

**City of Carson City  
Agenda Report**

**Date Submitted:** 1.2.15

**Agenda Date Requested:** 1.15.15

**Time Requested:** 5 minutes

**To:** Mayor and Board of Supervisors

**From:** Melanie Bruketta, HR Director

**Subject Title:** Action to adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ a resolution adopting and approving an Interlocal Contract between the State of Nevada, acting by and through the State of Nevada Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Committee and Carson City, a consolidated municipality and political subdivision of the State of Nevada, to participate in the deferred compensation program and other matters properly related thereto.

**Staff Summary:** Approval of the resolution and interlocal agreement will allow Carson City employees to continue to participate in the State's deferred compensation plan.

**Type of Action Requested:** (check one)

Resolution

Ordinance

Formal Action/Motion

Other (specify)

**Does this Action Require a Business Impact Statement:**  Yes  No

**Recommended Board Action** I move to adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ a resolution adopting and approving an Interlocal Contract between the State of Nevada, acting by and through the State of Nevada Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Committee and Carson City, a consolidated municipality and political subdivision of the State of Nevada, to participate in the deferred compensation program and other matters properly related thereto.

**Explanation for Recommended Board Action:** Carson City employees currently participate in the State of Nevada's Employees Deferred Compensation Plan. This agreement is a continuation of this voluntary tax deferred retirement plan. The State of Nevada is required by law to go out to bid for a recordkeeper every five years. The State issued a bid this year and entered into a contract with a single recordkeeper- Voya Financial. The State of Nevada has over 42 Nevada governmental entities who participate in this program. Approval of the

resolution and interlocal agreement will allow Carson City employees to continue to participate in the State's deferred compensation plan. Participation in this program generally allows Carson City employees to obtain more favorable investment options, fees and rates.

**Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation:** Nevada Revised Statutes 277.180, 287.250-287.370 and 287.381-287.480.

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Explanation of Impact:** N/A

**Supporting Material:** Resolution and Contract

**Prepared By:** Melanie Bruketta, HR Director *MB*

**Reviewed By:** *Lucretia M. ...*  
(City Manager)

Date: *1/6/15*

*Nancy Paulson*  
(Finance Director)

Date: *1/6/15*

*Joseph L. ...*  
(District Attorney)

Date: *1/6/15*

**Board Action Taken:**

Motion(s): \_\_\_\_\_ 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Aye/Nays  
2) \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Vote Recorded By)

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF NEVADA, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE STATE OF NEVADA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' DEFERRED COMPENSATION COMMITTEE AND CARSON CITY, A CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPALITY AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to NRS 277.180, any one or more public agencies may enter into interlocal contracts with any one or more other public agencies for the performance of any governmental service, activity or undertaking which any of the public agencies entering into the contract is authorized by law to perform; and

**WHEREAS**, Carson City is a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, and the State of Nevada Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Committee is a part of the State of Nevada; and

**WHEREAS**, NRS 277.180, provides that every such contract must be ratified by appropriate official action of the governing body of each party to the contract as a condition precedent to its entry into force; and

**WHEREAS**, NRS 277.180 also provides that every such contract must set forth fully the purposes, powers, rights, objectives and responsibilities of the contracting parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties to the interlocal contract to participate in the deferred compensation program desire to adopt and approve such contract as required by NRS 277.180. A copy of the interlocal contract is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, the interlocal contract will allow full-time Carson City employees to voluntarily participate in the deferred compensation program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the terms and conditions of the interlocal contract for the deferred compensation program is hereby adopted and approved; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the interlocal contract for the deferred compensation program shall be spread at large upon the minutes or attached in full thereto as an exhibit, and that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Carson City and the State of Nevada, Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Committee.

Upon motion by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this 15th day of January, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
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NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert L. Crowell, Mayor  
Carson City, Nevada

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Merriwether, Clerk  
Carson City, Nevada

Brian Sandoval  
Governor



Rob Boehmer  
Program Coordinator

Nevada Public Employees'  
Deferred Compensation Program

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December 11, 2014

Mr. Robert Crowell  
Mayor  
Carson City  
201 N. Carson St., #4  
Carson City, NV 89701

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Carson City  
Human Resources

Dear Mayor Crowell:

The current Interlocal Agreement between Carson City and the Nevada Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Program (NDC) will expire on December 31, 2014 at the same time that the current NDC Recordkeeper contracts with MassMutual (formerly The Hartford) and Voya Financial (formerly ING) will expire.

As you may know, the NDC Program is mandated by NRS statute to go out to bid for their Recordkeeper contract(s) every five years utilizing a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) process with 2014 being the year to organize and execute that process. Based on extensive research, industry best practices, and feedback we received from a participant survey conducted by the NDC Administration and Committee at the beginning of 2014, the NDC Committee decided that the 2014 Recordkeeper RFP would solicit a **single vendor** contract to provide Recordkeeping Services with the end result saving participants significant administration costs over the next five years. The NDC Committee, in conjunction with our contracted Investment Consultant and the Nevada State Purchasing Division, successfully executed a formal RFP process that resulted in a contract being successfully negotiated, approved, and awarded to the highest scoring bidder and one of our existing Recordkeepers, namely Voya Financial (formerly ING). With this upcoming Recordkeeper contract transition, the NDC is required to renew all of its Interlocal Contract/Agreements currently executed with the over 42 governmental entities throughout the State that participate in the program, and of course, we continue to welcome and encourage your continued participation as an Alliance Partner in the State of Nevada Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Program.


Enclosed are two original copies of the revised NDC **Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies** for your consideration and execution. If your entity desires to continue being able to participate in the Nevada Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Program, please renew your Interlocal Contract by signing, dating, and returning both copies to our office before December 31<sup>st</sup> 2014. We understand that the execution of this contract may require you to obtain governing Board or Committee action and approval, so if this the case, please contact our office to inform us of the estimated date that the agreement will be approved and sent to our office to attain the remaining required signatures and approvals. Once all required signatures are attained on both sets of the enclosed original contracts, one will be returned to you for your records and consideration.

Additionally enclosed is our "Designated Representatives" form for your consideration. We ask that you complete this and return it with your Interlocal Contract renewal(s) so that we can verify your current designation and update our records if needed.

In closing, the NDC Committee and Administration thank you in advance, and appreciate the opportunity to offer this valuable voluntary benefit to your entity and employees.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,



Rob Boehmer, CSA, CEPP  
Program Coordinator/Executive Officer  
Email: [rboehmer@defcomp.nv.gov](mailto:rboehmer@defcomp.nv.gov)

enclosures (3)



## INTERLOCAL CONTRACT BETWEEN PUBLIC AGENCIES

A Contract Between the State of Nevada  
Acting By and Through Its

State of Nevada Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Committee  
(Committee)  
100 North Stewart Street, Suite 210  
Carson City, NV 89701

And

Carson City  
(Political Subdivision)  
201 N Carson Street, Ste 1  
Carson City, Nevada 89706

WHEREAS, NRS 277.180 authorizes any one or more public agencies to contract with any one or more other public agencies to perform any governmental service, activity or undertaking which any of the public agencies entering into the contract is authorized by law to perform;

WHEREAS, NRS 287.250 to 287.370, inclusive, authorize the Committee to create a program for deferred compensation, and whereas NRS 287.381 to 287.480, inclusive, authorize the political subdivision to create a program for deferred compensation;

WHEREAS, The Committee has created a deferred compensation program and pursuant to that program has entered into contracts with contracted Recordkeeper(s) with whom participants in the program may invest their deferred compensation;

WHEREAS, The investment options and fee and rate structure of the contracted Recordkeeper(s) in their contract with the Committee are considered by the Political Subdivision to be generally more favorable than that which would be available to the Political Subdivision if the Political Subdivision were to independently contract with the Recordkeeper(s);

WHEREAS, the Political Subdivision desires to join the program created by the Committee in order to obtain the more favorable investment options, fees and rates;

WHEREAS, the Committee desires to have the Political Subdivision participate in the Committee's program subject to the same terms and conditions as apply to state employee participants, except for limitations expressly provided below;

WHEREAS, the Committee has secured the consent of the contracted Recordkeeper to enroll the Political Subdivision's employees as participants in the Committee's program subject to the same terms and conditions as apply to state employee participants, except for limitations expressly provided below;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the aforesaid premises, the parties mutually agree as follows:

1. **REQUIRED APPROVAL.** This Contract shall not become effective until and unless approved by appropriate official action of the governing body of each party.
2. **DEFINITIONS.** "State" means the State of Nevada and any state agency identified herein (the Committee), its officers, employees and immune contractors as defined in

NRS 41.0307. Unless the context otherwise requires, "program" is synonymous with "plan" and "state of Nevada deferred compensation committee plan".

3. **CONTRACT TERM.** This Contract shall be effective on January 1, 2015 with no termination date, unless sooner terminated by either party as set forth in this Contract.

4. **TERMINATION.** This Contract may be terminated without cause by either party prior to the terms set forth in paragraph (3), provided that a termination shall not be effective until 60 days after a party has served written notice upon the other party. This Contract may be terminated by mutual consent of both parties or unilaterally by either party without consent of the other. The parties expressly agree that this Contract shall be terminated immediately if for any reason federal and/or State Legislature funding ability to satisfy this Contract is withdrawn, limited, or impaired. Benefits accrued by participating employees of the Political Subdivision upon termination of participation in the plan shall remain in the plan until such are otherwise eligible for distribution under the terms of the plan.

5. **NOTICE.** All notices or other communications required or permitted to be given under this Contract shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally in hand, by telephonic facsimile with simultaneous regular mail, or mailed certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid on the date posted, and addressed to the other party at the address set forth above.

6. **INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS.** The parties agree that the services to be performed shall be specifically described; this Contract incorporates the following attachments in descending order of constructive precedence:

ATTACHMENT A: The State of Nevada Deferred Compensation Committee Plan Document.

