-Ups | Qualified
Organization
Catch-Ups |
|--|--------------------------|--|
| (a) ☐ Match. Will match the Catch-Up Deferrals. | ☐ | ☐ |
| (b) ☐ No Match. Will not match the Catch-Up Deferrals. | ☐ | ☐ |
| (c) ☐ Describe. _____
(e.g., Will apply the discretionary matching contribution to Catch-Up Deferrals but will not apply the fixed matching contribution to catch-up deferrals) | | |

[Note: Regardless of the Employer's elections in Election 23, a safe harbor 403(b) Plan under Section 3.05 will apply all Matching Contributions to Catch-Up Deferrals.]

24. **SAFE HARBOR CONTRIBUTIONS/ADDITIONAL MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS (3.05).** The Employer under Election 6(f) will (or in the case of the Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution may) contribute the following Safe Harbor Contributions described in Section 3.05(E) and will or may contribute Additional Matching Contributions described in Section 3.05(F). (Choose one of (a) through (e); skip this Election 24 if Election 6(f) is not selected. Complete (f) and (i). Choose (g), (h) and/or (j) if applicable.):

[Note: The Employer may elect in Appendix B to its Adoption Agreement to offset any non-Safe Harbor Nonelective Contributions provided for in the Plan by the Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution elected in (a) or (b) below.]

- (a) ☐ **Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution (including QACA).** The Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution equals ____% of a Participant's Compensation. [Note: The amount in the blank must be at least 3%. The Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution applies toward (offsets) most other Employer Nonelective Contributions. See Section 3.05(E)(11).]
- (b) ☐ **Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution (including QACA)/delayed year-by-year election (maybe and supplemental notices).** In connection with the Employer's provision of the maybe notice under Section 3.05(I)(1), the Employer elects into safe harbor status by giving the supplemental notice and by making this Election 24(b) to provide for a Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution equal to ____% (specify amount at least equal to 3%) of a Participant's Compensation. This Election 24(b) and safe harbor status applies for the Plan Year ending: _____ (specify Plan Year end), which is the Plan Year to which the Employer's maybe and supplemental notices apply.

[Note: An Employer distributing the maybe notice can use Election 24(b) without completing the year. Doing so requires the Plan to perform Current Year Testing unless the Employer decides to elect safe harbor status. If the Employer wishes to elect safe harbor status for a single year, the Employer must amend the Plan to enter the Plan Year end above.]

- (c) ☐ **Basic Matching Contribution.** A Matching Contribution equal to 100% of each Participant's Elective Deferrals not exceeding 3% of the Participant's Compensation, plus 50% of each Participant's Elective Deferrals in excess of 3% but not in excess of 5% of the Participant's Compensation. See Sections 1.47(D) and 3.05(E)(4). (Complete (1).):

- (1) **Time period.** For purposes of this Election 24(c), "Compensation" and "Elective Deferrals" mean Compensation and Elective Deferrals for: _____. [Note: The Employer must complete the blank line with the applicable time period for computing the Basic Match, such as "each payroll period," "each calendar month," "each Plan Year quarter" or "the Plan Year."]

- (d) ☐ **QACA Basic Matching Contribution.** A Matching Contribution equal to 100% of a Participant's Elective Deferrals not exceeding 1% of the Participant's Compensation, plus 50% of each Participant's Elective Deferrals in excess of 1% but not in excess of 6% of the Participant's Compensation. (Complete (1).): [Note: This election is available only if the Employer has elected the QACA automatic deferrals provisions under Election 19.]

- (1) **Time period.** For purposes of this Election 24(d), "Compensation" and "Elective Deferrals" mean Compensation and Elective Deferrals for: _____. [Note: The Employer must complete the blank line with the applicable time period for computing the QACA Basic Match, such as "each payroll period," "each calendar month," "each Plan Year quarter" or "the Plan Year."]

- (e) ☐ **Enhanced Matching Contribution (including QACA).** See Sections 1.47(E) and 3.05(E)(6). (Choose (1) or (2) and complete (3) for any election.):

- (1) ☐ **Uniform percentage.** A Matching Contribution equal to ____% of each Participant's Elective Deferrals but not as to Elective Deferrals exceeding ____% of the Participant's Compensation.
- (2) ☐ **Tiered formula.** A Matching Contribution equal to the specified matching rate for the corresponding level of each Participant's Elective Deferral percentage. A Participant's Elective Deferral percentage is equal to the Participant's Elective Deferrals divided by the Participant's Compensation.

<u>Elective Deferral Percentage</u>		<u>Matching Rate</u>
(e.g., up to 5)	____%	____%
(e.g., more than 2 up to 5)	____%	____%
	____%	____%

- (3) **Time period.** For purposes of this Election 24(e), "Compensation" and "Elective Deferrals" mean Compensation and Elective Deferrals for: _____. [Note: The Employer must complete the blank line with the applicable time period for computing the Enhanced Match, such as "each payroll period," "each calendar month," "each Plan Year quarter" or "the Plan Year."]

[Note: The matching rate may not increase as the Elective Deferral percentage increases and the Enhanced Matching formula otherwise must satisfy the requirements of Code §§401(k)(12)(B)(ii) and (iii) (taking into account Code §401(k)(13)(D)(ii) in the case of a QACA). The Employer also must limit Elective Deferrals taken into account for the Enhanced Matching Contribution to a maximum of 6% of Plan Year Compensation.]

- (f) **Participants who will receive Safe Harbor Contributions.** The allocation of Safe Harbor Contributions (Choose (1) or (2). Choose (3) if applicable.):

- (1) ☐ **Applies to all Participants.** Applies to all Participants except as may be limited under Election 24(g).
- (2) ☐ **NHCEs only.** Is limited to NHCE Participants only and may be limited further under Election 24(g). The Employer may, however, make a discretionary Safe Harbor Contribution to one or more HCEs in a percentage or rate allocated that does not exceed the percentage or rate allocated to the NHCEs as a Safe Harbor Contribution.
- (3) ☐ **Applies to all Participants except Collective Bargaining Employees.** Notwithstanding Elections 24(f)(1) or (2), the Safe Harbor Contributions are not allocated to Collective Bargaining (union) Employees and may be further limited under Election 24(g).

- (g) ☐ **Early Elective Deferrals/delay of Safe Harbor Contribution.** The Employer under this Election 24(g) applies the rules of Section 3.05(D) to limit the allocation of any Safe Harbor Contribution under Election 24 for a Plan Year to those Participants who the Plan Administrator in applying the Otherwise Excludible Employee rule described in Section 4.06(C), treats as benefiting in the disaggregated plan covering the Includible Employees (*Choose (1) if applicable*).
- (1) ☐ **Describe.** Instead of using the maximum age and service permitted under the Otherwise Excludible Employee rule, the Safe Harbor Contribution will be made to those Participants who have satisfied the following eligibility conditions _____
(*The specified age and/or service conditions cannot exceed the maximum age and service conditions permitted under the Otherwise Excludible Employee rule described in Section 4.06(C).*)
- (h) ☐ **Another plan.** The Employer will make the Safe Harbor Contribution to the following plan: _____
- (i) **Additional Matching Contributions.** See Sections 1.47(F) and 3.05(F). (*Choose (1) or (2).*):
- (1) ☐ **No Additional Matching Contributions.** The Employer will not make any Additional Matching Contributions to its safe harbor Plan.
- (2) ☐ **Additional Matching Contributions.** The Employer will or may make the following Additional Matching Contributions to its safe harbor Plan. (*Choose one or more of a., b., and c.*):
- a. ☐ **Fixed Additional Matching Contribution.** The following Fixed Additional Matching Contribution (*Choose (i) or (ii). Complete (iii).*):
- | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| | <u>Elective Deferral Percentage</u> | <u>Matching Rate</u> |
| (e.g., up to 2) | _____ % | _____ % |
| (e.g., more than 2 up to 5) | _____ % | _____ % |
| | _____ % | _____ % |
- (ii) ☐ **Tiered formula.** A Matching Contribution equal to the specified matching rate for the corresponding level of each Participant's Elective Deferral percentage. A Participant's Elective Deferral percentage is equal to the Participant's Elective Deferrals divided by the Participant's Compensation.
- (iii) **Time period.** For purposes of this Election 24(i)(2)a., "Compensation" and "Elective Deferrals" mean Compensation and Elective Deferrals for: _____
[*Note: The Employer must complete the blank line with the applicable time period for computing the Additional Match, e.g., each payroll period, each calendar month, each Plan Year quarter OR the Plan Year. If the Employer elects a match under both (i) and (ii) and will apply a different time period to each match, the Employer may indicate as such in the blank line.*]
- b. ☐ **Discretionary Additional Matching Contribution.** The Employer may make a Discretionary Additional Matching Contribution. If the Employer makes a Discretionary Matching Contribution, the Discretionary Matching Contribution will not apply as to Elective Deferrals exceeding _____% (may not exceed 6%) of the Participant's Compensation and the total discretionary Matching Contribution will not exceed 4% of Compensation.
- (i) **Time period.** For purposes of this Election 24(i)(2)b., "Compensation" and "Elective Deferrals" mean Compensation and Elective Deferrals for: _____
[*Note: The Employer must complete the blank line with the applicable time period for computing the Additional Discretionary Matching Contribution, e.g., each payroll period, each calendar month, each Plan Year quarter OR the Plan Year. If the Employer fails to specify a time period, the Employer is deemed to have elected to compute its Additional Matching Contribution based on the Plan Year.*]
- c. ☐ **Describe Additional Matching Contribution formula and time period:** _____
- [*Note: For any and all Matching Contributions, including Fixed Additional Matching Contributions and Discretionary Additional Matching Contributions: (i) the matching rate may not increase as the Elective Deferral percentage increases; (ii) no HCE may be entitled to a greater rate of match than any NHCE; (iii) the Employer must limit Elective Deferrals taken into account for the Additional Matching Contributions to a maximum of 6% of Plan Year Compensation; (iv) the Plan must apply all Matching Contributions to Catch-Up Deferrals; and (v) in the case of a Discretionary Additional Matching Contribution, the contribution amount may not exceed 4% of the Participant's Plan Year Compensation.*]
- (j) ☐ **Multiple Safe Harbor Contributions in disaggregated Plan.** The Employer elects to make different Safe Harbor Contributions and/or Additional Matching Contributions to disaggregated parts of its Plan under Treas. Reg. §1.401(k)-1(b)(4) as follows: _____
(*Specify contributions for disaggregated plans, e.g., as to collectively bargained employees, a 3% Nonelective Safe Harbor Contribution applies and as to non-collectively bargained employees, the Basic Matching Contribution applies.*)

25. **NONELECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS (TYPE/AMOUNT): (3.04(A)).** The Employer Nonelective Contributions under Election 6(d) are subject to the following additional elections as to type and amount. All Nonelective Contributions, other than those described in (e), are limited to Participants who have Compensation (and may be further limited as described elsewhere in the Plan or this Adoption Agreement. *(Choose one or more of (a) through (d) as applicable.):*

- (a) ☐ **Discretionary.** An amount the Employer in its sole discretion may determine.
- (b) ☐ **Fixed.** *(Choose one or more of (1) through (8). Reference to Participants are limited to Participants eligible to receive an allocation of Nonelective Contributions.):*

- (1) ☐ **Uniform %.** ____% of each Participant's Compensation, per ____ *(e.g., Plan Year, month).*
- (2) ☐ **Fixed dollar amount.** \$____, per ____ *(e.g., Plan Year, month, Hour of Service, per Participant per month).*
- (3) ☐ **Age-Graded.** The following percentage of each Participant's Compensation based on the Participant's age on the last day of the Plan Year.

Age	Contribution Percentage
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %

- (4) ☐ **Service-Graded.** The following percentage of each Participant's Compensation based on the Participant's Years of Service.

	Years of Service	Contribution Percentage
(e.g., up to 2)	_____	_____ %
(e.g., more than 2 up to 5)	_____	_____ %
	_____	_____ %
	_____	_____ %

"Years of Service" under this Election 25(b)(4) means *(Choose i. or ii.):*

- i. ☐ **Eligibility.** Years of Service for eligibility in Election 15.
- ii. ☐ **Vesting.** Years of Service for vesting in Elections 37 and 38.
- (5) ☐ **Job Classification or Business Location.** The following percentage of each Participant's Compensation based on the Participant's job classification (must be objectively determinable) or business location.