7. **ASSENT.**

- a. The parties agree that the terms and conditions listed on incorporated attachments of this Contract are also specifically a part of this Contract and are limited only by their respective order of precedence and any limitations expressly provided.
- b. Except as agreed otherwise in paragraphs 3 and 4, the Political Subdivision agrees:
  - 1) To participate in the Committee's deferred compensation program subject to all contract terms and conditions as set forth between the State of Nevada Employees' Deferred Compensation Committee;
  - 2) To be bound by all current and any future State of Nevada Employees' Deferred Compensation Committee "Plan Documents" and "Investment Policies and Procedures";
  - 3) To cooperate with the contracted Recordkeeper(s) and to provide all necessary and appropriate administrative services to enable Political Subdivision employees to participate in the Committee's deferred compensation program; and
  - 4) To provide an appeal process to Political Subdivision employees for denials of requests by Political Subdivision employees to make unforeseen emergency withdrawals from the program and to abide by any guidelines established by the Committee for this purpose.



- c. The Political subdivision agrees that it has made its decision to participate in the program based on its own independent analysis and that neither the State of Nevada nor the Committee are fiduciaries with regard to its decision to participate in the program.
- d. The Committee agrees to authorize the contracted Recordkeeper(s) to enroll employees of the Political Subdivision on terms and conditions consistent with this agreement. Execution of this agreement by the Committee constitutes such authorization.

8. **INSPECTION & AUDIT.**

- a. **Books and Records.** Each party agrees to keep and maintain under general accepted accounting principles full, true and complete records, agreements, books, and documents as are necessary to fully disclose to the State or United States Government, or their authorized representatives, upon audits or reviews, sufficient information to determine compliance with all state and federal regulations and statutes.
- b. **Inspection & Audit.** Each party agrees that the relevant books, records (written, electronic, computer related or otherwise), including but not limited to relevant accounting procedures and practices of the party, financial statements and supporting documentation, and documentation related to the work product shall be subject, at any reasonable time, to inspection, examination, review, audit, and copying at any office or location where such records may be found, with or without notice by the State Auditor, Employment Security, the Department of Administration, Budget Division, the Nevada State Attorney General's Office or its Fraud Control Units, the State Legislative Auditor, and with regard to any federal funding, the relevant federal agency, the Comptroller General, the General Accounting Office, the Office of the Inspector General, or any of their authorized representatives.
- c. **Period of Retention.** All books, records, reports, and statements relevant to this Contract must be retained a minimum three years and for five years if any federal funds are used in this Contract. The retention period runs from the date of termination of this Contract. Retention time shall be extended when an audit is scheduled or in progress for a period reasonably necessary to complete an audit and/or to complete any administrative and judicial litigation which may ensue.

9. **BREACH; REMEDIES.** Failure of either party to perform any obligation of this Contract shall be deemed a breach. Except as otherwise provided for by law or this Contract, the rights and remedies of the parties shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or equity, including but not limited to actual damages, and to a prevailing party reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. It is specifically agreed that reasonable attorneys' fees shall include without limitation \$125 per hour for State-employed attorneys.

10. **LIMITED LIABILITY.** The parties will not waive and intend to assert available NRS chapter 41 liability limitations in all cases. Contract liability of both parties shall not be subject to punitive damages. Actual damages for any State breach shall never exceed the amount of funds which have been appropriated for payment under this Contract, but not yet paid, for the fiscal year budget in existence at the time of the breach.

11. **FORCE MAJEURE.** Neither party shall be deemed to be in violation of this Contract if it is prevented from performing any of its obligations hereunder due to strikes, failure of public

transportation, civil or military authority, act of public enemy, accidents, fires, explosions, or acts of God, including, without limitation, earthquakes, floods, winds, or storms. In such an event the intervening cause must not be through the fault of the party asserting such an excuse, and the excused party is obligated to promptly perform in accordance with the terms of the Contract after the intervening cause ceases.

12. INDEMNIFICATION.

- a. To the fullest extent of limited liability as set forth in paragraph (10) of this Contract, each party shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend, not excluding the other's right to participate, the other from and against all liability, claims, actions, damages, losses, and expenses, including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, arising out of any alleged negligent or willful acts or omissions of the party, its officers, employees and agents. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or otherwise reduce any other right or obligation of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to any party or person described in this paragraph.
- b. The indemnification obligation under this paragraph is conditioned upon receipt of written notice by the indemnifying party within 30 days of the indemnified party's actual notice of any actual or pending claim or cause of action. The indemnifying party shall not be liable to hold harmless any attorneys' fees and costs for the indemnified party's chosen right to participate with legal counsel.

13. INDEPENDENT PUBLIC AGENCIES. The parties are associated with each other only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Contract, and in respect to performance of services pursuant to this Contract, each party is and shall be a public agency separate and distinct from the other party and, subject only to the terms of this Contract, shall have the sole right to supervise, manage, operate, control, and direct performance of the details incident to its duties under this Contract. Nothing contained in this Contract shall be deemed or construed to create a partnership or joint venture, to create relationships of an employer-employee or principal-agent, or to otherwise create any liability for one agency whatsoever with respect to the indebtedness, liabilities, and obligations of the other agency or any other party.

14. WAIVER OF BREACH. Failure to declare a breach or the actual waiver of any particular breach of the Contract or its material or nonmaterial terms by either party shall not operate as a waiver by such party of any of its rights or remedies as to any other breach.

15. SEVERABILITY. If any provision contained in this Contract is held to be unenforceable by a court of law or equity, this Contract shall be construed as if such provision did not exist and the non-enforceability of such provision shall not be held to render any other provision or provisions of this Contract unenforceable.

16. ASSIGNMENT. Neither party shall assign, transfer or delegate any rights, obligations or duties under this Contract without the prior written consent of the other party.

17. OWNERSHIP OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION. Unless otherwise provided by law any reports, histories, studies, tests, manuals, instructions, photographs, negatives, blue prints, plans, maps, data, system designs, computer code (which is intended to be consideration under this Contract), or any other documents or drawings, prepared or in the course of preparation by either party in performance of its obligations under this Contract shall be the joint property of both parties.

18. **PUBLIC RECORDS.** Pursuant to NRS 239.010, information or documents may be open to public inspection and copying. The parties will have the duty to disclose unless a particular record is made confidential by law or a common law balancing of interests.

19. **CONFIDENTIALITY.** Each party shall keep confidential all information, in whatever form, produced, prepared, observed or received by that party to the extent that such information is confidential by law or otherwise required by this Contract.

20. **PROPER AUTHORITY.** The parties hereto represent and warrant that the person executing this Contract on behalf of each party has full power and authority to enter into this Contract and that the parties are authorized by law to perform the services set forth in paragraph 6.

21. **GOVERNING LAW; JURISDICTION.** This Contract and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be governed by, and construed according to, the laws of the State of Nevada. The parties consent to the jurisdiction of the Nevada district courts for enforcement of this Contract.

22. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND MODIFICATION.** This Contract and its integrated attachment(s) constitute the entire agreement of the parties and such are intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the promises, representations, negotiations, discussions, and other agreements that may have been made in connection with the subject matter hereof. Unless an integrated attachment to this Contract specifically displays a mutual intent to amend a particular part of this Contract, general conflicts in language between any such attachment and this Contract shall be construed consistent with the terms of this Contract. Unless otherwise expressly authorized by the terms of this Contract, no modification or amendment to this Contract shall be binding upon the parties unless the same is in writing and signed by the respective parties hereto, approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Contract to be signed and intend to be legally bound thereby.

**Carson City**  
(Political Subdivision)

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Title

\_\_\_\_\_ Attorney for (Political Subdivision) (optional)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

**Nevada Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Program**

\_\_\_\_\_ State of Nevada Employees' Deferred Compensation Program Coordinator

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson Nevada Deferred Compensation Program

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Approved as to form by:

\_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Attorney General for Attorney General

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Amended 10/2014

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19. CONFIDENTIALITY. Each party shall keep confidential all information, in whatever form, produced, prepared, observed or received by that party to the extent that such information is confidential by law or otherwise required by this Contract.

20. PROPER AUTHORITY. The parties hereto represent and warrant that the person executing this Contract on behalf of each party has full power and authority to enter into this Contract and that the parties are authorized by law to perform the services set forth in paragraph 6.

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## **Purpose**

The purpose of this Plan is to provide a supplemental retirement plan with quality, cost-effective investment options and excellent customer service. A Participant's account value will depend upon the investment results achieved by the Investment Options in which the Participant chooses to invest. Each Participant shall be 100% vested at all times in his or her Plan Account in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

In accordance with Section 457 of the Code, all amounts of Compensation deferred or contributed under the Plan, all property and rights purchases with such amounts and all income attributable to such amounts and all property and rights are held in trust for the exclusive benefit of Participants and their Beneficiaries and Alternate Payees pursuant to the applicable Trust Agreement.

The Plan and Trust Agreements are intended to satisfy the requirements for an eligible deferred compensation plan under Section 457(e)(1)(B) of the Code, and shall be construed and administered accordingly. To the extent that any term of the Plan is inconsistent with the provisions of Section 457 of the Code applicable to governmental employers, the inconsistent term shall, to the fullest extent possible, be treated for all purposes of the Plan as amended and reformed to conform to the applicable provisions of Section 457 of the Code.

Except as otherwise provided herein, this amendment and restatement of the Plan is effective as of the Effective Date.

## ARTICLE I – DEFINITIONS

### 1.1 Plan Definitions

For purposes of this Plan, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning set forth below, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context:

**“Account”** means each separate account established and maintained for a Participant under the Plan, including, as applicable, each Before-Tax Deferral Account, Roth Account, Rollover Account, Alternate Payee Account and Beneficiary Account.

**“Administrator”** means the duly authorized designee contracted for that purpose to act as the employer’s agent. The Committee may elect to contract with one or more Administrator(s).