Job Classification or Business Location	Contribution Percentage
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %

- (6) ☐ **Contract Incorporation.** If the Plan is a Governmental Plan or the Employer is a Church, contributions will be made pursuant to the terms of a collective bargaining agreement or other written document relating to the Employees of the Employer. The relevant portions of the agreement or document will be attached hereto as an appendix to the Adoption Agreement and are incorporated herein by this reference.
- (7) ☐ **Unused accumulated leave conversion.** The Employer will contribute an amount equal to an Employee's current hourly rate of pay multiplied by the Participant's number of unused accumulated leave (as selected below). Only unpaid accumulated leave for which the Employee has no right to receive in cash may be included.

Conversion. The following types of unused accumulated leave may be converted under the Plan *(choose one or all that apply):*

- a. ☐ Sick leave
- b. ☐ Vacation leave
- c. ☐ Personal leave

Eligible Employees. Only the following Participants shall receive the Employer contribution for unused accumulated leave *(choose d. and/or e.; leave blank if no limitations; provided, however, that this Plan may not be used to only provide benefits for terminated Employees):*

- d. ☐ **Former Employees.** All Employees terminating service with the Employer during the Plan Year and who have satisfied the eligibility requirements based on the terms of the Employer's accumulated benefits plans checked below *(choose all that apply; leave blank if no exclusions):*
- i. ☐ The Former Employee must be at least age ____ *(e.g., 55)*
- ii. ☐ The value of the unused accumulated leave must be at least \$ ____ *(e.g., \$2,000)*

- iii. ☐ A contribution will only be made if the total hours is over ____ (e.g., 10) hours
- iv. ☐ A contribution will not be made for hours in excess of ____ (e.g., 40) hours
- e. ☐ **Active Employees.** Employees who have not terminated service during the Plan Year and who meet the following requirements (*select all that apply; leave blank if no exclusions*):
 - i. ☐ The Employee must be at least age ____ (e.g., 55)
 - ii. ☐ The value of the unused accumulated leave must be at least \$ ____ (e.g., \$2,000)
 - iii. ☐ A contribution will only be made if the total hours are over ____ (e.g., 10) hours
 - iv. ☐ A contribution will not be made for hours in excess of ____ (e.g., 40) hours

- (8) ☐ **Describe:** _____
 (e.g., *The greater of \$500 or 3% of each Participant's Compensation, per Plan Year. Specify time period, e.g., per Plan Year quarter. If not specified, the time period is the Plan Year.*)

[Note: The Employer under Election 25(b)(8) may specify any Fixed Nonelective Contribution formula not described under Elections 25(b)(1) through (7) (e.g., For each Plan Year, 2% of total compensation), and/or the Employer may describe different Fixed Nonelective Contributions as applicable to different Participant groups (e.g., A Fixed Nonelective Contribution equal to 5% of Plan Year Compensation applies to Campus A Participants and a Fixed Nonelective Contribution equal to \$500 per Participant each Plan Year applies to Campus B Participants).]

- (c) ☐ **Contribution for Deemed Disability Compensation (1.11(K)).** Include Deemed Disability Compensation. The Employer will make Nonelective Contributions for the disabled Participants defined below, based on their Deemed Disability Compensation for the following period _____. (Specify a fixed or determinable period. Choose (1) or (2)):

- (1) ☐ **NHCEs only.** Apply only to disabled NHCEs.
- (2) ☐ **All Participants.** Apply to all disabled Participants.

The contribution for such Participants shall be:

- (3) ☐ **Amount set forth in (a), (b) and (d).** The disabled Participants shall share in the contributions set forth in (a), (b) and (d).
- (4) ☐ **Describe:** _____ (must be definitely determinable (e.g., amount set forth in long-term disability policy).

- (d) ☐ **Describe:** _____.

[Note: Under Election 25(d), the Employer may describe the amount and type of Nonelective Contributions from the elections available under Election 25 and/or a combination thereof as to a Participant group (e.g., A Discretionary Nonelective Contribution applies to Campus A Employees. A Fixed Nonelective Contribution equal to 5% of Plan Year Compensation applies to Campus B Employees).]

Additional Provisions (Choose if applicable)

- (e) ☐ **Former Employees.** The Employer will make Nonelective Contributions on behalf of former Employees in accordance with the following elections (Choose (1), (2) or (3)):

[Note: If this is an ERISA Plan, then Contributions made pursuant to this Election 25(e) must be nondiscriminatory.]

- (1) ☐ **Discretionary.** The Employer may contribute an amount the Employer in its sole discretion may determine with regard to one or more former Employees, to be allocated and administered as described more fully in Section 3.04(D).
- (2) ☐ **Percent of Deemed Includible Compensation.** The Employer will contribute ____ % of each Participant's Includible Compensation each Plan Year commencing with the Plan Year in which the Participant has Separated from Service and then for the next ____ calendar years (not to exceed 5 calendar years) following the Plan Year in which the Participant Separated from Service.
- (3) ☐ **Describe:** _____.

[Note: The Employer under Election 25(e)(3) may specify any definitely determinable contribution or allocation formula. No former Employee will be eligible to receive such an allocation for a calendar year beginning more than 5 years after the Employee Separated from Service.]

Eligible Former Employees. Such contributions will be made with respect to the following Participants (*Choose (4) or (5)*):

- (4) ☐ **All Former Employees.**
- (5) ☐ **The following Former Employees** (*Choose one or more of a. through e.*):
- a. ☐ **Union Employees.** Collectively bargained employees who participate in the following unions: _____.
 - b. ☐ **Non-Union Employees.** Employees whose employment is not governed by a collective bargaining agreement between the Employer and employee representatives.
 - c. ☐ **School superintendent.**
 - d. ☐ **School principals.**
 - e. ☐ **Describe inclusion:** _____
(e.g., include administration Employees). [Note: Must be definitely determinable.]

26. **NONELECTIVE CONTRIBUTION ALLOCATION (3.04(B)).** The Plan Administrator, subject to Section 3.06, will allocate to each Participant any Nonelective Contribution (excluding QNECs) under the following contribution allocation formula (*Choose one or more of (a) through (g) as applicable.*):

- (a) ☐ **Pro rata.** As a uniform percentage of Participant Compensation.
- (b) ☐ **Permitted disparity (Integrated).** In accordance with the permitted disparity allocation provisions of Section 3.04(B)(2), under which the "Excess Compensation" means Compensation in excess of the integration level provided below (*Choose (1) or (2)*):
 - (1) ☐ **Percentage amount.** _____% (*not exceeding 100%*) of the Taxable Wage Base in effect on the first day of the Plan Year, rounded to the next highest \$_____ (*not exceeding the Taxable Wage Base*).
 - (2) ☐ **Dollar amount.** The following amount: \$_____ (*not exceeding the Taxable Wage Base in effect on the first day of the Plan Year*).
- (c) ☐ **Incorporation of contribution formula.** The Plan Administrator will allocate any Fixed Nonelective Contribution under Election 25(b) or Mandatory Employee Contributions under Election 18 in accordance with the contribution formula the Employer adopts under that Election.
- (d) ☐ **Classifications of Participants.** In accordance with the classifications allocation provisions of Section 3.04(B)(3). (*Complete (1) and (2).*):
 - (1) **Description of the classifications.** The classifications are (*Choose a., b. or c.*):

[Note: Typically, the Employer would elect 26(d) where it intends to satisfy nondiscrimination requirements using "cross-testing" under Treas. Reg. §1.401(a)(4)-8. However, choosing this election does not necessarily require application of cross-testing and the Plan may be able to satisfy nondiscrimination as to its classification-based allocations by testing allocation rates. This allocation method does not result in a design-based safe harbor allocation.]

- a. ☐ **Each in own classification.** Each Participant constitutes a separate classification.
- b. ☐ **NHCEs/HCEs.** Nonhighly Compensated Employee/Participants and Highly Compensated Employee/Participants.
- c. ☐ **Describe the classifications:** _____.

[Note: Any classifications under Election 26(d) must be clearly defined in a manner that will not violate the definite predetermined allocation requirement of Treas. Reg. §1.401-1(b)(1)(ii) and can only be changed through a Plan amendment. The classifications cannot limit the NHCEs benefiting under the Plan only to those NHCE/Participants with the lowest Compensation and/or the shortest periods of Service and who may represent the minimum number of benefiting NHCEs necessary to pass coverage under Code §410(b). The Employer must advise the Plan Administrator or Vendor in writing as to the allocation rate applicable to each Participant under Election 26(d)(1)a. or applicable to each classification under Elections 26(d)(1)b. or c. for the allocation Plan Year.]

- (2) **Allocation method within each classification.** Allocate the Nonelective Contribution within each classification as follows (*Choose a., b. or c.*):
 - a. ☐ **Pro rata.** As a uniform percentage of Compensation of each Participant within the classification.
 - b. ☐ **Flat dollar.** The same dollar amount to each Participant within the classification.
 - c. ☐ **Describe:** _____
(e.g., Allocate pro rata to NHCEs and flat dollar to HCEs.)
- (e) ☐ **Age-based.** In accordance with the age-based allocation provisions of Section 3.04(B)(4). The Plan Administrator will use the Actuarial Factors based on the following assumptions (*Complete both (1) and (2).*):
 - (1) **Interest rate.** (*Choose a., b. or c.*):
 - a. ☐ **7.5%**
 - b. ☐ **8.0%**
 - c. ☐ **8.5%**

(2) **Mortality table.** (Choose a. or b.):a. ☐ **UP-1984.** See Appendix C.b. ☐ **Alternative:** _____
(Specify 1983 GAM, 1983 IAM, 1971 GAM or 1971 IAM and attach applicable tables using such mortality table and the specified interest rate as replacement Appendix C.)

Participating Employers. The Nonelective Contributions will be allocated to all Participants regardless of which Employer directly employs them and regardless of whether their direct Employer made Nonelective Contributions for the Plan Year unless otherwise elected below or specified in a participation agreement. (Choose if applicable):

(f) ☐ The Plan Administrator will allocate the Nonelective Contributions made by the Signatory Employer and by any Participating Employer only to the Participants directly employed by the contributing Employer.

[Note: If the Employer elects 26(f), the Employer should also elect 10(l)(b), to disregard the Compensation paid by "Y" Participating Employer in determining the allocation of the "X" Participating Employer contribution to a Participant (and vice versa) who receives Compensation from both X and Y. Election 26(f) does not apply to Safe Harbor Nonelective Contributions.]

(g) ☐ **Describe:** _____
(e.g., Pro rata as to Campus A Participants and Permitted Disparity (two-tiered at 100% of the SSTWB) as to Campus B Participants.)27. **QNEC (PLAN-DESIGNATED) (3.04(C)(1)).** The following provisions apply regarding Plan-Designated QNECs (Choose (a) or (b).):

[Note: Regardless of its elections under this Election 27, the Employer under Section 3.04(C)(2) may elect for any Plan Year where the Plan is using Current Year Testing to make Operational QNECs which the Plan Administrator will allocate only to NHCEs for purposes of correction of an ACP test failure.]

(a) ☒ **Not applicable.** There are no Plan-Designated QNECs.(b) ☐ **Applies.** There are Plan-Designated QNECs to which the following provisions apply (Complete (1), (2) and (3).):(1) **Nonelective Contributions affected.** The following Nonelective Contributions (as allocated to the designated allocation group under Election 27(b)(2)) are Plan-Designated QNECs (Choose a. or b.):a. ☐ **All.** All Nonelective Contributions.b. ☐ **Designated.** Only the following Nonelective Contributions under Election 25: _____.(2) **Allocation Group.** Subject to Section 3.06, allocate the Plan-Designated QNEC (Choose a. or b.):a. ☐ **NHCEs only.** Only to NHCEs under the method elected in Election 27(b)(3).b. ☐ **All Participants.** To all Participants under the method elected in Election 27(b)(3).(3) **Allocation Method.** The Plan Administrator will allocate a Plan-Designated QNEC using the following method (Choose a., b., c. or d.):a. ☐ **Pro rata.**b. ☐ **Flat dollar.**c. ☐ **Reverse.** See Section 3.04(C)(3).d. ☐ **Describe:** _____.

[Note: Any allocation method the Employer elects under Election 27(b)(3)d. must be definitely determinable. See Section 4.10(C) as to targeting limitations applicable to QNEC nondiscrimination testing.]

28. **ALLOCATION CONDITIONS (3.06(B)/(C)).** The Plan does not apply any allocation conditions to: (1) Elective Deferrals; (2) Safe Harbor Contributions; (3) Mandatory Employee Contributions; (4) Employee (after-tax) Contributions; (5) Additional Matching Contributions; or (6) Rollover Contributions. To receive an allocation of Matching Contributions, Nonelective Contributions or Participant forfeitures, a Participant must satisfy the following allocation condition(s) (Choose (a) or (b). Choose (c) if applicable.):

(a) ☒ **No conditions.** No allocation conditions apply to Matching Contributions, to Nonelective Contributions or to forfeitures.(b) ☐ **Conditions.** The following allocation conditions apply to the designated Contribution Type and/or forfeitures (Choose one or more of (1) through (7). Choose Contribution Type as applicable.):

[Note: For this Election 28, except as the Employer describes otherwise in Election 28(b)(7) or as provided in Section 3.04(C)(2) regarding Operational QNECs, Matching includes all Matching Contributions and Nonelective includes all Nonelective Contributions to which allocation conditions may apply. The Employer under Election 28(b)(7) may not impose an Hour of Service condition exceeding 1,000 Hours of Service in a Plan Year.]

	(1) Matching, Nonelective and Forfeitures		(2) Matching	(3) Nonelective	(4) Forfeitures
(1) ☐ None.	N/A (See Election 28(a))		☐	☐	☐
(2) ☐ 501 Hours of Service/terminees (91 consecutive days if Elapsed Time). See Section 3.06(B)(1)(b).	☐ OR		☐	☐	☐
(3) ☐ Last day of the Plan Year.	☐ OR		☐	☐	☐
(4) ☐ Last day of the Election 28(c) time period.	☐ OR		☐	☐	☐
(5) ☐ 1,000 Hours of Service in the Plan Year (182 consecutive days in Plan Year if Elapsed Time).	☐ OR		☐	☐	☐
(6) ☐ Hours of Service within the Election 28(c) time period, (specify Hours of Service at contribution type but not exceeding 1,000 Hours of Service in a Plan Year).	☐ OR		☐	☐	☐
(7) ☐ Describe conditions: _____ (e.g., Last day of the Plan Year as to Nonelective Contributions for Participating Employer "A" Participants. No allocation conditions for Participating Employer "B" Participants.)					
(c) ☐ Time period. Under Section 3.06(C), apply Elections 28(b)(4), (b)(6) or (b)(7) to the specified contributions/forfeitures based on each (Choose one or more of (1) through (5). Choose Contribution Type as applicable.):					
(1) ☐ Plan Year.	☐ OR		☐	☐	☐
(2) ☐ Plan Year quarter.	☐ OR		☐	☐	☐
(3) ☐ Calendar month.	☐ OR		☐	☐	☐
(4) ☐ Payroll period.	☐ OR		☐	☐	☐
(5) ☐ Describe time period: _____					

[Note: If the Employer elects 28(b)(4) or (b)(6), the Employer must choose (c). If the Employer elects 28(b)(7), choose (c) if applicable.]

29. **ALLOCATION CONDITIONS - APPLICATION/WAIVER/SUSPENSION (3.06(D)/(F)).** Under Section 3.06(D), in the event of Severance from Employment as described below, apply or do not apply Election 28(b) allocation conditions to the specified contributions/forfeitures as follows (If the Employer elects 28(b), the Employer must complete Election 29. Choose (a) or (b). Choose (c), (d) or (e) if applicable.):

[Note: For this Election 29, except as the Employer describes otherwise in Election 28(b)(7), or as provided in Section 3.04(C)(2) regarding Operational QNECs, Matching includes all Matching Contributions and Nonelective includes all Nonelective Contributions to which allocation conditions may apply.]

- (a) ☐ **Total waiver or application.** If a Participant incurs a Severance from Employment on account of or following death, Disability or attainment of Normal Retirement Age or Early Retirement Age (Choose (1) or (2).):
- (1) ☐ **Do not apply allocation conditions.** Do not apply elected allocation conditions to Matching Contributions, to Nonelective Contributions or to forfeitures.
- (2) ☐ **Apply allocation conditions.** Apply elected allocation conditions to Matching Contributions, to Nonelective Contributions and to forfeitures.
- (b) ☐ **Application/waiver as to Contribution Types events.** If a Participant incurs a Severance from Employment, apply allocation conditions *except* such conditions are waived if Severance from Employment is on account of or following death, Disability or attainment of Normal Retirement Age or Early Retirement Age as specified, and as applied to the specified Contribution Types/forfeitures (Choose one or more of (1) through (4). Choose Contribution Type as applicable.):

	(1) Matching, Nonelective and Forfeitures		(2) Matching	(3) Nonelective	(4) Forfeitures
(1) ☐ Death.	☐ OR		☐	☐	☐
(2) ☐ Disability.	☐ OR		☐	☐	☐
(3) ☐ Normal Retirement Age.	☐ OR		☐	☐	☐

(4) ☐ **Early Retirement Age.** ☐ **OR** ☐ ☐ ☐

Suspension. The suspension of allocation conditions of Section 3.06(F) (Code Section §410(b) fail-safe provisions) does not apply unless otherwise elected below (*Choose (c), (d) or (e) if applicable.*):

(c) ☐ **Both.** Applies both to Nonelective Contributions and to Matching Contributions.

(d) ☐ **Nonelective.** Applies only to Nonelective Contributions.

(e) ☐ **Match.** Applies only to Matching Contributions.

30. **FORFEITURE ALLOCATION METHOD (3.07).** [Note: Even if the Employer elects immediate vesting, the Employer should complete Election 30. See Section 7.07.] The Plan Administrator will allocate a Participant forfeiture attributable to all Contribution Types or attributable to all Nonelective Contributions or to all Matching Contributions as follows (*Choose one or more of (a) through (g) and choose Contribution Type as applicable. Choose (f) only in conjunction with at least one other election.*):

	(1) All Forfeitures		(2) Nonelective Forfeitures	(3) Matching Forfeitures
(a) ☐ Additional Nonelective. Allocate as additional Discretionary Nonelective Contribution.	☐	OR	☐	☐
(b) ☐ Additional Match. Allocate as additional Discretionary Matching Contribution.	☐	OR	☐	☐
(c) ☐ Reduce Nonelective. Apply to Nonelective Contribution.	☐	OR	☐	☐
(d) ☐ Reduce Match. Apply to Matching Contribution.	☐	OR	☐	☐
(e) ☐ Pro rata. Allocate pro-rata based on Compensation.	☐	OR	☐	☐
(f) ☒ Plan expenses. Pay reasonable Plan expenses. (See Section 7.04(C).)	☒	OR	☐	☐
(g) ☐ Describe: _____ (e.g., Forfeitures attributable to transferred balances from Plan X are allocated only to former Plan X participants.)				

31. **IN-PLAN ROTH ROLLOVER CONTRIBUTION (3.08(E)).** The following provisions apply regarding In-Plan Roth Rollover Contributions (*Choose (a) or (b); also see Election (d)(1) in Appendix B; leave blank if Election 6(b)(1) is not selected.*):

(a) ☐ **Not Applicable.** The Plan does not permit In-Plan Roth Rollover Contributions.

(b) ☒ **Applies.** The Plan permits In-Plan Roth Rollover Contributions to the extent permitted by the Investment Arrangement Documentation with regard to the following amounts. (*Choose one or both of (1) and (2).*)

(1) ☒ **Otherwise distributable amounts.** This provision is effective the later of September 28, 2010, the Plan or Restatement Effective Date, or _____ (enter later effective date if applicable).

(2) ☒ **Otherwise nondistributable amounts.** This provision is effective the later of January 1, 2013, the Plan or Restatement Effective Date, or _____ (enter later effective date if applicable).

32. **EMPLOYEE (AFTER-TAX) CONTRIBUTIONS (3.09).** The following additional elections apply to Employee Contributions under Election 6(e). (*Choose (a) if applicable.*):

(a) ☐ **Additional limitations.** The Plan permits Employee Contributions subject to the following limitations, if any, in addition to those already imposed under the Plan: _____

ARTICLE 4 LIMITATIONS AND TESTING

33. **ANNUAL TESTING ELECTIONS (4.06(B)).** The Employer makes the following Plan specific annual testing elections under Section 4.06(B). These elections under (a) and (b) are effective for the Plan Years indicated and remain in effect until the Employer amends the Plan (*Church Plans, Governmental Plans and Plans intending to use the ERISA Safe Harbor Exemption do not need to complete Election 33. All other sponsors should complete (a) and choose (b) and/or (c) if applicable.*):

(a) **ACP test/Safe Harbor.** (*Choose (1), (2) or (3).*):

(1) ☐ **Not applicable.** The Plan does not permit Matching Contributions or Employee Contributions.

(2) ☐ **ACP test applies.** (*Choose a. or b.*):

a. ☐ **Current year testing method.**

b. ☐ **Prior year testing method.**

(3) ☐ **Safe Harbor.** The Plan does not apply the ACP test.

HCE determination. The Top-Paid Group election and the calendar year data election are not used unless elected below (*Choose one or both of (b) and (c) if applicable.*):

- (b) ☐ **Top-paid group election applies.**
 (c) ☐ **Calendar year data election (fiscal year Plan only) applies.**

ARTICLE 5 VESTING REQUIREMENTS

34. RETIREMENT AGE (5.01).

NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE. A Participant attains Normal Retirement Age under the Plan and becomes fully Vested on the following date (*Choose one*):

- (a) ☒ **Specific age.** The date the Participant attains age 65. [*Note: If this is an ERISA Plan, the age may not exceed age 65.*]
 (b) ☐ **Age/participation.** The later of the date the Participant attains age _____ or the _____ anniversary of the first day of the Plan Year in which the Participant commenced participation in the Plan. [*Note: If this is an ERISA Plan, the age may not exceed age 65 and the anniversary may not exceed the 5th.*]
 (c) ☐ **Sum of age plus service.** The date the Participant's age plus service equal _____. [*Note: This election may not be used if this is an ERISA Plan.*]
 (d) ☐ **Describe:** _____
 (*For example, the later of the date the Participant attains age 65 or the date the Participant is credited with 10 Years of Service*)

[*Note: If this is an ERISA Plan, the age may not exceed age 65 and the anniversary may not exceed the 5th.*]

EARLY RETIREMENT AGE. (*Choose (e), (f) or (g)*):

- (e) ☒ **Not applicable.** The Plan does not provide for an Early Retirement Age.
 (f) ☐ **Early Retirement Age.** Early Retirement Age is the later of: (i) the date a Participant attains age ____; (ii) the date a Participant reaches the _____ anniversary of the first day of the Plan Year in which the Participant commenced participation in the Plan; or (iii) the date a Participant completes _____ Years of Service.

[*Note: The Employer should leave blank any of clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) which are not applicable.*]

If (f)(iii) is selected, "Years of Service" under this Election means (*Choose (1) or (2)*):

- (1) ☐ **Eligibility.** Years of Service for eligibility in Election 15.
 (2) ☐ **Vesting.** Years of Service for vesting in Elections 37 and 38.

(g) ☐ **Describe:** _____.

[*Note: Election of an Early Retirement Age does not affect the time at which a Participant may receive a Plan distribution.*]

35. **ACCELERATION ON DEATH, DISABILITY OR ATTAINMENT OF RETIREMENT AGE (5.01 and 5.02).** If selected below, then irrespective of any vesting schedule selected at Election 36, a Participant will be fully vested if the Participant incurs a Severance from Employment as a result of death or Disability or is employed on or after attainment of Early Retirement Age (*Choose one or more; leave blank if none apply or if the Plan provides full vesting for all Participants*):

- (a) ☐ **Death.**
 (b) ☐ **Disability.**
 (c) ☐ **Early Retirement Age.**

36. **VESTING SCHEDULE (5.03).** A Participant has a 100% Vested interest at all times in Accounts attributable to Elective Deferrals, QNECs, Mandatory Employee Contributions, Employee (after-tax) Contributions, Safe Harbor Contributions (other than QACA Safe Harbor Contributions), Nonelective Contributions to former Employees under Section 3.04(D), and Rollover Contributions. The following vesting schedules apply to Matching Contributions and to Nonelective Contributions, except that the vesting schedule in (c) applies only to QACA Matching Contributions or to Nonelective Contributions in a QACA (*Choose (a) or (b); choose (c) only if the Plan is a QACA. Choose (d) if applicable.*):

[*Note: If the Plan is an ERISA Plan, the Employer must provide immediate 100% vesting if the Service condition under Election 14 exceeds one Year of Service or is more than twelve months.*]

- (a) ☒ **Immediate vesting.** 100% Vested at all times in all Accounts.