**“Alternate Payee”** means the person who is or was the spouse or domestic partner of the Participant or is the child of the Participant to the extent that such person is entitled to any or all of a Participant’s Account under a court order that the Committee has determined to be Plan approved Qualified Domestic Relations Order.

**“Alternate Payee Account”** means the Account established for an Alternate Payee pursuant to Qualified Domestic Relations Order.

**“Amounts Deferred or Contributed”** means the aggregate of Compensation deferred or contributed by a Participant pursuant to Article III, including Before-Tax Deferrals and Roth Contributions.

**“Before-Tax Deferral Account”** means the Account (s) established under the Plan to record a Participant’s Before-Tax Deferrals, and the income, gains and losses crediting thereto. A Beneficiary Account or Alternate Payee Account corresponding to the deceased or relevant Participant’s Before-Tax Deferrals may also be referred to as a Before-Tax Deferral Account.

**“Before-Tax Deferrals”** means that part of a Participant’s Compensation which is deferred into the Plan and is not includable in the Participant’s taxable income which, in the absence of a Participant’s election to defer such Compensation under Article III, would have been paid to the Participant and would have been includable in the Participant’s taxable income.

**“Beneficiary”** means the beneficiary or beneficiaries designated by a Participant or Surviving Spouse of a Participant pursuant to Article IX to receive the amount, if any, payable under the Plan upon the death of such Participant or Surviving Spouse.

**“Beneficiary Account”** means the Account established for a Beneficiary in accordance with Article 6.2.

**“Business Day”** means, subject to 4.4(b), any day (measured in accordance with State time) on which the New York Stock Exchange is open for the trading of securities.

**“Code”** means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended and thereafter and any related regulations.

**"Compensation"** means:

- a) All compensation for services to the Employer, including salary, wages, fees, commissions, and overtime pay that is includible in the Employee's gross income for each Plan year under the Code.
- b) Any differential wage payments defined in Code Section 3401(h)(2) pursuant to the HEART act;
- c) Any accumulated sick pay, accumulated vacation pay and back pay paid to a Participant by his or her Employer, provided that such accumulated sick pay, accumulated vacation pay and back pay is received by the Plan in accordance with the timing requirements of the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 457 of the Code.

**"Committee"** means the Deferred Compensation Committee of the State of Nevada as authorized under Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 287.250 to 287.370. The Committee is responsible for the administration of the Plan.

**"Designated Roth Employer"** means an Employer that permits (in accordance with any applicable procedures as may be required by the Committee) Participants who are its Employees to make Roth Contributions pursuant to Article 3.1(c).

**"Distributee"** means a person receiving funds, including a Participant. In addition, the Participant's spouse, former spouse or domestic partner who is the Alternate Payee under the Qualified Domestic Relations Order as defined in Code Section 414(p) is a Distributee with regard to the interest of the spouse, former spouse or domestic partner.

**"Domestic Partner"** means a domestic partner as defined in NRS 122A.030.

**"Eligible Retirement Plan"** means (i) an individual retirement account described in Section 408(a) of the Code, (ii) an individual retirement annuity described in Section 408(b) of the Code, (iii) a qualified trust under Section 401(a) or 401(k) of the Code, (iv) an annuity contract described in Section 403(b) and 403(a) of the Code and (v) an eligible deferred compensation plan described in Section 457 of the Code that is maintained by a state, political subdivision of a state, any agency or instrumentality of state or political subdivision of a state; and (f) a Roth IRA

**"Eligible Rollover Distribution"** means all or any portion of the balance of the Plan to the credit of the Distributee, or a Beneficiary of a Participant, except that an Eligible Rollover Distribution shall not include (a) any distribution that is (i) one of a series of substantially equal periodic payments (not less frequently than annually) made for the life (or life expectancy) of the Distributee or the joint lives (or joint life expectancies) of the Distributee and the Distributee's Beneficiary or (ii) for a specified period of ten years or more, (b) any distribution to the extent such distribution is required under Section 401(a) (9) of the Code, and (c) any distribution due to a hardship of the Distributee, including, without limitation, an unforeseen emergency pursuant to Section 4.8.

**"Employee"** means any individual who receives Compensation for services from the Employer, including (a) any elected or appointed officer or employee of the Employer, (b) an officer or employee of an institution under management and control of Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), and (c) any employee who is included in a unit of employees covered by a

negotiated bargaining agreement that specifically provides for participation in the Plan. An Employee shall not include an independent contractor, a consultant or any other individual classified by the Employer as not eligible to participate in the Plan.

**"Employer"** means the State of Nevada and each Participating Employer, or any of them.

**"Enrollment Date"** means, with respect to an Employee who is eligible to enroll or be enrolled in the Plan, any payroll date on which such Employee receives Compensation, or such other date or dates as the Administrator may establish either in lieu of, or in addition to, such dates.

**"HEART Act"** means the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008.

**"Includible Compensation"** means "includible compensation" as defined in Section 457(e)(5) of the Code.

**"Investment Option"** means each of the investment options made available by the Committee through the Plan in accordance with Article 6.5.

**"Minimum Required Distribution Date"** means, according to Code Section 401(a)(9)(c), April 1 of the calendar year following the later of:

- a) The calendar year in which the Participant attains age 70 ½ , or
- b) The calendar year in which the Participant severs employment with the eligible employer, or
- c) As otherwise determined in IRC

**"Normal Retirement Age"** means, for purposes of Section 2.6 any age designated by the Participant (i) beginning no earlier than the earliest age at which a Participant has the right to retire under the Employer's pension plan, if any, and to receive immediate retirement benefits without actuarial or similar reduction because of retirement before some later age specified in such retirement plan or, in the case of a Participant who does not participate in such basic pension plan, age 65, and (ii) ending no later than age 70 ½ .

**"Participant"** means an Employee or former Employee who is not deceased and who has an Account or Rollover Account under the Plan.

**"Participation Agreement"** means an agreement in writing or in such other form approved by the Committee pursuant to which the Employee elects to reduce his or her Compensation paid and to have amounts deferred or contributed into the Plan on his or her behalf in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

**"Participating Employer"** means any Eligible Governmental Employer, the governing body of which has adopted the Plan by appropriate resolution with the consent of the Committee and, with the written approval of such body or entity.

**"Plan"** means the Nevada Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Plan and Other Participating Jurisdictions, as the same may be amended from time to time.

**"Plan Year"** means the calendar year.

**"Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO)"** means a order, judgment or decree, including approval of a property settlement agreement, that has been determined by the Administrator to meet the requirements of a qualified domestic relations order within the meaning of Section 414(q) of the Code.

**"Qualified Roth Contribution Program"** means a qualified Roth contribution program as defined in Section 402A of the Code.

**"Required Beginning Date"** means April 1 of the calendar year following the later of the calendar year in which the Participant: (a) attains age 70 ½, or (b) Severs from Employment.

**"Rollover Account"** means the Account or Accounts established and maintained in respect of a Participant or a Beneficiary who is a Participant's Surviving Spouse or, if applicable, by a spousal Alternate Payee, pursuant to Article 5.2(c).

**"Rollover Contributions"** means a cash amount contributed by a Participant, Beneficiary who is a Participant's Surviving Spouse or Alternate Payee to a Rollover Account, or if applicable, an Alternate Payee Account determined as a Eligible Rollover Distribution and provided that the distributing Eligible Retirement Plan shall have separately accounted for all amounts included in the Rollover Contribution.

**"Roth Account"** means the Account(s) established under the Plan to record a Participant's Roth Contributions, and the income, gains, and losses credited thereto. A Beneficiary Account or Alternate Payee Account corresponding to the deceased or relevant Participant's Roth Contributions may also be referred to as a Roth Account.

**"Roth Contributions"** means amounts contributed pursuant to Article 3.1 by a Participant who is an Employee of a Designated Roth Employer, which amounts are:

- a) Designated irrevocably by the Participant at the time of the contribution election as Roth Contributions that are being made from Compensation pursuant to Article 3.1(c); and
- b) Treated by the Designated Roth Employer as includible in the Participant's income at the time the Participant would have received that amount in Compensation.

**"Roth IRA"** has the meaning set forth in Section 408A of the Code.

**"Roth Program"** means a Qualified Roth Contribution Program within the Plan.

**"Section 457 Transfer"** means a transfer made into an Account pursuant to Article 8.5.

**"Service Provider"** means the same as Administrator or Recordkeeper who is the duly authorized designee contracted for that purpose to act as the employer's agent. The Committee may elect to contract with one or more Administrator(s).

**"Severance from Employment"** means a severance from employment with an Employer within the meaning of Section 457 of the Code.



**"Staff"** means employees hired by the Committee who serve as full-time or part-time staff of the Committee. For the avoidance of doubt, Staff shall not mean any individual who performs work for or on behalf of the Plan pursuant to an agreement between the Committee and an Administrator, Trustee, or any other entity that provides services to the Committee.

**"State"** means State of Nevada.

**"Surviving Spouse"** means the survivor of a deceased Participant to whom such Participant was legally married on the date of the Participant's death.

**"Treasury Regulations"** means the regulations promulgated by the Treasury Department under the Code, as now in effect or as hereafter amended. All citations to sections of the Treasury Regulations are to such sections as they may from time to time be amended or renumbered.

**"Trust Agreement"** means an agreement entered into in respect of the Plan between the Committee and one or more Trustees pursuant to which all cash and other rights and properties and all income attributable to such cash and rights and properties are held in trust, as such agreement may be amended from time to time.

**"Trust Fund"** means the assets of the Plan, including cash and other rights and properties arising from Amounts Deferred or Contributed, Section 457 Transfers and Rollover Contributions which are held and administered by the Trustee pursuant to the Trust Agreement.

**"Trustee"** means the trustee or trustees acting as such under the Trust Agreement, and any successors thereto.

**"Unforeseeable Emergency Distribution"** means a severe financial hardship of the Participant, Participant's Beneficiary, Participant's spouse, Participant's domestic partner, or the Participant's dependent, as defined in Section 152(a) of the Code, resulting from an illness or accident, loss of property due to casualty, funeral expenses or other similar extraordinary and unforeseeable circumstances arising as a result of events beyond the control of the Participant or the Beneficiary.

**"Unit"** means a unit measuring the value of a Participant's proportionate interest in an Investment Option.

**"Valuation Date"** means each business day unless otherwise provided in the Plan.

## **ARTICLE II - PARTICIPATION**

### **2.1 Enrollment**

- a) **Eligibility and Enrollment.** Each Employee shall be eligible to participate in the Plan as of any Enrollment Date following the date he or she becomes an Employee, and shall commence such participation in the Plan by filing a Participation Agreement and any enrollment forms or other pertinent information concerning the Employee and his or her Beneficiary with the Administrator in a manner prescribed by the Committee. In no event shall any deferral or contribution be accepted until the first Enrollment Date in the calendar month following the date on which such Participation Agreement is filed. Deferrals and contributions may be accepted for newly hired Employees for the first Enrollment Date of the calendar month in which the individual first becomes an Employee if the Participation Agreement is filed before the Employee's first day of service.
- b) **Initial Enrollment and Subsequent Changes.** Each Employee enrolling in the Plan shall provide to the Administrator, in a complete and timely manner, at the time of initial enrollment and thereafter if there are any changes, with such information that the Administrator determines is necessary or advisable for the administration of the Plan or to comply with applicable law.

### **2.2 Voluntary Participation.**

Participation in the Plan by Employees shall be voluntary.

### **2.3 Cessation of Participation.**

The participation of a Participant shall cease upon payment to the Participant of the entire value of his or her Account or upon the Participant's death prior to such payment.

### **2.4 Corrective Action.**

If an individual is erroneously included or excluded from participation, corrective action will be taken as soon as administratively practicable to correct such erroneous inclusion or exclusion.

## **ARTICLE III - AMOUNTS DEFERRED OR CONTRIBUTED**

### **3.1 Participant Deferrals and Contribution Authorization.**

- a) **Initial Authorization.** A Participant may elect to defer or contribute Compensation under the Plan by authorizing, on his or her Participation Agreement, regular payroll deductions or contributions that do not individually or in the aggregate exceed the limitations in Article 3.2.
- b) **Modifications.** A Participant may increase or decrease the rate of deferral or contribution of his or her Compensation, and may make separate elections with respect to the increase and decrease of the rate of his or her Before-Tax Deferrals and Roth Contributions, within the limitations set forth in Article 3.2, as of any Enrollment Date by filing a new or modified Participation Agreement, or such other form authorized by the Committee, with the Administrator, which shall be effective as soon as administratively practicable.

- c) Roth Contribution. Effective January 1, 2012 and thereafter, a Participant who is an Employee of a Designated Roth Employer shall be permitted to make Roth Contributions from his or her Compensation by designating an amount of his or her initial authorization or modification authorization described in Articles 3.1(a) and 3.1(b) as Roth Contributions, which designation shall be effective as soon as administratively practicable for all future payroll periods until modified or suspended.
- d) Discontinuance or Suspension. A Participant may discontinue or temporarily suspend his or her deferrals or contributions, and may make separate elections with respect to discontinuance or suspension of his or her Before-Tax Deferrals and Roth Contributions, as any specified Enrollment Date by giving notice thereof to the Administrator, Staff or payroll centers. The deferral or contribution shall be discontinued or suspended as soon as administratively practicable thereafter.

### 3.2 General Deferral and Contribution Limitations and Catch-Up Limitations.

- a) In General. The aggregate amount of Before-Tax Deferrals and Roth Contributions that may be deferred or contributed by a Participant for any Plan Year shall not exceed the lesser of:
  - i. An amount as may be permitted pursuant to Section 457(e)(15) of the Code, and
  - ii. 100% of Participant's Includible Compensation for the Plan Year

Provided, however, the maximum amount that a Participant may defer or contribute for any Plan Year may be calculated after accounting for mandatory and permissive payroll deductions, as reasonably determined by the Employer.

- b) 457 Catch-Up. Notwithstanding the limitation in Article 3.2(a), a Participant may file an election in the manner required by the Administrator to have the catch –up limitation as set forth in Article 3.2(b) apply to the determination of the maximum amount that may be deferred or contributed during one or more of the last three Plan Years ending before attainment of the Participant's Normal Retirement Age. If the catch-up limitation is elected, the maximum aggregate amount of Before-Tax Deferrals and Roth Contributions that may be deferred or contributed for each of the Plan Years covered by the election shall not exceed the lesser of:
  - i. Twice the dollar amount set forth in Article 3.2(a).
  - ii. The sum of the limitation provided for in Section 3.2(a) for each of the Plan Years the Participant was eligible to participate in the Plan, minus the aggregate amount actually deferred or contributed for such Plan Years (disregarding any amounts deferred or contributed pursuant to Article 3.2(c)).

A Participant may not elect to have Article 3.2(b) apply more than once, whether or not the Participant rejoins the Plan after severance of Employment.

- c) Age 50 Catch-Up. All Participants who have attained age 50 before the close of a Plan Year and who are not permitted to defer or contribute additional Compensation pursuant to Article 3.2(b) for such Plan Year, due to the application limitation imposed by the Code or the Plan, shall be eligible to make additional catch-up contributions in the form of Before-Tax Deferrals or Roth Contributions or a combination thereof in accordance

with, and subject to, the limitations of Article 3.2(c) of the Plan and Section 414(v) of the Code. Age 50 catch-up contributions pursuant to Article 3.2(c) shall not exceed the lesser of:

- i. The excess of the 100% of Participant's Includible Compensation for the Plan Year, over the sum of any other Amounts Deferred or Contributed by the Participant for such Plan Year; and
  - ii. An amount as may be permitted by Section 414(v) (2) (B) of the Code.
- d) Dual Eligibility. Notwithstanding anything in Articles 3.2(b) and (c) to the contrary, if a Participant who is eligible to make additional catch-up contribution under 3.2(c) for a Plan Year in which the Participant has elected to make a catch-up contribution under Article 3.2(b), such Participant is entitled to the greater of:
- i. The 457 catch-up contribution amount under Article 3.2(b); and
  - ii. The age 50 catch-up contribution under Article 3.2(c).
- e) Excess Contributions and Deferrals. In the event that any Amounts Deferred or Contributed under the Plan for any Plan Year exceed the limitations provided for in Article 3.2, any such excess deferrals or contributions shall be distributed to the Participant with allocable net income, in the following order (unless otherwise directed by the Participant): first, from Before-Tax Deferrals and second, from Roth Contributions, as determined in accordance with methods and procedures established by the Administrator, as soon as practicable after the Administrator, payroll center or Staff determines that the amount was an excess deferral or contribution. Distributions under Section Article 3.2(e) will be reportable as taxable income to the extent required by applicable law.

## **ARTICLE IV - INVESTMENT OF AMOUNTS DEFERRED OR CONTRIBUTED AND ROLLOVER CONTRIBUTIONS**

### 4.1 Remittance of Deferrals and Contributions

All Amounts Deferred or Contributed in accordance with Article III shall be paid by the applicable Employer or payroll center as promptly as possible to the Administrator. Thereafter, Amounts Deferred or Contributed shall be invested by the Administrator, in accordance with the investment instructions, as soon as administratively practicable.

### 4.2 Allocation of Deferrals and Contributions

A Participant who has enrolled in the Plan pursuant to Article II shall, by filing a direction with the Administrator in writing or in such other manner as the Committee may authorize, specify the percentages (in multiples of one percent) of his or her Amounts Deferred or Contributed that shall be allocated to each Investment Option made available by the Committee. A Participant's investment allocation elections shall be applied in the same manner to both Before-Tax Deferrals and Roth Contributions. All such deferrals and contributions shall be invested by the Administrator in the Investment Options in accordance with such direction(s) as soon as administratively practicable.

#### 4.3 Continuation of Deferral and Contribution Allocation.

Any deferral and contribution allocation direction given by a Participant shall be deemed to be a continuing direction until changed by the Participant. A Participant may change his or her deferral or contribution allocation direction with respect to future Amounts Deferred or Contributed, as of any Enrollment Date, by giving notice in writing or in such other manner as the Committee may authorize to the Administrator prior to the Enrollment Date. Any change to a Participant's deferral and contribution allocation direction shall be applied in the same manner to both Before-Tax Deferrals and Roth Contributions. All such future deferrals and contributions shall be invested by the Administrator in the Investment Options in accordance with such changed direction.

#### 4.4 Transfer of Assets among Investment Options.

- a) Transfer of Assets. As of any Valuation Date, a Participant may direct the Administrator, by giving notice in writing or in such other manner as the Committee may authorize, to liquidate his or her interest in any of the Investment Options and transfer the proceeds thereof to one or more other Investment Options in proportions directed by such Participant. Participants may make separate transfer directions for their Before-Tax Deferrals (and Accounts relating to Rollover Contributions involving before-tax deferrals) and their Roth Accounts (and Accounts relating to Rollover Contributions involving Roth contributions). Such direction must be made in accordance with the requirements and procedures established by the Committee and in effect at the time and in multiple of one percent or one dollar increments of the Participant's interest in the applicable Investment Option.
- b) Committee's Right to Reduce or Deny Transfer Request. If the Administrator, or the Committee otherwise determines, that it is not reasonably able to prudently liquidate the necessary amount and transfer it from one Investment Option to another, the amount to be transferred with respect to each Participant who duly requested such a transfer may be reduced in proportion to the ratio which the aggregate amount that the Administrator has advised the Committee may not prudently be transferred bears to the aggregate amount that all Participants have duly requested be so transferred. Regardless of any Participant's investment direction, no transfer between Investment Options may be made in violation of any restriction imposed by the terms of the agreement between the Committee or Administrator providing any Investment Option or of any applicable law.