[*Note: The Employer should elect 36(b) if any Contribution Type is subject to a vesting schedule. If the Employer elects immediate vesting under 36(a), the Employer should not complete the balance of Election 36 or Elections 37 and 38, except as noted therein. If this is an ERISA Plan, the Employer must elect 36(a) if the eligibility Service condition under Election 14 as to all Contribution Types (except Elective Deferrals and Safe Harbor Contributions) exceeds one Year of Service or more than 12 months. The Employer must elect 36(b)(1)*]

in an ERISA Plan as to any Contribution Type where the eligibility service condition exceeds one Year of Service or more than 12 months.]

- (b) ☐ **Vesting schedules:** Apply the following vesting schedules to any Account other than QACA Safe Harbor Contributions (*Choose one or more of (1) through (5)*):

	(1) All Contributions		(2) Nonelective	(3) Matching	(4) Additional Matching (see Section 3.03)
(1) ☐ Immediate vesting.	N/A		☐	☐	☐
(2) ☐ 6-year graded.	☐	OR	☐	☐	☐
(3) ☐ 3-year cliff.	☐	OR	☐	☐	☐
(4) ☐ Modified ERISA Schedule.	☐	OR	☐	☐	☐
<u>Years of Service</u>					<u>Vested %</u>
_____					_____ %
_____					_____ %
_____					_____ %
_____					_____ %
_____					_____ %
_____ or more					100 %
(5) ☐ Modified non-ERISA Schedule.	☐	OR	☐	☐	☐
<u>Years of Service</u>					<u>Vested %</u>
_____					_____ %
_____					_____ %
_____					_____ %
_____					_____ %
_____					_____ %
_____ or more					100 %

[Note: If the Plan is not subject to ERISA, the vesting schedule must be at least as rapidly as a 15-year cliff (or a 20-year cliff for a group of employees limited to qualified public safety employees defined in Code §72(t)(10)(B)) or a 5 to 20 year graded vesting schedule. If the Plan is an ERISA Plan, the vesting schedule must be at least as rapid at each point in the schedule as a 6-year graded or 3-year cliff.]

- (c) ☐ **QACA vesting schedule:** Apply the following vesting schedule to QACA Safe Harbor Contributions. (*Choose (1), (2) or (3) if the Plan is a QACA*):

- (1) ☐ **2-year cliff.** 100% Vested after the Participant completes 2 Years of Service.
- (2) ☐ **Immediate vesting.** 100% Vested at all times.
- (3) ☐ **Modified**

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vested %</u>
Less than 1	_____ %
1	_____ %
2	100 %

- (d) ☐ **Special vesting provisions:** _____

[Note: Any special vesting provision specified under Election 36(d) must be definitely determinable. If the Plan is not subject to ERISA, the vesting schedule must be at least as rapidly as a 15-year cliff (or a 20-year cliff for a group of employees limited to qualified public safety employees defined in Code §72(t)(10)(B)) or a 5 to 20 year graded vesting schedule. If the Plan is an ERISA Plan, the vesting schedule must be at least as rapid at each point in the schedule as a 6-year graded or 3-year cliff.]

37. **YEAR OF SERVICE - VESTING (5.05).** (Complete (b). Choose (a) if other than 1,000 Hours of Service.): [Note: If the Employer elects the Elapsed Time Method or elects immediate vesting, the Employer should not complete Election 37 and 38 unless it elects to apply a Year of Service for vesting under Election 22(d), 25(b)(4) or Election 34(f)(2).]

- (a) ☐ **Year of Service.** An Employee must complete at least _____ Hours of Service during a Vesting Computation Period to receive credit for a Year of Service under Article 5. [Note: If the Plan is an ERISA Plan, the number may not exceed 1,000. If left blank, the requirement is 1,000.]
- (b) **Vesting Computation Period.** The Plan measures a Year of Service based on the following 12-consecutive month period: (Choose (1) or (2)):
- (1) ☐ **Plan Year.**
- (2) ☐ **Anniversary Year.**

38. **EXCLUDED YEARS OF SERVICE - VESTING (5.05(C)).** The Plan excludes the following Years of Service for purposes of vesting (Choose one or more of (a) through (e) if applicable):

- (a) ☐ **Age 18.** Any Year of Service before the Year of Service during which the Participant attained the age of 18.
- (b) ☐ **Prior to Plan establishment.** Any Year of Service during the period the Employer did not maintain this Plan or a predecessor plan.
- (c) ☐ **Parity Break in Service.** Any Year of Service excluded under the rule of parity. See Section 5.06(C).
- (d) ☐ **Prior Plan terms.** Any Year of Service disregarded under the terms of the Plan as in effect prior to this restated Plan.
- (e) ☐ **Other exclusions:** _____

[Note: Any exclusion specified under Election 38(e) must be definitely determinable, and if the Plan is an ERISA Plan, must comply with ERISA §203 and not discriminate in favor of HCEs.]

ARTICLE 6 DISTRIBUTION OF ACCOUNT BALANCE

39. **POST-SEVERANCE DISTRIBUTIONS.** The provisions in this Election 39 apply to distributions to Participants following Severance from Employment. (Complete (a), (b) and (c). Choose (d) and (e) if applicable.)

- (a) **Mandatory Distribution (6.01(F)/6.08(D)).** The Plan provides or does not provide for Mandatory Distribution of a Participant's Vested Account Balance following Severance from Employment, as follows (Choose (1) or (2)):
- (1) ☒ **No Mandatory Distribution.** The Plan will not make a Mandatory Distribution (i.e., Participant consent is required for all distributions) following Severance from Employment.
- (2) ☐ **Mandatory Distribution.** The Plan will make a Mandatory Distribution following Severance from Employment to the extent permitted by the Investment Arrangement Documentation.

Amount limit. The Mandatory Distribution maximum amount is equal to (Choose a., b. or c.; Choose d. if applicable):

- a. ☐ **\$5,000.**
- b. ☐ **\$1,000.**
- c. ☐ **Specify amount:** \$ _____ (may not exceed \$5,000 if this is an ERISA Plan).

[Note: This election only applies to the Mandatory Distribution maximum amount. For other Plan provisions subject to a \$5,000 limit, see Election (g)(6) in Appendix B.]

Automatic IRA rollover. With respect to Mandatory Distributions of amounts that are \$1,000 or less, if a Participant makes no election, the amount will be distributed to the Participant unless otherwise elected below.

- d. ☐ If a Participant makes no election, then the amount will be automatically rolled over to an IRA provided the amount is at least \$ _____. (Specify an amount greater than \$0 and less than \$1,000.)

Application of Rollovers to amount limit. In determining whether a Participant's Vested Account Balance exceeds the Mandatory Distribution dollar limit in Election 39(a)(2), the Plan (Choose e. or f.):

- e. ☐ **Disregards Rollover Contribution Account.**
- f. ☐ **Includes Rollover Contribution Account.**

- (b) **Default Distribution Methods (6.03).** If the Investment Arrangement Documentation does not specify the distribution which would apply, the following distribution methods are available for a Participant, subject to any limitations in the Plan or the Investment Arrangement Documentation. (Choose one or more of (1) through (6)):

- (1) ☒ **Lump-Sum.**
- (2) ☐ **Installments only if Participant subject to lifetime RMDs.** A Participant who is required to receive lifetime RMDs may receive installments payable in monthly, quarterly or annual installments equal to or exceeding the annual RMD amount.
- (3) ☐ **Installments.**
- (4) ☐ **Annuity.** Distribution of an Annuity Contract that the Vendor provides or purchases with the Participant's Vested Account Balance.
- (5) ☐ **Ad-Hoc distributions.**
- (6) ☐ **Describe distribution method(s):** _____.

[Note: The Employer under Election 39(b)(6) may describe Severance from Employment distribution methods from the elections available under Election 39(b) and/or a combination thereof as to any: (i) Participant group (e.g., Division A Employee Accounts are distributable in a Lump-Sum OR Accounts of Employees hired after "x" date are distributable in a Lump-Sum. Division B Employee Accounts are distributable in a Lump-Sum or in Installments OR Accounts of Employees hired on/before "x" date are distributable in a Lump-Sum or in Installments.); (ii) Contribution Type (e.g., Discretionary Nonelective Contribution Accounts are distributable in a Lump-Sum. Fixed Nonelective Contribution Accounts are distributable in a Lump-Sum or in Installments); and/or (iii) merged plan account now held in the Plan (e.g., The accounts from the X plan merged into this Plan continue to be distributable in accordance with the X plan terms [supply terms] and not in accordance with the terms of this Plan). An Employer's election under Election 39(b)(6) must: (i) be objectively determinable; (ii) not be subject to Employer or Plan Administrator discretion; (iii) be nondiscriminatory (if the Plan is an ERISA Plan); and (iv) preserve Protected Benefits as required.]

- (c) **Limitations on Distribution Methods (6.03).** An Investment Arrangement may distribute to a Participant (Choose (1) or (2) below):

- (1) ☒ Under any distribution method available under the Investment Arrangement Documentation.
- (2) ☐ Only under those distribution methods selected in Election 39(b) which are available under the Investment Arrangement Documentation.

- (d) ☐ **Delay of Distribution (6.01(B)).** Except as otherwise provided in the Plan (such as Mandatory Distributions and RMDs), distribution to a Participant who has incurred a Severance from Employment will not commence prior to (Choose (1) or (2)):

- (1) ☐ Attainment of age ____.
- (2) ☐ Describe: _____.

[Note: An Employer's election under Election 39(d) must: (i) be objectively determinable; (ii) not be subject to Employer or Plan Administrator discretion; (iii) be nondiscriminatory (if the Plan is an ERISA Plan); and (iv) preserve Protected Benefits as required.]

- (e) ☐ **Acceleration.** Notwithstanding any later specified distribution date in this election, a Participant may elect an earlier distribution following Severance from Employment (Choose one or both of (1) and/or (2)):

- (1) ☐ **Disability.** If Severance from Employment is on account of Disability or if the Participant incurs a Disability following Severance from Employment.
- (2) ☐ **Hardship.** If the Participant incurs a hardship under Section 6.07(C) following Severance from Employment.

40. **IN-SERVICE DISTRIBUTIONS/EVENTS (6.01(D)).** A Participant may elect an In-Service Distribution of the designated Contribution Type Accounts based on any of the following events in accordance with Section 6.01(D) (Choose (a) OR (b).):

[Note: If the Employer elects any In-Service Distribution option, a Participant may elect to receive as many In-Service Distributions per Plan Year (with a minimum of one per Plan Year) as the Plan Administrator's In-Service Distribution form or policy may permit. If the form or policy is silent, the number of In-Service Distributions is not limited.]

- (a) ☐ **None.** The Plan does not permit any In-Service Distributions except as to any of the following (if applicable): (i) RMDs under Section 6.02 and (ii) Protected Benefits. Also see Section 6.01(D)(5) with regard to Rollover Contributions, and Employee Contributions.
- (b) ☒ **Permitted.** In-Service Distributions are permitted as follows from the designated Contribution Type Accounts (Choose one or more of (1) through (9).):

[Note: Unless the Employer elects otherwise in Election (b)(9) below, Elective Deferrals under Election 40(b) includes Pre-Tax and Roth Deferrals; Matching Contributions includes Additional Matching Contributions (irrespective of the Plan's ACP testing status); Elections under columns (3) and (4) apply to Employer contributions held in annuity contracts; Elections under column (5) apply to Employer contributions in Custodial Accounts.]

		(1) All Contrib.	(2) Elective Deferrals	(3) Matching Contrib.	(4) Nonelective/ Mandatory	(5) Custodial Account	(6) QNECs	(7) Safe Harbor Contrib.
(1)	☐ None. Except for Election 40(a) exceptions.	N/A (See Election 40(a))	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
(2)	☒ Age (Choose one or more of a. through d.)							
a.	☒ Age <u>59-1/2</u> (must be at least 59 1/2).	☒ OR	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
b.	☐ Age _____ (may be less than 59 1/2).	N/A	N/A	☐	☐	N/A	N/A	N/A
c.	☐ Age and participation. The Participant must have attained age _____ and completed _____ years of Plan participation or _____ Years of Service for purposes of vesting. (Fill in whichever blank applies.)	☐ OR	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
d.	☐ Upon attaining Normal Retirement Age (Normal Retirement Age must be at least 59 1/2)	☐ OR	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
(3)	☒ Hardship	N/A	☒	☐	☐	N/A	N/A	N/A
(4)	☐ Disability.	☐ OR	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
(5)	☐ _____ year contributions. (specify minimum of two years)	N/A	N/A	☐	☐	N/A	N/A	N/A
(6)	☐ _____ months of participation. (specify minimum of 60 months)	N/A	N/A	☐	☐	N/A	N/A	N/A
(7)	☒ Qualified Reservist Distribution. See Section 6.01(D)(10).	N/A	☒	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
(8)	☒ Deemed Severance Distribution. See Section 6.11.	☒ OR	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
(9)	☐ Describe: _____							

[Note: The Employer under Election 40(b)(9) may describe In-Service Distribution provisions from the elections available under Election 40 and/or a combination thereof as to any: (i) Participant group (e.g., Division A Employee Accounts are distributable at age 59 1/2 OR Accounts of Employees hired on/before "x" date are distributable at age 59 1/2. No In-Service Distributions apply to Division B Employees OR to Employees hired after "x" date.); (ii) Contribution Type (e.g., Discretionary Nonelective Contribution Accounts are distributable on Disability. Fixed Nonelective Contribution Accounts are distributable on Disability or Hardship (non-safe harbor)); and/or (iii) merged plan account now held in the Plan (e.g., The accounts from the X plan merged into this Plan continue to be distributable in accordance with the X plan terms [supply terms] and not in accordance with the terms of this Plan). An Employer's election under Election 40(b)(9) must: (i) be objectively determinable; (ii) not be subject to Employer discretion; (iii) preserve Protected Benefits as required; (iv) be nondiscriminatory if this is an ERISA Plan; and (v) not permit an "early" distribution of any Restricted 403(b) Accounts. See Sections 6.02(E) and 9.02(C)(3).]

41. **IN-SERVICE DISTRIBUTIONS/ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS (6.01(D)).** The following additional conditions apply to In-Service Distributions under Election 40(b) (*Choose (a), (b), (c), (d) and/or (e) if applicable.*):

- (a) ☐ **100% vesting required for accounts that are subject to a vesting schedule.** A Participant may not receive an In-Service Distribution unless the Participant is 100% Vested in the distributing Account. This restriction applies to (*Choose one or more of (1) or (2).*):
 - (1) ☐ **Hardship distributions.** Distributions based on hardship.
 - (2) ☐ **Other In-Service.** In-Service distributions other than distributions based on hardship.
- (b) ☐ **Minimum amount.** A Participant may not receive an In-Service Distribution in an amount which is less than: \$_____ (*specify amount not exceeding \$1,000 if this is an ERISA Plan*).
- (c) ☐ **Qualified Roth distribution.** A distribution from a Participant's Roth Deferral Account may only be made if the distribution is a qualified distribution within the meaning of Code §402A(2)(d).
- (d) ☐ **No hardship distribution from Roth Account.** If hardship distributions are permitted from Elective Deferrals, only Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals may be distributed.
- (e) ☐ **Describe other conditions:** _____

[*Note: An Employer's election under Election 41(e) must: (i) be objectively determinable; (ii) not be subject to Employer discretion; (iii) preserve Protected Benefits as required; (iv) be nondiscriminatory if this is an ERISA Plan; and (v) not permit an "early" distribution of any Restricted 403(b) Accounts. See Section 6.02(E).*]

42. **JOINT AND SURVIVOR ANNUITY REQUIREMENTS (6.04).** The joint and survivor annuity distribution requirements of Section 6.04 do not apply unless otherwise elected below (If this is an ERISA Plan, choose (a) or (b); a plan that is not an ERISA Plan can skip this election.):

- (a) ☐ **Joint and survivor annuity applicable.** Section 6.04 applies to all Participants (*if selected, then annuities are a form of distribution under the Plan even if 39(b)(4) is not selected*):

One-year marriage rule. Under Section 6.04(H) (*Choose (1) or (2).*):

 - (1) ☐ **Applies.** The one-year marriage rule applies.
 - (2) ☐ **Does not apply.** The one-year marriage rule does not apply.
- (b) ☐ **Profit sharing plan exception.** Section 6.04 does not apply to an Exempt Participant, as described in Section 6.04(G)(1), but does apply to any other Participants (or to a portion of their Account as described in Section 6.04(G)):

One-year marriage rule. Under Section 7.05(A)(3) relating to an Exempt Participant's Beneficiary designation under the profit sharing exception (*Choose (1) or (2).*):

 - (1) ☐ **Applies.** The one-year marriage rule applies.
 - (2) ☐ **Does not apply.** The one-year marriage rule does not apply.

ARTICLE 7 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

43. **PLAN LOANS (7.06).** The Employer makes the following elections regarding Plan Loans (*Choose (a) or (b).*):

- (a) ☒ **No Loans.** Plan loans are not permitted.
- (b) ☐ **Loans allowed.** Plan loans are permitted subject to limitations of the Investment Arrangement Documentation and the Plan's loan policy (if any).

44. **ROLLOVER CONTRIBUTIONS (3.08, 7.04(A)(1)).** The Employer makes the following elections regarding rollover contributions, other than in-plan Roth rollovers (*Choose (a) or (b).*):

- (a) ☐ **No Rollover.** Rollover Contributions are not permitted into the Plan.
- (b) ☒ **Rollovers allowed.** The Plan Administrator may accept Rollover Contributions into the Plan subject to Investment Arrangement Documentation, and Plan terms and policies.

ARTICLE 10
MULTIPLE EMPLOYER PLAN

45. **MULTIPLE EMPLOYER PLAN (10.01/10.02/10.03).** The Employer makes the following elections regarding the Plan's Multiple Employer Plan status and the application of Article 10 (*Choose (a) or (b).*):

- (a) ☒ **Not applicable.** The Plan is not a Multiple Employer Plan and Article 10 does not apply.
- (b) ☐ **Applies.** The Plan is a Multiple Employer Plan and the Article 10 Effective Date is: _____. The Employer makes the following additional elections (*Choose (1) or (2)*):
- (1) ☐ **Participating Employer may modify.** See Section 10.03. A Participating Employer in the Participation Agreement may modify Adoption Agreement elections applicable to each Participating Employer (including electing to not apply Adoption Agreement elections) as follows (*Choose a. or b.; choose c. if applicable.*):
- a. ☐ **All.** May modify all elections.
- b. ☐ **Specified elections.** May modify the following elections: _____ (*specify by election number*).
- c. ☐ **Restrictions.** May modify subject to the following additional restrictions: _____
(*Specify restrictions. Any restrictions must be definitely determinable and may not violate Code §413 or the regulations thereunder.*)
- (2) ☐ **Participating Employer may not modify.** See Section 10.03. A Participating Employer in the Participation Agreement may not modify any Adoption Agreement elections.

[*Note: The Participation Agreement must be consistent with this Election 45(b). Any Participating Employer election in the Participation Agreement which is not permitted under this Election 45(b) is of no force or effect and the applicable election in the Adoption Agreement applies. The IRS has not reviewed the provisions of Article 10, and the Employer cannot rely on the Advisory Letter with regard to the validity of these provisions.*]

Plan ExecutionEmployer: Rutland City VT Public SchoolsDate: 12 JUNE 2019Signed: Adam Taylor
[print representative name/title]Vendor: _____
[vendor signature is optional]

Use of Adoption Agreement. Failure to complete properly the elections in this Adoption Agreement may result in disqualification of the Employer's Plan. The Employer only may use this Adoption Agreement only in conjunction with the basic plan document referenced by its document number on Adoption Agreement page one.

Execution for Page Substitution Amendment Only. If this paragraph is completed, this Execution Page documents an amendment to Adoption Agreement Election(s) _____ effective _____, by substitute Adoption Agreement page number(s) _____. The Employer should retain all Adoption Agreement Execution Pages and amended pages.

Volume Submitter Practitioner. The Volume Submitter Practitioner identified on the first page of the basic plan document will notify all adopting Employers of any amendment to this Volume Submitter Plan or of any abandonment or discontinuance by the Volume Submitter Practitioner of its maintenance of this Volume Submitter Plan. Furthermore, in order to be eligible to receive such notification, the Employer agrees to notify the Volume Submitter Practitioner of any change in address or contact information. In addition, this Plan is provided to the Employer either in connection with investment in a product or pursuant to a contract or other arrangement for products and/or services. Upon cessation of such investment in a product or cessation of such contract or arrangement, as applicable, the Employer is no longer considered to be an adopter of this Plan and the Volume Submitter Practitioner no longer has any obligations to the Employer that relate to the adoption of this Plan. For inquiries regarding the adoption of the Volume Submitter Plan, the Volume Submitter Practitioner's intended meaning of any Plan provisions or the effect of the Advisory Letter issued to the Volume Submitter Practitioner, please contact the Volume Submitter Practitioner at the following address and telephone number:

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APPENDIX A
SPECIAL RETROACTIVE OR PROSPECTIVE EFFECTIVE DATES

SPECIAL EFFECTIVE DATES (1.23). The Employer elects or does not elect Appendix A special Effective Date(s) as follows. (Choose (a) or one or more of (b) through (s).):

[Note: If the Employer elects (a), do not complete the balance of this Appendix A]

(a) ☐ **Not applicable.** The Employer does not elect any Appendix A special Effective Dates.

[Note: The Employer may use this Appendix A to specify an Effective Date for one or more Adoption Agreement elections which does not correspond to the Plan's new Plan or Restated Plan Effective Date under Election 5. As to Restated Plans, for periods prior to: (i) the below-specified special Effective Date(s) or (ii) the Restated Plan's general Effective Date under Election 5, as applicable, the Plan terms in effect prior to its restatement under this Adoption Agreement control for purposes of the designated provisions.]

(b) ☐ **Contribution Types (1.12).** The Contribution Types under Election(s) 6 _____ are effective: _____.

(c) ☒ **Excluded Employees (1.35).** The Excluded Employee provisions under Election(s) 7 (m) - The removal of the exclusion of members of the Rutland Education Association are effective: 1/1/2020.

(d) ☐ **Compensation (1.11).** The Compensation definition under Election(s) _____ (specify 8 - 10 as applicable) are effective: _____.

(e) ☐ **Hour of Service/Elective Service Crediting (1.40/1.66(A)).** The Hour of Service and/or elective Service crediting provisions under Election(s) _____ (specify 11 - 12 as applicable) are effective: _____.

(f) ☐ **Eligibility (2.01-2.03).** The eligibility provisions under Election(s) _____ (specify 14 - 17 as applicable) are effective: _____.

(g) ☐ **Mandatory Employee Contributions (3.04(A)(3)).** The Mandatory Employee Contribution provisions under Election 18 are effective: _____.

(h) ☐ **Elective Deferrals (3.02(A)-(F)).** The Elective Deferral provisions under Election(s) _____ (specify 19 - 21 as applicable) are effective: _____.

(i) ☐ **Matching Contributions (3.03).** The Matching Contribution provisions under Election(s) _____ (specify 22 - 23 as applicable) are effective: _____.

(j) ☐ **Nonelective Contributions (3.04).** The Nonelective Contribution provisions under Election(s) _____ (specify 25 - 27 as applicable) are effective: _____.

(k) ☐ **Allocation conditions (3.06).** The allocation conditions under Election(s) _____ (specify 28 - 29 as applicable) are effective: _____.

(l) ☐ **Forfeitures (3.07).** The forfeiture allocation provisions under Election 30 _____ are effective: _____.

(m) ☒ **In-Plan Roth Rollovers (3.08(E)).** The In-Plan Roth Rollover provisions under Election 31 b are effective: 1/1/2019.

(n) ☐ **Employee Contributions (3.09).** The Employee Contribution provisions under Election 32 _____ are effective: _____.

(o) ☐ **Vesting (5.03).** The vesting provisions under Election(s) _____ (specify 34 - 38 as applicable) are effective: _____.

(p) ☒ **Distributions (6.01, 6.03 and 6.04).** The distribution elections under Election(s) 40.b(3), (7), (8) (specify 39 - 42 as applicable) are effective: 1/1/2019.

(q) ☒ **Special Effective Date(s) for other elections (specify elections and dates):** If this Plan is the first restatement onto a pre-approved 403(b) plan document, then although the Plan's restated Effective Date is a retroactive date, all optional elections within this Adoption Agreement reflect Plan provisions that are in effect on the first day of the Plan Year in which this Plan is restated unless otherwise specified in this Appendix A or elsewhere within the Plan. As to elections which may have been in effect on and after the Effective Date of the restatement and which are not reflected in this Plan, see the Plan as in effect prior to its restatement.