#### 4.5 Administrative Actions with Regard to Investment Directions.

The Administrator shall have the right to decline to implement any investment direction upon its determination that: (i) the person giving the direction is legally incompetent to do so; (ii) implementation of the investment direction would be contrary to the Plan or applicable law or governmental ruling or regulation; (iii) implementation of the investment direction would be contrary to a court order, including a Qualified Domestic Relations Order; (iv) implementation of the investment direction would be contrary to the rules, regulations or prospectuses of the Investment Options.

#### 4.6 Participant Responsibility for Deferrals, Contributions and Investment Allocations.

Each Participant is responsible for the allocation of his or her Amounts Deferred or Contributed, and each Participant is solely responsible for the investment allocation of his or her Account, in each case, in and among the Investment Options. Each Participant shall assume all risk in connection with the allocation of amounts in and among the Investment Options and for any

losses incurred or deemed to be incurred as a result of the Participant's allocation or failure to allocate any amount the Participant's allocation or failure to allocate any amount to an Investment Option or any decrease in the value of any Investment Option. Neither the Committee nor the Administrator is empowered to advise a Participant as to the manner in which the Participant's account shall be allocated among the Investment Options. The fact that a particular Investment Option is available to Participants for investment under the Plan shall not be construed by any Participant as a recommendation for investment in such Investment Option. The Committee has elected to make available investment guidance services or investment advice services to Participants, such services shall be utilized only at the voluntary election of the Participant and shall not limit the Participant's responsibility under Article 4.6 for the allocation of his or her Accounts in and among the Investment Options.

#### 4.7 Investment Allocation of Alternate Payee Accounts.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, during any period when an Alternate Payee Account is created and segregated on behalf of an Alternate Payee pursuant to a Qualified Domestic Relations Order from the Accounts of the related Participant, the Alternate Payee shall be entitled to direct the allocation of investments of such Alternate Payee Account in accordance with Articles 4.2 and 4.4, as applicable, and shall be subject to the provisions of Articles 4.5 and 4.6, but only to the extent provided in such order. In the event that an Alternate Payee fails to specify an investment direction on the date of creation of the Alternate Payee Account pursuant to Article 4.9, such Alternate Payee's Alternate Payee Account shall be invested in the same manner as the relevant Participant's corresponding Before-Tax Deferral Account, Roth Account and Rollover Accounts on such date and, except as otherwise provided by the Qualified Domestic Relations Order, shall remain invested in accordance with such initial allocation until the Alternate Payee directs otherwise or until such time as the Alternate Payee ceases to have an Alternate Payee Account under the Plan by reason of distribution or otherwise.

#### 4.8 Investment Allocation of Beneficiary Accounts.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, during any period following the death of a Participant and prior to distribution of the entire Account(s) of such Participant, such Participant's Beneficiary shall be entitled to direct the allocation of investments of such Account(s) in accordance with Article 4.4, or, as applicable, his or her proportional interest in such Account(s), in accordance with Article 4.4 and shall be subject to the provisions of Articles 4.5 and 4.6. In the event that a Beneficiary fails to specify an investment direction on the date of creation of the Beneficiary Account pursuant to Article 4.4, such Beneficiary's Beneficiary Account shall be invested in the same manner as the relevant Participant's corresponding Before-Tax Deferral Account, Roth Account and Rollover Accounts on such date.

#### 4.9 Initial and Ongoing Investment Allocation with Respect to Rollover Contributions and Section 457 Transfers.

Unless otherwise directed by the Participant, the same deferral and contribution allocation direction applicable to a Participant pursuant to Article 4.2 or 4.3, as applicable shall apply to all Section 457 Transfers and Rollover Contributions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in accordance with procedures established by the Administrator, a Participant may make an alternative initial allocation election in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article 4.4 for any applicable Section 457 Transfer or Rollover Contribution. Thereafter, such Participant may direct the Administrator to liquidate his or her interest in any of the Investment Options and transfer the proceeds thereof to one or more other Investment Options in accordance with Article 4.4 (in

each case subject to the limitations set forth in Articles 4.5 and 4.6). All Rollover Contributions shall be invested by the Administrator in the Investment Options in accordance with such directions as soon as administratively practicable.

#### 4.10 Fund Mapping or Similar Activity.

Notwithstanding anything in Article 4 to the contrary, if the Committee eliminates one or more of the Investment Options or undertakes similar activity on behalf of the Plan, the Committee shall be authorized to liquidate without a Participant's consent and without the need for prior notice to the Participant the portion of each Account invested in such eliminated Investment Option and direct the proceeds of such liquidation in one or more remaining or replacement Investment Options in accordance with such liquidation and transfer procedures as the Committee may determine to be necessary or advisable in connection with such elimination.

#### 4.11 Employer Contributions.

Nothing in this Plan prohibits the Employer from making deposits to a Participant's Account as an additional compensation for services rendered, subject to the Participant's contribution limit.

### **ARTICLE V - ROLLOVERS AND TRANSFERS**

#### 5.1 Transfers from another Governmental 457 Plan.

Compensation previously deferred or contributed by (or contributed on behalf of) a Participant, a Beneficiary or a spousal Alternate Payee pursuant to another eligible deferred compensation plan under Section 457 of the Code maintained by another employer described in Section 457(e)(1)(B) of the Code shall be accepted for a plan-to-plan transfer to the Plan by the Administrator in the form and in the manner prescribed by the Committee. All such Section 457 Transfers shall be credited to the applicable Participant's corresponding Before-Tax Deferral Account or Roth Account (or a combination thereof) and shall be invested in accordance with Article 4.9.

#### 5.2 Acceptance of Assets from an Eligible Retirement Plan.

- a) Rollover Contributions in General. Amounts previously deferred or contributed by (or contributed on behalf of) a Participant, a Beneficiary or a spousal Alternate Payee under another Eligible Retirement Plan (other than a Roth IRA) that (i) are distributed to the Participant, the Beneficiary or the spousal Alternate Payee or (ii) are directly rolled over to the Plan as an eligible rollover distribution from such Eligible Retirement Plan, may be accepted as a Rollover Contribution by the Administrator in the form and in the manner specified by Administrator; *provided*, that Rollover Contributions of amounts from a Qualified Roth Contribution Program must be directly rolled over to the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, other than Rollover Contributions from a Qualified Roth Contribution Program as described in the preceding sentence, the Administrator shall not accept any Rollover Contribution, or any portion thereof, that represents deferrals or contributions under another Eligible Retirement Plan that were made from compensation that was included in the Participant, Beneficiary or spousal Alternate Payee's gross income in the year the amounts were deferred or contributed.
- b) Written Request; Acceptance of Assets. The Administrator, in accordance with the Code and procedures established by the Committee, shall, as soon as practicable following its receipt of the written request of a Participant, a Beneficiary who is a Participant's Surviving Spouse or spousal Alternate Payee, determine whether the Rollover



Contribution shall be accepted by the Plan. Any written request filed by a Participant, a Beneficiary who is a Participant's Surviving Spouse or a spousal Alternate Payee pursuant to Article 5.2(a) shall set forth the fair market value of such Rollover Contribution and a statement in a form satisfactory to the Administrator that the amount to be transferred constitutes a Rollover Contribution.

- c) Rollover Account. The Rollover Contribution shall be maintained in a separate, fully vested Rollover Account for the benefit of the contributing Participant or the Beneficiary and, in the case of a spousal Alternate Payee, the Alternate Payee Account, and shall be invested in accordance with the investment direction of the applicable Participant pursuant to Article 4.9. All amounts so transferred shall be credited to the Participant's Rollover Account or Alternate Payee Account and shall be available for distribution at any time during the Plan Year. No other contributions shall be allocated to the Rollover Account. Any Rollover Contributions of amounts from a Qualified Roth Contribution Program shall be segregated and held in a separately designated and maintained Rollover Account from those amounts not from a Qualified Roth Contribution Program. At the election of the Participant, Beneficiary who is a Participant's Surviving Spouse or spousal Alternate Payee, any Rollover Contributions or 457 Transfers from an eligible deferred compensation plan under Section 457(b) of the Code may be held in separately designated and maintained Rollover Accounts for 457(b) Rollover Contributions; *provided* that any such amounts from a Qualified Roth Contribution Program and any such amounts not from a Qualified Roth Contribution Program shall be segregated and held in separately designated and maintained 457(b) Rollover Accounts.

### 5.3 Rollover of Assets to Purchase Retirement Service Credit.

With respect to trustee-to-trustee transfers, a Participant or Beneficiary may elect, in accordance with procedures established by the Committee, to have all or any portion of the value of his or her Account transferred to the trustee of a defined benefit governmental plan as described in Section 414(d) of the Code; *provided, however*, that such transfer is for the purchase of permissive service credit (as defined in Section 415(n)(3)(A) of the Code) under such plan or a repayment of contributions and earnings with respect to a forfeiture of service under such plan.

## **ARTICLE VI - ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS OF THE PLAN**

### 6.1 Participant Accounts.

- a) In General. The Administrator shall establish and maintain one or more Accounts for each Participant, including a Before-Tax Deferral Account, a Roth Account (to the extent applicable) and, as necessary, one or more Rollover Accounts (including a segregated Rollover Account relating to contributions from a Qualified Roth Contribution Program) with respect to each Participant. Each Account shall record the value of the portion allocable to that Account, the value of the portion of the Account, if any, that is invested in each Investment Option (both in the aggregate and by Account) and other relevant data pertaining thereto. With respect to each Participant, all Amounts Deferred or Contributed, all Section 457 Transfers and all Rollover Contributions shall be credited to his or her Before-Tax Deferral Account, Roth Account or Rollover Account, as applicable.
- b) Written Statement. Each Participant shall be furnished with a written statement of his or her Accounts (including the value of the interest he or she has, if any, in each

Investment Option and the amount of and explanation for each allocation to or deduction from his or her Accounts) at least quarterly, which statement shall be delivered in a manner prescribed by the Committee.