(r) ☐ **403(b) safe harbor (3.05).** The 403(b) safe harbor provisions under Election(s) 24 _____ are effective: _____.

(s) ☐ **Testing elections (4.06(B)).** The testing elections under Election(s) 33 _____ are effective: _____.

APPENDIX B
BASIC PLAN DOCUMENT OVERRIDE ELECTIONS

BASIC PLAN OVERRIDES. The Employer elects or does not elect to override various basic plan provisions as follows (*Choose (a) or choose one or more of (b) through (j).*):

[*Note: If the Employer elects (a), do not complete the balance of this Appendix B.*]

(a) ☒ **Not applicable.** The Employer does not elect to override any basic plan provisions.

[*Note: The Employer at the time of restating its Plan with this Adoption Agreement may make an election on Appendix A (Election (q)) to specify a special Effective Date for any override provision the Employer elects in this Appendix B. If the Employer, after it has executed this Adoption Agreement, later amends its Plan to change any election on this Appendix B, the Employer should document the Effective Date of the Appendix B amendment on the Execution Page or otherwise in the amendment.*]

(b) ☐ **Definition (Article 1) overrides.** (*Choose one or more of (1) through (6) if applicable.*):

(1) ☐ **Compensation Overrides.** (*Choose one or more of a., b., and c.*):

- a. ☐ **W-2 Compensation exclusion of paid/reimbursed moving expenses (1.11(B)(1)).** W-2 Compensation excludes amounts paid or reimbursed by the Employer for moving expenses incurred by an Employee, but only to the extent that, at the time of payment, it is reasonable to believe that the Employee may deduct these amounts under Code §217.
- b. ☐ **Alternative (general) 415 Compensation (1.11(B)(4)).** The Employer elects to apply the alternative (general) 415 definition of Compensation in lieu of simplified 415 Compensation.
- c. ☐ **Inclusion of Deemed 125 Compensation (1.11(C)).** Compensation under Section 1.11 includes Deemed 125 Compensation.

(2) ☐ **Treatment of Differential Wage Payments (1.11(L)).** In lieu of the provisions of Section 1.11(L), the Employer elects the following (*Choose one or more of a., b., c., and d.*):

- a. ☐ **Effective date.** The inclusion is effective for Plan Years beginning after _____ (*may not be earlier than December 31, 2008*).
- b. ☐ **Elective Deferrals only.** The inclusion only applies to Compensation for purposes of Elective Deferrals.
- c. ☐ **Not included.** The inclusion does not apply to Compensation for purposes of any Contribution Type.
- d. ☐ **Other:** _____
(specify other Contribution Type Compensation which includes Differential Wage Payments)

(3) ☐ **Alternate Definition of Disability (1.19).** Disabled means _____.

(4) ☐ **Inclusion of Reclassified Employees (1.35(D)).** The Employer for purposes of the following Contribution Types, does not exclude Reclassified Employees (or the following categories of Reclassified Employees): _____ (*specify Contribution Types and/or categories of Reclassified Employees*).

(5) ☐ **Transition Rules (1.35(F)).** The following transition rules related to eligibility to make elective deferrals do not apply: _____.

(6) ☐ **ERISA Provisions (1.33).** The ERISA provisions contained in the following sections will apply even though the Plan is not an ERISA Plan: _____.

(c) ☐ **Participation (Article 2) overrides.** (*Choose one or more if applicable.*):

- (1) ☐ **One-year hold-out rule (2.03(D)).** The one-year hold-out Break in Service rule under Code §410(a)(5)(C) applies.
- (2) ☐ **Rule of parity (2.03(E)).** The Plan applies the "rule of parity" under ERISA §202(b)(4).

(d) ☐ **Contribution/allocation (Article 3) overrides.** (*Choose one or more of (1) through (8) if applicable.*):

(1) ☐ **Roth overrides.** (*Choose one or more of a. through e.*):

- a. ☐ **Treatment of Automatic Deferrals as Roth Deferrals (3.02(B)).** The Employer elects to treat Automatic Deferrals as Roth Deferrals in lieu of treating Automatic Deferrals as Pre-Tax Deferrals.
- b. ☐ **In-Plan Roth Rollovers limited to In-Service only (3.08(E)(2)(a)).** Only Participants who are Employees may elect to make an In-Plan Roth Rollover Contribution.
- c. ☐ **Vested In-Plan Roth Rollovers (3.08(E)(2)(b)).** Distributions related to In-Plan Roth Rollovers may only be made from accounts which are fully Vested.

- d. ☐ **Source of In-Plan Roth Rollover Contribution (3.08(E)(3)(b)).** The Plan permits an In-Plan Roth Rollover only from the following qualifying sources (*Choose one or more.*):
- (i) ☐ Elective Deferrals
 - (ii) ☐ Matching Contributions (including any Safe Harbor Matching Contributions and Additional Matching Contributions)
 - (iii) ☐ Nonelective Contributions
 - (iv) ☐ QNECs (including any Safe Harbor Nonelective Contributions)
 - (v) ☐ Rollovers
 - (vi) ☐ Transfers
 - (vii) ☐ Other: _____
(specify account(s) and conditions in a manner that is definitely determinable and not subject to Employer discretion)
- e. ☐ **No transfer of loans.** Loans may not be distributed as part of an In-Plan Roth Rollover Contribution. (if not selected, any loans may be transferred)
- (2) ☐ **Short Plan Year or allocation period (3.06(B)(1)(c)).** Instead of pro-rata based on days, the Plan Administrator (*Choose a. or b.*):
- a. ☐ **No pro-rata.** Will *not* pro-rate Hours of Service in any short allocation period.
 - b. ☐ **Pro-rata based on months.** Will pro-rate any Hour of Service requirement based on the number of months in the short allocation period.
- (3) ☐ **Limited waiver of allocation conditions for rehired Participants (3.06(G)).** The allocation conditions the Employer has elected in the Adoption Agreement do not apply to rehired Participants in the Plan Year they resume participation, as described in Section 3.06(G).
- (4) ☐ **HEART Act continued benefit accrual (3.10(K)).** The Employer elects to apply the benefit accrual provisions of Section 3.10(K).
- (5) ☐ **Matching on Pre-entry Deferrals (3.03(A)).** Instead of disregarding pre-entry deferrals, the Plan Administrator will take Elective Deferrals into account in computing Matching Contributions, even if the deferrals were made before the Participant became eligible for the match.
- (6) ☐ **Classifications allocation formula (3.04(B)(3)).** If a Participant shifts from one classification to another during a Plan Year, the Plan Administrator will apportion the Participant's allocation during that Plan Year (*Choose a., b. or c.*):
- a. ☐ **Months in each classification.** Pro rata based on the number of months the Participant spent in each classification.
 - b. ☐ **Days in each classification.** Pro rata based on the number of days the Participant spent in each classification.
 - c. ☐ **One classification only.** The Employer, in a nondiscriminatory manner, if this is an ERISA Plan, will direct the Plan Administrator to place the Participant in only one classification for the entire Plan Year during which the shift occurs.
- (7) ☐ **Suspension (3.06(F)(3)).** The Plan Administrator in applying Section 3.06(F) will (*Choose one or more of a., b., and c.*):
- a. ☐ **Re-order tiers.** Apply the suspension tiers in Section 3.06(F)(2) in the following order: _____ (*specify order*).
 - b. ☐ **Hours of Service tie-breaker.** Apply the greatest Hours of Service as the tie-breaker within a suspension tier in lieu of applying the lowest Compensation.
 - c. ☐ **Additional/other tiers.** Apply the following additional or other tiers: _____ (*specify suspension tiers and ordering*).
- (8) ☐ **Offset of Safe Harbor Contributions to other allocations (3.05(E)(11)).** Any Safe Harbor Nonelective Contributions allocated to a Participant's account will be applied toward (offset) any allocation to the Participant of a non-Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution.
- (e) ☐ **Testing (Article 4) overrides.** (*Choose one or both of (1) and (2) if applicable.*):
- (1) ☐ **First few weeks rule for Code §415 testing Compensation (4.05(D)(1)).** The Plan applies the first few weeks rule in Section 4.05(F)(1).
 - (2) ☐ **Code §415 (Article 4) override (4.02(D), (F)).** Because of the required aggregation of multiple plans, to satisfy Code §415, the following overriding provisions apply: _____
(Specify such language as necessary to satisfy Code §415, e.g., the Employer will reduce Annual Additions to this plan before reducing Annual Additions to other plans.)

(f) ☐ **Vesting (Article 5) overrides.** (Choose one or more of (1) through (5) if applicable.):

- (1) ☐ **Alternative separate account vesting formula (5.03(C)(2)).** The Employer elects the alternative vesting formula described in Section 5.03(C)(2).
- (2) ☐ **Source of Cash-Out forfeiture restoration (5.04(B)(5)).** To restore a Participant's Account Balance as described in Section 5.04(B)(5), the Plan Administrator, to the extent necessary, will allocate from the following source(s) and in the following order (*Specify, in order, one or more of the following: Forfeitures, Earnings, and/or Employer Contribution*): _____
- (3) ☐ **Deemed Cash-Out of 0% Vested Participant (5.04(C)).** In lieu of applying the deemed cash-out rule of Section 5.04(C) to both Annuity Contracts and Custodial Accounts, the rule will not apply to (*Choose a. or b.; leave blank if deemed cash-out rule does not apply to either*):
- a. ☐ **Annuity Contracts.**
- b. ☐ **Custodial Accounts.**
- (4) ☐ **Accounting for Cash-Out repayment; Contribution Type (5.04(D)(2)).** In lieu of the accounting described in Section 5.04(D)(2), the Plan Administrator will account for a Participant's Account Balance attributable to a Cash-Out repayment (*Choose a. or b.*):
- a. ☐ **Nonelective rule.** Under the nonelective rule.
- b. ☐ **Rollover rule.** Under the rollover rule.
- (5) ☐ **One-year hold-out rule - vesting (5.06(D)).** The one-year hold-out Break in Service rule under Code §411(a)(6)(B) applies.

(g) ☐ **Distribution (Article 6) overrides.** (Choose one or more of (1) through (6) if applicable.):

- (1) ☐ **Restriction on In-Service Distributions of Rollovers/Employee Contributions (6.01(D)(5)).** In lieu of permitting a Participant to receive a distribution of Rollover Contributions and Employee Contributions at any time, a distribution may only be made in accordance with the following (*Choose one or more of a. through e.*):
- a. ☐ **Not permitted.** In-service distributions of Rollover Contributions and Employee Contributions are not permitted.
- b. ☐ **Deferrals.** Under the same provisions which apply to Elective Deferrals.
- c. ☐ **Match.** Under the same provisions which apply to Matching Contributions.
- d. ☐ **Nonelective.** Under the same provisions which apply to Nonelective Contributions.
- e. ☐ **Other:** _____

[Note: The Employer under this Election (g)(1)e. in Appendix B may describe restrictions on In-Service Distributions of Rollover Contributions and Employee Contributions using the options available for In-Service Distributions under Election 40 and/or a combination thereof as to all Participants or as to any Participant group. An Employer's election under Election (g)(1)e. in Appendix B must: (i) be objectively determinable; (ii) not be subject to Employer discretion; (iii) preserve Protected Benefits as required; and (iv) be nondiscriminatory if this is an ERISA Plan.]