#### 6.2 Beneficiary Accounts.

The Administrator shall establish and maintain one or more Beneficiary Accounts, including, as applicable, separate Before-Tax Deferral Accounts, Roth Accounts, and Rollover Accounts with respect to each Beneficiary of a deceased Participant. Each such Account shall record the value of the portion of the deceased Participant's Account allocable to each of the Beneficiary's Accounts, the value of the portion of the Account, if any, that is invested in each Investment Option (both in the aggregate and by Account) and other relevant data pertaining thereto. Each Beneficiary shall be furnished with a written statement of his or her Accounts in the same manner set forth in Article 6.1(b).

#### 6.3 Alternate Payee Accounts.

The Administrator shall establish and maintain one or more Alternate Payee Accounts, including, as applicable, separate Before-Tax Deferral Accounts, Roth Accounts, and Rollover Accounts with respect to each Alternate Payee. The Alternate Payee Account shall separately account for all amounts received (i) from the Participant's Rollover Account and (ii) from all amounts rolled into the Plan by a spousal Alternate Payee, pursuant to Article 5.1 or 5.2. Each such Account shall record the value of the portion of the Participant's Account allocable to the Alternate Payee's Account, the value of the portion of the Account, if any, that is invested in each Investment Option (both in the aggregate and by Account) and other relevant data pertaining thereto. Each Alternate Payee shall be furnished with a written statement of his or her Alternate Payee Accounts in the same manner set forth in Article 6.1(b).

#### 6.4 Investment Options and Investment Funds.

The Trust Fund shall be invested at the direction of Participants, in accordance with Article 4, in and among the Investment Options made available through the Plan from time to time by the Committee. Investment Options may include a brokerage account or similar investment window through which Participants may direct the investment of their Accounts into Mutual Funds (as defined below) or other available investment products that the Committee designates as available for investment through such window and any other investment alternative that the Committee may make available through the Plan. Investment Funds may consist of open-end investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended ("Mutual Funds"), separately managed accounts, unregistered commingled funds, group or commingled trusts, or any combination thereof as approved from time to time by the Committee for the investment of the assets of the Trust Fund.

### **ARTICLE VII - WITHDRAWALS FOR UNFORESEEN EMERGENCIES; WITHDRAWALS OF SMALL AMOUNTS**

#### 7.1 Distribution for an Unforeseeable Emergency.

- a) Amount of Distribution for an Unforeseeable Emergency. Upon a showing by a Participant of an Unforeseeable Emergency, the Administrator may permit a payment to be made to the Participant in an amount which does not exceed the lesser of (i) the amount reasonably needed to meet the financial need created by such Unforeseeable Emergency, including estimated income taxes and (ii) an amount which, together with any prior distribution or withdrawal, does not exceed the value of the Participant's

Account determined as of the most recent Valuation Date. Any such payment shall be made by the Administrator and shall be withdrawn *pro rata* from the Investment Options in which the Participant has an interest, unless the Participant specifies in the request for such a payment the portion of the total amount to be withdrawn by the Administrator from each Investment Option. Such payment shall be charged first to the Before-Tax Deferral Account and Roth Account, and second to the Rollover Account(s). The Participant shall designate the amount of the distribution that will come from his or her Before-Tax Deferral Account and from his or her Roth Account, and to the extent a distribution comes from a Rollover Account, the Participant shall designate the amount of the distribution that will come from each Rollover Account, in accordance with procedures established by the Administrator.

- b) Evidence of Other Relief. A Participant must provide evidence that the amount requested for an unforeseeable emergency may not be fully relieved (i) through reimbursement or compensation by insurance or otherwise, (ii) by liquidation of Participant's other non-Plan assets, to the extent the liquidation of such assets would not itself cause severe financial hardship, or (iii) by cessation of deferrals and contributions under the Plan.

#### 7.2 Distribution from a Small Inactive Account.

A Participant with an Account, not including the amount in the Participant's Rollover Accounts, of \$5,000 or less (or such greater amount as may be permitted by Section 401(a)(11) of the Code) may elect at any time to receive a lump sum distribution, not to exceed \$5,000, of his or her Account and Rollover Account, which distribution will be made in accordance with procedures established by the Administrator, *provided* that both of the following conditions have been met: (a) there has been no Amount Deferred or Contributed by such Participant during the two-year period ending on the date of distribution; and (b) there has been no prior distribution made to such Participant pursuant to this Section 7.2.

- a) If a Participant's Account
- i. Does not exceed \$1,000; and
  - ii. Participant has separated from service but not elected a distribution, and
  - iii. There has been no Amount Deferred or Contributed by such Participant.

The Participant may be automatically cashed out.

## **Article VIII - DISTRIBUTION FROM THE PLAN AND OTHER ELIGIBLE RETIREMENT PLANS**

### 8.1 Distribution to Participants.

- a) Eligibility for Distribution. A Participant will become eligible to receive a distribution of his Account upon the occurrence of any of the following events: (i) the Participant's Severance from Employment with the Employer; (ii) the Participant's attainment of age 70½; or (iii) the Participant's absence from employment for qualifying military service as described in the HEART Act. Except as otherwise provided in Article VII, a Participant may not receive distribution of his or her Account at any time prior to the occurrence of one of the foregoing events.
- b) Distributions to Participants. Upon a Participant's eligibility for a distribution pursuant to Article 8.1(a), the Participant shall be entitled to receive his or her Account, which shall be paid in cash by Administrator in accordance with one of the methods described in

Article 8.1(c) and as of the commencement date elected by the Participant in accordance with the procedures prescribed Article 8.1(e).

- c) Distribution Options. Subject to Article 8.6, any payment made under this section shall be made in one of the following methods, as the Participant (or, in the case of the death of a Participant, his or her Beneficiary) may elect any of the following:
- i. A total or partial lump sum payment.
  - ii. Periodic monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual installment payments; *provided, however,* that a Participant (or, in the case of the death of a Participant, his or her Beneficiary) may elect to receive (A) an initial installment payment in a specified amount and (B) the balance of his or her Account in periodic monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual installment payments. Installment payments may consist of (A) fixed amounts paid on each payment date as designated by the Participant (or in the case of the death of a Participant, his or her Beneficiary), or (B) formulaic amounts determined by the Administrator, based on a fixed period designated by the Participant (or in the case of the death of a Participant, his or her Beneficiary), calculated by dividing the Account on the date of the payment by the number of payments remaining during the fixed period.
  - iii. A Participant who elects to receive installment payments or who is currently receiving installment payments pursuant to Article 8.1(c)(ii) may elect, subject to any limitations set forth by the Committee and in accordance with procedures established by the Administrator, to receive a portion of his or her Account distributed in a lump sum; Such lump sum payments shall not result in a discontinuation of subsequent installment payments; *provided, however,* that such subsequent payments may be redetermined in accordance with methods and procedures established by the Administrator.
  - iv. A Participant who is an eligible retired public safety officer, as defined in Section 402(l) of the Code, may elect, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the Administrator, to have up to \$3,000 per year (or such greater amount as may be permitted under applicable guidance issued by the Internal Revenue Service) of amounts from his or her Before-Tax Deferral Account distributable under the Plan used to pay qualified health insurance premiums for an accident or health plan or long-term care insurance contract covering the Participant and his or her spouse and dependents. Such amounts are excludible from the Participant's gross income to the extent the qualified health insurance premiums are paid directly to the provider of the accident or health plan or long-term care insurance contract (determined in accordance with Section 402(l) of the Code) by deduction from a distribution to the Plan.
  - v. For each distribution election under Article 8.1(c), a Participant shall designate the percentage of each distribution that will come from his or her Before-Tax Deferral Account and the percentage that will come from his or her Roth Account. For the avoidance of doubt, for purposes of the limitations and restrictions described in this Article 8.1(c), each distribution election made by a Participant and each payment made in accordance thereto shall be deemed to be one election and one payment,

even if payment is made both from the Participant's Before-Tax Deferral Account and from his or her Roth Account.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Participant may not elect an installment period extending beyond the longest of (A) his or her life expectancy, (B) if his or her designated Beneficiary is his or her Spouse, the life expectancy of the Participant and his or her Spouse and (C) if his designated Beneficiary is not his or her Spouse, the life expectancy determined using the applicable table contained in the applicable Treasury Regulation.

- d) Distribution Election. In the case of the Participant's Severance from Employment with the Employer, a distribution election made by the Participant shall specify the form of payment as provided in Article 8.1(c) and the date on which payments shall commence, following the Participant's Severance from Employment; *provided, further* that the timing of any distribution must be in compliance with Article 8.6. Subject to Article 8.6, a Participant who is receiving distributions under the Plan may change both the timing and the method of payment elected subject to any limitations set forth by the Committee and in accordance with procedures established by the Administrator.
- e) Rollover Accounts. Notwithstanding any other provision of Article 8.1, a Participant who has one or more Rollover Accounts shall be permitted to withdraw all or any portion of such Rollover Accounts at any time during a Plan Year; *provided* that such withdrawal shall be paid pursuant to a method of payment elected by the Participant in accordance with Article 8.1(c) and the value of such Rollover Accounts shall be determined in accordance with Article 8.1(d).

### 8.2 Distributions to Beneficiaries.

If a Participant dies before distribution of his or her Account has commenced, a distribution election made by the Beneficiary shall specify the form of payment as provided in Article 8.1(c) and the date on which payments shall commence. If a Participant dies at any time before his or her entire Account has been distributed, then the Participant's Beneficiary may make subsequent distribution elections as provided in Article 8.1(c). Notwithstanding the foregoing, any distribution to a Beneficiary shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 401(a)(9) of the Code and subject to Sections 8.6(d) and (e).

### 8.3 Distributions to Alternate Payees.

A distribution to an Alternate Payee may be paid in a single lump sum as soon as practicable following the qualification of the Qualified Domestic Relations Order and the close of all appeals to the Qualified Domestic Relations Order if the Alternate Payee consents to such lump sum distribution. In the event that the Alternate Payee does not consent to receive his or her distribution in a single lump sum as soon as practicable following the qualification of the Qualified Domestic Relations Order, the Alternate Payee may make an election to receive a distribution any time after the Earliest Retirement Date, subject to any requirements of Section 401(a)(9) of the Code and Article 8.6, by filing a distribution election specifying the form of payment as provided in Article 8.1(c) and the date on which payments shall commence.

### 8.4 Eligible Rollover Distributions.

- a) Participant Rollover Distributions. In connection with a Participant's Severance from Employment, the Distributee may elect, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the Administrator, to have all or any portion of the Participant's Accounts that qualifies as an

Eligible Rollover Distribution paid directly to the trustee of an Eligible Retirement Plan; *provided* that such other plan provides for the acceptance of such amounts by the trustee. The Plan shall provide written information to Distributees regarding Eligible Rollover Distributions to the extent required by Section 402(f) of the Code.

- b) Beneficiary Rollover Distributions. Upon a Participant's death, a Beneficiary may elect, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the Administrator, to have all or any portion of the Participant's Accounts that qualifies as an Eligible Rollover Distribution paid directly to the trustee of an individual retirement arrangement (a defined in Section 7701(a)(37) of the Code) that is established for the purpose of receiving the distribution on behalf of such Beneficiary.
- c) Roth IRA Rollover Distribution. In connection with a Participant's Severance from Employment or upon a Participant's death, as the case may be, a Participant or a Beneficiary may elect, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the Administrator, to have all or any portion of the Participant's Accounts that qualifies as an Eligible Rollover Distribution rolled over to a Roth individual retirement arrangement (as defined in Section 7701(a)(37) of the Code, and designated as a Roth arrangement at the time of its establishment). Such amounts will be included in gross income as if the distribution had been made to such Participant or Beneficiary.
- d) In-Plan Rollover to Roth Account. Upon any distribution event pursuant to which a Participant, a Beneficiary who is a Participant's Surviving Spouse or a spousal Alternate Payee would be permitted to have all or any portion of the Participant's Account that qualifies as an Eligible Rollover Distribution rolled over into another Eligible Retirement Plan, such Participant, Beneficiary who is a Participant's Surviving Spouse or spousal Alternate Payee may elect to have the portion of such Eligible Rollover Distribution that is not attributable to Roth Contributions directly rolled over into a separately maintained Account within his or her Roth Account. Any such amounts will be included in gross income as if the distribution had been made to such Participant, Beneficiary who is a Participant's Surviving Spouse or spousal Alternate Payee. After a Participant, Beneficiary who is a Participant's Surviving Spouse or spousal Alternate Payee has made an in-Plan rollover into a Roth Account, such Participant, Beneficiary who is a Participant's Surviving Spouse or spousal Alternate Payee may elect to take distributions from such Account in accordance with any of the distribution options set forth in Article 8.1(c). The provisions in Article 8.4(d) shall be administered in accordance with procedures established by the Administrator and shall be interpreted and administered in accordance with and subject to Section 402A(c)(4) of the Code and any rules, regulations or other guidance issued by the Internal Revenue Service in relation thereto.

#### 8.5 457 Transfers.

The Participant may transfer his or her Account to another Section 457 maintained by another employer, if:

- a) The Participant has severed employment with the Employer and become an employee of the other employer;
- b) The other employer's plan provides that such transfer will be accepted; and

- c) The Participant and the employer have signed such agreements as are necessary to assure that the Employer's liability to pay benefits to the Participant has been discharged and assumed by the other employer.

A transfer from an eligible governmental to another eligible governmental plan is permitted if the following conditions are met:

- a) The transfer is from an eligible governmental plan to another eligible governmental plan of the same employer; for this purpose, the employer is not treated as the same employer if the participant's compensation is paid by a different entity;
- b) The transferor plan provides for transfers;
- c) The receiving plan provides for receipt of transfers;
- d) The participant or beneficiary whose amounts deferred are being transferred will have an amount deferred immediately after the transfer at least equal to the amount deferred with respect to that participant or beneficiary immediately before the transfer; and
- e) The participant or beneficiary whose deferred amounts are being transferred is not eligible for additional annual deferrals in the receiving plan unless the participant or beneficiary is performing services for the entity maintaining the receiving plan.

#### 8.6 Withholding.

The Administrator shall withhold or cause to be withheld from any amounts withdrawn or distributed all federal, state, city or other taxes as shall be required pursuant to any law or governmental ruling or regulation, including Treasury Regulations.

#### 8.7 Required Minimum Distributions.

- a) In General. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary (except Article 8.7(b)), all distributions under the Plan shall be in accordance with the minimum distribution and timing requirements of Section 401(a)(9) of the Code (including the incidental death benefit requirements of Section 401(a)(9)(G) of the Code) and the final Treasury regulations under Sections 1.401(a)(9)-2 through 1.401(a)(9)-9, which are incorporated herein by reference. Such provisions shall override any distribution options in the Plan that may be inconsistent with Section 401(a)(9) of the Code. Any distributions made pursuant to this Article 8.7 in order to comply with Section 401(a)(9) of the Code shall be charged against the Account or Accounts of the Participant in such manner as designated by the Participant in accordance with procedures established by the Administrator; *provided, however*, that if no such designation is made, such distributions shall be charged first against the Before-Tax Deferral Account, second against the Roth Account, third against the Rollover Account or Rollover Accounts not relating to Rollover Contributions of amounts from a Qualified Roth Contribution Program, and fourth against the Rollover Account or Rollover Accounts relating to Rollover Contributions of amounts from a Qualified Roth Contribution Program
- b) 2009 Waiver. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Article 8.7, an Participant who would have been required to receive required minimum distributions for 2009 but for the enactment of Section 401(a)(9)(H) of the Code ("2009 RMDs"), and who would have satisfied that requirement by receiving distributions that are (i) equal to the 2009 RMDs

or (ii) one or more payments in a series of substantially equal distributions (that include the 2009 RMDs) made at least annually and expected to last for the life (or life expectancy) of the Participant, the joint lives (or joint life expectancy) of the Participant and the Participant's Beneficiary, or for a period of at least 10 years, will not receive those distributions for 2009 unless the Participant or Beneficiary chooses to receive such distributions. Participants and Beneficiaries described in the preceding sentence will be given the opportunity to elect to receive the distributions described in the preceding sentence.

- c) Distributions During Participant's Life. The Account of a Participant shall be distributed (or commence to be distributed) to such Participant as soon as practicable after the Required Beginning Date. If the Participant has not made an election pursuant to Article 8.1(c) prior to such Required Beginning Date, then the Account shall be distributed in the form of installment payments commencing on the Required Beginning Date.
- d) Death of a Participant Before the Required Beginning Date.
- i If a Participant dies before his Required Beginning Date, his Beneficiary (or if the Participant has no Beneficiary, his or her Surviving Spouse or estate, as determined under Article 9.2) shall receive a distribution of the Account over the life of the Beneficiary or over a period not exceeding the life expectancy of the Beneficiary; provided that the distribution commences no later than December 31 of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the Participant dies, except as set forth in Articles 8.7(d)(i)(1) or (2) as follows:
1. If a Participant dies before his Required Beginning Date, the Beneficiary may elect to receive the remaining portion (if any) of such Participant's Account no later than December 31 of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the Participant's death (determined without regard to 2009); or
  2. If the sole Beneficiary is the Participant's Surviving Spouse, such Surviving Spouse may elect to receive a distribution of the Account over a period not exceeding the life expectancy of the Surviving Spouse (determined as of the date such payments commence); provided that the distribution commences on or before the later of December 31 of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the Participant dies or December 31 of the calendar year in which the Participant would have attained age 70½; provided, further, that if the Surviving Spouse dies after the Participant but before distributions to the Surviving Spouse commence, Article 8.7(d) (with the exception of Article 8.7(d)(i)(B)) shall apply as if the Surviving Spouse were the Participant. (ii) The Beneficiary may elect to receive payment of the Account as a lump sum or in annual, monthly or quarterly installment payments.
- ii The Beneficiary may elect to receive payment of the Account as a lump sum or in annual, monthly or quarterly installment payments.



- e) Death After Required Beginning Date and After Commencement of Distributions.  
If a Participant dies on or after the Required Beginning Date, but before his or her entire Account is distributed to him or her, the unpaid portion of his or her Plan Account shall be distributed as follows:
- i. If the Participant has a designated Beneficiary, the longer of the remaining life expectancy of the Participant's Beneficiary and the remaining life expectancy of the Participant determined in accordance with Section 1.409(a)(9)-5 of the Treasury Regulations; or
  - ii. If the Participant does not have a designated Beneficiary, the remaining life expectancy of the Participant determined in accordance with Section 1.409(a)(9)-5 of the Treasury Regulations; *provided, however,* that if a Beneficiary so elects, the Participant's remaining Account may be paid to the Beneficiary at any time in a lump sum so long as the entire Account is paid at least as rapidly as it would be paid under Section 8.7(e)(i).
- f) Alternate Payee Accounts. In the case of any Alternate Payee Account, payments to the Alternate Payee must be made in accordance with the Plan and Section 401(a)(9) of the Code.

## **ARTICLE IX - DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARIES**

### 9.1 Designation of Beneficiaries.

Each Participant shall file with the Administrator a designation of one or more persons as the Beneficiary who shall be entitled to receive the Account, if any, payable under the Plan upon his or her death. A Participant may from time to time revoke or change his or her Beneficiary designation without the consent of any prior Beneficiary by filing a new designation or change or revocation thereof shall be effective unless received by the Administrator in good order prior to the Participant's death, and in no event shall it be effective as of a date prior to such receipt. For purposes of Section 9, a Beneficiary designation shall be deemed to be received in good order only if the Administrator can reasonably identify the Beneficiary or Beneficiaries named in the designation.