(2) ☐ **Elections related to In-Plan Roth Rollovers (6.01(D)(7)).** (Choose one or both of a. and b.):

- a. ☐ **In-Service Roth Rollover events.** The Employer elects to permit In-Service Distributions under the following conditions solely for purposes of making an In-Plan Roth Rollover Contribution (*Choose one or more of (i) through (iv); Choose (v) if applicable.*):
- (i) ☐ **Age.** The Participant has attained age _____.
- (ii) ☐ **Participation.** The Participant has _____ months of participation (*specify minimum of 60 months*).
- (iii) ☐ **Seasoning.** The amounts being distributed have accumulated in the Plan for at least _____ years (*at least 2*).
- (iv) ☐ **Other (describe):** _____
(*must be definitely determinable and not subject to Employer discretion (e.g., age 50, but only with respect to Nonelective Contributions, and not Matching Contributions)*)
- [Note: Regardless of any election above to the contrary, In-Plan Roth Rollover Contributions are not permitted from a Participant's Elective Deferral Account, Qualified Matching Contribution Account, Qualified Nonelective Contribution Account and accounts attributable to Safe Harbor Contributions prior to age 59 1/2.]
- (v) ☐ **Distribution for withholding.** A Participant may elect to have a portion of the amount that may be distributed as an In-Plan Roth Rollover Contribution distributed solely for purposes of federal or state income tax withholding related to the In-Plan Roth Rollover Contribution.
- b. ☐ **Minimum amount.** The minimum amount that may be rolled over is \$_____. (may not exceed \$1,000 if this is an ERISA Plan)

- (3) ☐ **Pre-2009 Annuity Contracts (6.01(D)(9)).** The special in-service distribution rules for pre-2009 annuity contracts will not apply.
- (4) ☐ **Annuity Distributions (6.04).** (Choose one or both of a. and b.):
- a. ☐ **Modification of QJSA (6.04(A)(3)).** The Survivor Annuity percentage will be ____%. (Specify a percentage between 50% and 100%.)
- b. ☐ **Modification of QPSA (6.04(B)(2)).** The QPSA percentage will be ____%. (Specify a percentage between 50% and 100%.)
- (5) ☐ **Alternate Domestic Relations Procedure (6.05(D)).** Unless the Plan is an ERISA Plan, the Plan will apply the alternate domestic relations procedure in Section 6.05(D).
- (6) ☐ **Replacement of \$5,000 amount (6.09).** All Plan references (except in Section 3.02(D)) to "\$5,000" will be \$____. (Specify an amount less than \$5,000.)
- (h) ☐ **Administrative overrides (Article 7).** (Choose one or more of (1) through (7) if applicable.):
- (1) ☐ **Automatic revocation of spousal designation (7.05(A)(1)).** The automatic revocation of a spousal Beneficiary designation in the case of divorce does not apply.
- (2) ☐ **Limitation on frequency of Beneficiary designation changes (7.05(A)(4)).** Except in the case of a Participant incurring a major life event, a period of at least _____ must elapse between Beneficiary designation changes. (Specify a period of time, e.g., 90 days OR 12 months.)
- (3) ☐ **Definition of "spouse" (7.05(A)(5)).** The following definition of "spouse" applies: _____. (Specify a definition.)
- [Note: This definition shall apply for all Plan purposes other than Section 3.08(E) related to In-Plan Roth Rollover Contributions, Section 6.02 related to required minimum distributions, and Sections 6.04 and 7.05(A)(3) related to QJSAs, QPSAs, and related spousal rights. For example, the selected definition will apply to the determination of default beneficiary designations.]
- (4) ☐ **Administration of default provision; default Beneficiaries (7.05(C)).** The following list of default Beneficiaries will apply: _____ (Specify, in order, one or more Beneficiaries who will receive the interest of a deceased Participant.)
- (5) ☐ **Subsequent restoration of forfeiture-sources and ordering (7.07(A)(3)).** Restoration of forfeitures will come from the following sources, in the following order _____ (Specify, in order, one or more of the following: Forfeitures, Employer Contribution, Earnings.)
- (6) ☐ **State law (7.09(H)).** The law of the following state will apply: _____ (Specify one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia, or other appropriate legal jurisdiction, such as a territory of the United States or an Indian tribal government.)
- (7) ☐ **Fee Recapture Account (7.04(D)).** The Plan Administrator will allocate excess funds in the Fee Recapture Account as follows: (Choose a., b. or c.)
- a. ☐ Each Participant Account will receive an allocation based on the funds in which that Account was invested and the revenue sharing rates associated with those funds.
- b. ☐ The excess funds will be allocated pro rata based on account balance.
- c. ☐ The excess funds will be allocated per capita among Participants with Account Balances greater than zero, without regard to the amount of the Account Balance.
- (i) ☐ **Transfer overrides (Article 9).** (Choose one or more of (1) through (3) if applicable.):
- (1) ☐ **Exchanges within Plan (9.06(B)(1)).** In lieu of Section 9.06(B)(1) permitting transfers to (and only to) other Investment Arrangements then authorized to receive ongoing contributions under the Plan (i.e., payroll slot Vendors), the following applies (Choose a., b. or c.):
- a. ☐ The Plan does not provide for or permit such exchanges.
- b. ☐ The Plan provides for and permits such exchanges, to any other Investment Arrangements under the Plan.
- c. ☐ The Plan provides for and permits such transfers under the following circumstances: _____.
- (2) ☐ **Contract exchange to Vendor which is not part of Plan (9.06(B)(3)).** In lieu of Section 9.06(B)(3), permitting exchanges of investment arrangements described in section 9.06(B)(3), the following applies (Choose a., b. or c.):
- a. ☐ The Plan does not provide for or permit such exchanges.
- b. ☐ The Plan provides for and permits such exchanges in the Plan Administrator's discretion, which shall be exercised in a uniform, nondiscriminatory manner, if this is an ERISA Plan, and in accordance with Section 9.06(B)(3). (Do not select this option if the Employer desires the Plan to be ERISA Exempt under Election 3(b).)
- c. ☐ The Plan provides for and permits such exchanges, subject to Section 9.06(B)(3), under the following circumstances: _____.

- (3) ☐ **Plan-to-Plan Transfers (9.06(B)(2)).** In lieu of Section 9.06(B)(2) which does not permit or provide for such transfers to this Plan, the Plan allows transfers to this Plan as elected below (*Choose a., b., c. or d. if applicable*):

- a. ☐ The Plan allows such transfers to this Plan.
- b. ☐ The Plan provides for and permits such transfers to other Plans in addition to permitting transfers to this Plan.
- c. ☐ The Plan provides for and permits such transfers to other Plans but does not permit or provide for such transfers to this Plan.
- d. ☐ The Plan provides for and permits such transfers under the following circumstances: _____.

Eligible Employees. If a., b., c. or d. is selected, such transfers are allowed for all Eligible Employees unless otherwise elected below (*Choose e., f. or g. if applicable*):

- e. ☐ current employees only.
- f. ☐ current and former Employees.
- g. ☐ only if the Employee is part of a class of Employees whose assets are being transferred as a result of a merger or acquisition.

- (j) ☐ **Protected Benefits (9.02(C)).** The following Protected Benefits no longer apply to all Participants or do not apply to designated amounts/Participants as indicated: (*specify the Protected Benefits*).

- (1) ☐ _____
- (2) ☐ _____
- (3) ☐ _____

APPENDIX C
TABLE I: ACTUARIAL FACTORS
UP-1984, Without Setback

Number of years from attained age at the end of Plan Year until Normal Retirement Age	7.50%	8.00%	8.50%
0	8.458	8.196	7.949
1	7.868	7.589	7.326
2	7.319	7.027	6.752
3	6.808	6.506	6.223
4	6.333	6.024	5.736
5	5.891	5.578	5.286
6	5.480	5.165	4.872
7	5.098	4.782	4.491
8	4.742	4.428	4.139
9	4.412	4.100	3.815
10	4.104	3.796	3.516
11	3.817	3.515	3.240
12	3.551	3.255	2.986
13	3.303	3.014	2.752
14	3.073	2.790	2.537
15	2.859	2.584	2.338
16	2.659	2.392	2.155
17	2.474	2.215	1.986
18	2.301	2.051	1.831
19	2.140	1.899	1.687
20	1.991	1.758	1.555
21	1.852	1.628	1.433
22	1.723	1.508	1.321
23	1.603	1.396	1.217
24	1.491	1.293	1.122
25	1.387	1.197	1.034
26	1.290	1.108	0.953
27	1.200	1.026	0.878
28	1.116	0.950	0.810
29	1.039	0.880	0.746
30	0.966	0.814	0.688
31	0.899	0.754	0.634
32	0.836	0.698	0.584
33	0.778	0.647	0.538
34	0.723	0.599	0.496
35	0.673	0.554	0.457
36	0.626	0.513	0.422
37	0.582	0.475	0.389
38	0.542	0.440	0.358
39	0.504	0.407	0.330
40	0.469	0.377	0.304
41	0.436	0.349	0.280
42	0.406	0.323	0.258
43	0.377	0.299	0.238
44	0.351	0.277	0.219
45	0.327	0.257	0.202

Note: A Participant's Actuarial Factor under Table I is the factor corresponding to the number of years until the Participant reaches Normal Retirement Age under the Plan. A Participant's age as of the end of the current Plan Year is age on the Participant's last birthday. For any Plan Year beginning on or after the Participant's attainment of Normal Retirement Age, the factor for "zero" years applies.

APPENDIX C
TABLE II: ADJUSTMENT TO ACTUARIAL FACTORS FOR NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE
OTHER THAN 65
 UP-1984
 Without Setback

<u>Normal Retirement Age</u>	<u>7.50%</u>	<u>8.00%</u>	<u>8.50%</u>
55	1.2242	1.2147	1.2058
56	1.2043	1.1959	1.1879
57	1.1838	1.1764	1.1694
58	1.1627	1.1563	1.1503
59	1.1411	1.1357	1.1305
60	1.1188	1.1144	1.1101
61	1.0960	1.0925	1.0891
62	1.0726	1.0700	1.0676
63	1.0488	1.0471	1.0455
64	1.0246	1.0237	1.0229
65	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
66	0.9752	0.9760	0.9767
67	0.9502	0.9518	0.9533
68	0.9251	0.9274	0.9296
69	0.8998	0.9027	0.9055
70	0.8740	0.8776	0.8810
71	0.8478	0.8520	0.8561
72	0.8214	0.8261	0.8307
73	0.7946	0.7999	0.8049
74	0.7678	0.7735	0.7790
75	0.7409	0.7470	0.7529
76	0.7140	0.7205	0.7268
77	0.6874	0.6942	0.7008
78	0.6611	0.6682	0.6751
79	0.6349	0.6423	0.6494
80	0.6090	0.6165	0.6238

Note: Use Table II only if the Normal Retirement Age for any Participant is not 65. If a Participant's Normal Retirement Age is not 65, adjust Table I by multiplying all factors applicable to that Participant in Table I by the appropriate Table II factor.

APPENDIX D

[Note: The Employer may modify this Appendix without the need of a Plan amendment.]

INVESTMENT ARRANGEMENTS (8.01).

(a) ☒ The Employer will remit contributions (including deferrals) to the following Vendors and Investment Arrangements:

1. Fidelity (using a registered investment advisor) - Annuity Contracts and Custodial Accounts
2. Vanguard - Annuity Contracts and Custodial Accounts
3. VALIC - Annuity Contracts and Custodial Accounts
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

(b) ☐ The following Vendors and/or Investment Arrangements were previously approved for the receipt of Plan contributions but are not currently approved:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

(c) ☐ The plan has entered into Information Sharing Agreements with the following Vendors and their products are approved for Contract exchanges under Section 9.06(B)(3):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION DELEGATION. The administrative functions listed below are delegated as shown. *[Make at least one selection for each item below. Do not specify the Employer or the Plan Administrator (if the Plan Administrator is either the Employer or selected by the Employer) for any function involving discretion if the Plan intends to use the ERISA Safe Harbor Exemption (such as e., f. or g.).]*

	Employer	Plan Administrator	Vendor	Other (Specify)
a. Determining employee eligibility to participate	☒	☐	☐	☐
b. Determine participant vested percentages	☐	☒	☐	☐
c. Determining whether deferrals comply with plan limits and are correctly calculated	☐	☒	☐	☐
d. Determining accuracy of matching contributions	☐	☒	☐	☐
e. Determining whether hardship distributions and loans (if any) comply with plan requirements	☐	☒	☐	☐
f. Make determinations regarding rollovers and transfers	☐	☒	☐	☐
g. Determining the status of domestic relations orders	☐	☒	☐	☐
h. Determining whether the plan complies with Code §403(b), taking into account the rules concerning Related Employers	☐	☒	☐	☐
i. Determining employer status (e.g., type of employer, related employer status, QCCO status)	☒	☐	☐	☐
j. Remitting contributions	☒	☐	☐	☐
k. Delivery of participant notice	☐	☒	☐	☐
l. Maintain employee records	☒	☐	☐	☐
m. Review and process claims	☐	☒	☐	☐
n. Communication with vendor(s)	☐	☒	☐	☐

o. Describe: _____
[On line o. enter other delegated functions and the parties to whom they are delegated, or specify restrictions which apply to one or more functions (e.g., the Vendor will determine if a participant qualifies for a hardship distribution but the Plan Administrator will determine whether loans exceed Code limitations).]

Effective Date of this Appendix D: January 1, 2019

**403(b) ADOPTION AGREEMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ADDENDUM**

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

AP1. **PLAN LOAN PROVISIONS (7.06).** Note: For plans subject to ERISA, the loan program required by the DOL will override any inconsistent selections made below. (Complete this question only if loans to Participants are permitted (i.e., if option 43(b) of the Adoption Agreement has been selected). Choose all that apply

- (a) ☐ **Limitation of Loan Amount.** A Participant (Choose (1) or (2)):
- (1) ☐ May not borrow less than \$1,000 in any single loan.
- (2) ☐ May not borrow less than \$_____ (not more than \$1,000) in any single loan.
- (b) ☐ **Loan Interest Rate.** The interest rate on a Plan loan will be a commercially reasonable rate established by the Administrator unless this option (b) is selected ((Choose (1) or (2))):
- (1) ☐ **Prime plus.** Fixed at _____% (insert percentage) above Wall Street Journal's published prime rate.
- (2) ☐ **Specified rate:** _____.
- (c) ☐ **Home loan term.** The Plan does not permit the term of a loan to exceed 5 years unless this option (c) is selected. If selected, the maximum loan term for a loan used to acquire a Participant's principal residence will be (Choose (1) or (2)):
- (1) ☐ up to 15 years.
- (2) ☐ up to _____ years.
- (d) ☐ **Leaves of absence.** The Plan does not suspend loan payments for any leave of absence unless selected below. If selected, a loan may be suspended for a period of up to one year following an approved leave of absence, or, in the case of a military leave of absence up to the length of military leave. The Plan Administrator will allow suspense of loan payments for the following reasons (Choose one or more of (1)(a) and (2)(a)):
- (1) ☐ **Military**
- a. ☐ A Participant may suspend loan payments for military leave.
- (2) ☐ **Non-military**
- a. ☐ A Participant may suspend loan payments for non-military leave.
- (e) ☐ **Loan payments.** Loans are repaid by (if left blank, then payroll deduction applies unless a Participant is not subject to payroll):
- (1) ☐ payroll deduction for those Participants who are on the Employer's payroll
- (2) ☐ ACH (Automated Clearing House)
- (3) ☐ check
- a. ☐ Only for prepayment
- (f) ☐ **Refinancing.** Loan refinancing is not permitted unless option (1) is selected.
- (1) ☐ **Loan refinancing is permitted.** A refinance for purposes of the limit on number of loans is (Choose a. or b.):
- a. ☐ Not treated as an additional loan.
- b. ☐ Treated as an additional loan.
- (g) ☐ **Purpose** (Choose (1) or (2)):
- (1) ☐ Any reasonable purpose.
- (2) ☐ May not borrow except for: _____
- (h) ☐ **Account ordering.** Loan will come first from (Roth, pre-tax deferrals or other accounts): (Choose (1) through (3)):
- (1) ☐ Participant's choice.
- (2) ☐ Plan Administrator's choice.
- (3) ☐ As follows:
- a. ☐ first: _____
- b. ☐ second: _____
- c. ☐ third: _____
- (i) ☐ **Directed/general Plan investment** (Choose (1) or (2)):
- (1) ☐ Directed.
- (2) ☐ General.
- (j) ☐ **Charges.** (Choose (1) or (2)):
- (1) ☐ apply to borrower's account.
- (2) ☐ apply to overall Plan or Employer pays.

- (k) ☐ **Loan acceleration.** Upon the following (*Choose one or more of (1) and (2)*):
- (1) ☐ Separation/severance. Not applicable to parties in interest (if Plan is subject to ERISA). All outstanding loan balances will become due and payable in their entirety upon severance of employment unless directly rolled over (if otherwise permitted) to another employer's plan.
 - (2) ☐ Plan termination.
- (l) ☐ **Loan Default.** (*Choose one or more of (1) through (3)*):
- (1) ☐ Grace period. (*Choose a. or b.*):
 - a. ☐ Maximum grace period applies.
 - b. ☐ No grace period.
 - (2) ☐ Includes false statements
 - (3) ☐ No new loan if (*Choose a. or b.*):
 - a. ☐ Current default.
 - b. ☐ Current or prior default.
- (m) ☐ **Terminated employees.** Loans to terminated employees (*Choose (1) or (2)*):
- (1) ☐ are allowed
 - (2) ☐ are not allowed
- (n) ☐ **Limit on number of loans.** There is no limit on the number of outstanding loans a Participant may have unless this option (n) is selected (*Choose (1) or (2)*):
- (1) ☐ One
 - (2) ☐ Specify: _____
- (o) ☐ **Limitation on sources.** A Participant may only take a loan from the accounts attributable to the following accounts subject to limitations of the Investment Arrangement Documentation: (*Choose one or more of (1) through (8) as applicable.*)
- (1) ☐ Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals
 - (2) ☐ Roth Elective Deferrals
 - (3) ☐ Matching Contributions (including any Safe Harbor Matching Contributions and Additional Matching Contributions)
 - (4) ☐ Nonelective Contributions (including any Safe Harbor Nonelective Contributions)
 - (5) ☐ Rollovers
 - (6) ☐ Mandatory Employee Contributions
 - (7) ☐ Employee (after-tax) Contributions
 - (8) ☐ Describe: _____ (specify account(s) and conditions in a manner that is definitely determinable and not subject to Employer discretion; i.e., Unmatched Elective Deferrals.)

AP2. **PARTICIPANT DIRECTION OF INVESTMENT (7.03(B)).** The Plan permits Participant direction of investment unless selected below (*Choose one of (a) or (b): choose c. or d. if applicable*):

- (a) ☐ **Does not permit.** The Plan does not permit Participant direction of investment of any Account.
- (b) ☒ **Permitted.** The Plan permits Participant direction of investments.

Options (If direction of investments is permitted, select all that apply; leave blank if none apply)

- (c) ☐ **ERISA Section 404(c).** It is intended that the Plan comply with ERISA Section 404(c) with respect to the Accounts subject to Participant investment directions.
- (d) ☐ **QDIA.** Plan will include a qualified default investment alternative.

AP3. **ELECTIVE DEFERRAL PROCEDURES.** Participants may commence Elective Deferrals on the effective date of participation.

Subsequent elections. Participants may modify or make new Elective Deferral elections:

- (a) ☒ as of each payroll period
- (b) ☐ on the first day of each month
- (c) ☐ on the first day of each Plan Year quarter
- (d) ☐ on the first day of the Plan Year or the first day of the 7th month of the Plan Year
- (e) ☐ other: _____ (must be at least once each calendar year)

Irregular pay (e.g., bonuses). Unless the Administrator has implemented separate procedures or selected below, a Participant is permitted to make a separate Elective Deferral election for irregular pay and the Participant's existing Elective Deferral election will not apply to such irregular pay.

- (f) ☐ A Participant's existing Elective Deferral election will apply to irregular pay (provided such irregular pay is Compensation for Elective Deferral purposes) unless the Participant makes a different Elective Deferral election for such irregular pay.
- (g) ☒ A Participant is not permitted to make a separate Elective Deferral election for irregular pay and the Participant's existing Elective Deferral election will apply to such irregular pay (provided such irregular pay is Compensation for Elective Deferral purposes).

Escalation (leave blank if not applicable)

- (h) ☐ Include option on Elective Deferral Agreement for Participants to elect to automatically escalate an Affirmative Election in accordance with the following:

Escalation amount. A Participant's Affirmative Election will increase by:

- (1) ☐ _____ % of Compensation
 a. ☐ up to a maximum of _____ % of Compensation (leave blank if no limit)
 (2) ☐ other: _____

Timing of escalation. The escalation will apply as of:

- (3) ☐ first day of each Plan Year
 (4) ☐ anniversary of date of participation
 (5) ☐ other: _____

Suspended Elective Deferrals. If a Participant's Elective Deferrals must be suspended pursuant to a provision of the Plan (e.g., due to a safe harbor hardship distribution or distribution due to military leave covered by the HEART Act), then a Participant is deemed to have made as of the date the suspension period begins, an Affirmative Election to have no Elective Deferrals made to the Plan unless otherwise selected below.

- (i) ☐ the Participant's Affirmative Election will resume after the suspension period.
 (j) ☒ the Participant is deemed to have no Affirmative Election after the suspension period (e.g., for purposes of applying any Automatic Deferral provisions).

Lapse of Affirmative Elections. Affirmative Elections will remain in effect until revoked or modified by a Participant unless selected below.

- (k) ☐ Affirmative Elections lapse at the end of each Plan Year.

AP4. **BENEFICIARY HARDSHIP DISTRIBUTION.** Hardship distributions for the qualifying expenses of a Participant's Beneficiary (Section 6.07(C)) are not permitted unless selected below:

- (a) ☒ Hardship distributions for the qualifying needs of the Participant's Beneficiary are permitted.

AP5. **ROLLOVER CONTRIBUTIONS (3.08, 7.04(A)(1)).** (Complete this question only if 44(b) has been selected)

Eligibility. Rollovers may be accepted from all Participants who are Employees as well as the following (select all that apply; leave blank if not applicable)

- (a) ☐ From pre-participation Eligible Employees.
 (b) ☐ From Participants who are Former Employees.

Source. Rollovers will be accepted from the following (Choose all that apply):

- (c) ☒ Eligible 403(b) plans.
 (d) ☒ Eligible 401(a) plans (including a 401(k) plan).
 (e) ☒ Eligible 457(b) plans of governmental employers.
 (f) ☒ IRAs.

RUTLAND CITY VT PUBLIC SCHOOLS 403(B) PLAN

403(b) INFORMATION SHARING AGREEMENT

Background Facts:

Parties. This agreement is between Rutland City VT Public Schools ("Employer") and _____ ("Vendor").

Plan. The Employer sponsors the 403(b) plan known as Rutland City VT Public Schools 403(b) Plan ("Plan"). The Vendor issues annuities or acts as custodian of mutual funds available for Plan investments.

Purpose. The purpose of this agreement is to enable the Plan to comply with Internal Revenue Code ("Code") §403(b) and Treas. Reg. §1.403(b)-10(b)(2)(i)(C).

Employer's address. The Employer's address is 6 Church Street Rutland, Vermont 05701

Vendor's address. Vendor's address is _____

Employer's Administrator. As of the effective date of this agreement, the name and address of the Administrator is:

Rutland City VT Public Schools
6 Church Street
Rutland, Vermont 05701

Effective date. The effective date of this agreement is _____

The Employer and Vendor Agree:

403(b) plan requirements. The Employer and Vendor will share information necessary to satisfy the requirements of Code §403(b). Such information will include:

- a) **Employment information.** Information relating to a Plan participant's employment with the Employer, including whether the participant's employment with the Employer has terminated and the participant's compensation; and
- b) **Distribution information.** Information relating to Plan distributions, such as whether a hardship distribution has taken place, and whether, based on information reasonably available to the Employer, a participant is entitled to a hardship distribution..

Other taxation requirements. The Employer and Vendor will share information necessary to satisfy other taxation requirements related to the Plan, such as the existence and amount of Plan loans and a participant's total vested account balance under the Plan.

Request for updated information. Either the Employer or Vendor may request updated information with regard to any of the matters described in this agreement. The party receiving the request will act in good faith to provide the information promptly after receiving the request, and in any case within 30 days following receipt of the request.

Employer's delegation. The Employer may delegate its responsibilities under this agreement to a third party ("Administrator"). In that event, the Vendor will direct its information and requests for information to the Administrator, and will honor requests for information from the Administrator as though the request came from the Employer. The Employer may change the Administrator from time to time by giving notice to the Vendor of the change.

Transmission of information. The parties will transmit information or requests for information to the address of the other party (or Administrator), as listed above. Alternatively, either party may give and receive information and requests for information electronically, through channels mutually acceptable to the parties. A party may change its address by giving notice of the new address to the other party.

Binding agreement. This agreement is binding upon the Vendor so long as it provides investment products to the Plan. If the Vendor wishes to terminate its obligations hereunder, Vendor first must arrange to transfer all assets related to the Plan to one or more other vendors, pursuant to instructions from Employer and/or the participants, as the case may be. This agreement is binding upon the Employer so long as Employer continues to sponsor the Plan.

Addendum or amendment permitted. The parties, by an Addendum to this agreement, may detail information to be provided or the manner of communication, or otherwise may modify this agreement. The parties agree to cooperate in good faith to amend this agreement as necessary to enable the Plan to satisfy the requirements of Code §403(b) or IRS guidance thereunder.

Information Sharing Agreement

The parties have signed this agreement effective as of the effective date described above.

Authorized signature of Employer

Authorized signature of Vendor

Title

Title

Date: _____

Date: _____