### 9.2 No Beneficiaries Designated.

- a) If no such Beneficiary designation is in effect at the time of a Participant's death, or if no designated Beneficiary survives the Participant, or if no designated Beneficiary can be located with reasonable diligence by the Administrator, the payment of the Account, if any, payable under the Plan upon the Participant's death shall be made by the Administrator to the Participant's Surviving Spouse, if any, or if the Participant has no Surviving Spouse, or the Surviving Spouse cannot be located with reasonable diligence by the Administrator, then to the deceased estate.
- b) If the Beneficiary so designated by the Participant dies after the death of the Participant but prior to receiving a complete distribution of the amount that would have been paid to such Beneficiary had such Beneficiary's death not then occurred, then, for purposes of the Plan, the distribution that would otherwise have been received by such Beneficiary shall be paid to the Beneficiary's estate.

## **ARTICLE X - QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS**

### **10.1 Qualified Domestic Relations Order.**

Payments with respect to a Participant's Account may be made by the Administrator to one or more Alternate Payees pursuant to the terms of a Qualified Domestic Relations Order. Upon segregation of the assets payable to the Alternate Payee, any such amounts paid or segregated shall no longer constitute part of the Participant's Account. No liability whatsoever shall be incurred by the Committee, Staff, the Employer, or the Administrator solely by reason of any act or omission undertaken in accordance with this section to comply with the terms of a Qualified Domestic Relations Order.

## **ARTICLE XI - ADMINISTRATION**

### **11.1 Plan Administration.**

Except as otherwise provided therein, the operation and administration of the Plan shall be the responsibility of the Committee and the Committee shall have all of the broad, general authority necessary or advisable to operate and administer the Plan. The Committee shall have the power and the duty to take all action and to make all decisions necessary or proper to carry out its responsibilities under the Plan. All determinations of the Committee as to any question involving its responsibilities under the Plan, including interpretation of the Plan or as to any discretionary actions to be taken under the Plan, shall be solely in the Committee's discretion and shall be final, conclusive and binding on all parties.

### **11.2 Committee Powers and Duties.**

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- a) To require any person to furnish such information as it may request for the purpose of the proper administration of the Plan as a condition to receiving any benefit under the Plan.
- b) To make and enforce such rules and regulations and prescribe the use of such forms as it shall deem necessary for the efficient administration of the Plan;
- c) To interpret the Plan and to resolve ambiguities, inconsistencies and omissions in the terms of the Plan or any document related to the Plan;
- d) To decide all questions concerning the Plan and the eligibility of any Employer or other individual to participate in the Plan;
- e) To enlarge or diminish any applicable time period set forth in the Plan, subject to applicable law; and
- f) To determine the methods and procedures for the implementation and use of any automated telephone, computer, internet, intranet or other electronic or automated system adopted by the Committee for purposes of Plan administration.

### **11.3 Limitation of Liability.**

Except as may be prohibited by applicable law, neither the Committee, any member thereof, nor any Staff member, shall be liable for (a) anything done or omitted to be done by it or by

them unless the act or omission claimed to be the basis for liability amounted to a failure to act in good faith or was due to gross negligence or willful misconduct; (b) the payment of any amount under the Plan; or (c) any judgment or reasonable mistake of fact made by it or on its behalf by a member of the Committee or Staff. No member of the Committee or any Staff member shall be personally liable under any contract, agreement, or other instrument made or executed by him or her or on his or her behalf in connection with the Plan or Trust fund.

#### 11.4 Trustee.

The Trustee shall have responsibility for the custody and safekeeping of the assets of the Plan in accordance with the terms of the Trust Agreement and the Administrator shall be responsible for implementing the aggregated investment decisions of Participants and beneficiaries by allocating the Plan assets to the various Investment Options.

#### 11.5 Investment Options.

The Committee shall have the power to add or remove one or more investment options. The Committee shall periodically review the performance and methods of such Investment Options. The Committee has the right to (i) replace any Investment Option with a successor organization or option, (ii) to select any additional investment option or (iii) remove any investment option.

#### 11.6 Delegation.

The Committee may delegate its general authority as it deems appropriate in accordance with the terms of the Plan and all applicable Code sections; provided; however, that such delegation shall be subject to revocation at any time at the discretion of the Committee. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, the Committee's general authority shall include the right to review, revise, modify, revoke, or vacate any decision made or action taken by any party under the Plan to whom authority of the Committee has been delegated or to whom authority with respect to the administration of the Plan or the custody and investment of assets of the Trust Fund has been delegated or assigned under the terms of the Plan, by the Committee or otherwise. The rights of the Committee under Article 11.6 include the right to review, revise, modify, revoke, or vacate any decision of the Administrator or the Review Committee.

#### 11.7 Plan Expenses.

- a) Assessment Against the Trust Fund. Subject to 11.7(b), the expenses of administering the Plan, including (i) the fees and expenses of the Investment Options and Administrators for the performance of their duties under the Plan, including any fees and expenses associated with a change, termination or addition of an Investment Option, (ii) the fees, if any, of any member of the Committee and any Trustee and the expenses incurred by the Committee or any of its members or Staff in the performance of their duties under the Plan (including reasonable compensation for any legal counsel, certified public accountants, consultants, and employees of the Committee and cost of services rendered in respect of the Plan and the Trust Agreement (as provided therein), and (iii) all other proper charges and disbursements of the Investment Options, Administrator, the Committee or its members (including settlements of claims or legal actions approved by counsel to the Plan).
- b) Investment Expenses. Unless the Committee determines otherwise, brokerage fees, transfer taxes and any other expenses incident to the purchase or sale of securities for any Investment Option shall be deemed to be part of the cost of such securities, or deducted in computing the proceeds there from, as the case may be. The Administrator

shall appropriately deduct any taxes assessed in respect of any assets held, income received, or transactions effected under the Investment Options proportionately against any Accounts that are invested in such Investment Option.

#### 11.8 Review of Claims

- a) Initial Claim of Rights or Benefits and Review. Any claims to rights or benefits under the Plan, including any purported Qualified Domestic Relations Order, or request for an Unforeseeable Emergency Withdrawal must be filed in writing with the Administrator. Notice of denial of any claim in whole or part in part by the Administrator, or by such other entity designed by the Administrator, shall include the specific reasons for denial and notice of the rights granted by Article 11.8.
  
- b) Review of Decision. Any claimant or Participant Account who has received notice of denial or grant, in whole or in part, of a claim made in accordance with the foregoing Section Article 11.8(a) may file a written request within thirty days of receipt of such denial for review of the decision by the Committee. Within 60 days after receipt of such request for review, the Committee shall notify the claimant and, as applicable, the Participant, that the claim has been granted or denied, in whole or in part. Notice of denial of any claim in whole or in part by the Committee shall include the specific reasons for denial and shall be final, binding and conclusive on all interested person for all purposes.

#### 11.9 Advisers.

The Committee shall arrange for the engagement of legal counsel and certified public accounts, who may be counsel or accountants for the Employer, and other consultants, including an investment adviser, and make use of agents and clerical or other personnel, for the purposes of this Plan. The Committee and Staff may rely upon the written opinions of the State Attorney General and of such counsel, accountants and consultants, and upon any information supplied by the Trustee or Administrator appointed in accordance with the Regulations.

#### 11.10 Limitation on Committee Power.

No member of the Committee shall be entitled to act on or decide any matters relating solely to such member or any of his or her rights or benefit under the Plan.

#### 11.11 Public Meetings.

All actions of the Committee shall be taken at a public meeting in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. The Committee shall establish its own procedures and the time and place for its meetings and provide for the keeping of minutes of all meetings.

#### 11.12 Defense of Claims.

In the event of a claim or legal action, the Committee shall be entitled to defense by the State Attorney General.

## **ARTICLE XII - ADOPTION BY AND WITHDRAWALS OF PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS**

#### 12.1 Adoption by a Participating Employer.

**Effective Date of Adoption.** Upon a Public Employer's adoption of the Plan, such Public Employer shall file with Committee Staff a copy of each resolution or other legal action, consent or

approval through which the Public Employer adopted the Plan. Such Public Employer's adoption of the Plan shall be effective upon receiving an acknowledgement of receipt of such submission from Committee Staff and a Committee motion ratifying the Public Employer's adoption of the Plan.

**12.2 Withdrawal of Participating Employer.**

- a) **Withdrawal by the Participating Employer.** Any Participating Employer may terminate its adoption of the Plan by filing with the Committee Staff a copy of the resolution or other legal action, adopted in the same manner as the resolution or other legal action adopted pursuant to Section 12.1, specifying a termination date which shall be no early than the last Business day of the month at least 30 days subsequent to the date such notice is received the Committee Staff.
  
- b) **Termination of Public Employer's Participation by the Committee.**
  - i. The Committee may terminate any Participating Employer's adoption of the Plan, as of any termination date specified by the Committee, for the failure of the Participating Employer to comply with any provision of the Plan or the Regulations.
  
  - ii. The Committee may terminate a Participating Employer's adoption of the Plan upon complete and final discontinuance of deferrals and contributions.
  
- c) **Treatment of Participants after Withdrawal.** Upon termination of adoption of the Plan by any Public Employer that was formerly a Participating Employer, such Public Employer shall not permit any further deferrals or contributions of Compensation under the Plan and all Participants who are or were Employees of such Public Employer or if no successor plan is established, payable to or in respect of such Participants as provided in the Plan. Any distributions, transfers or other dispositions of such Participants as provided in the Plan shall constitute a complete discharge of all liabilities under the Plan with respect to such Public Employer previous adoption of the Plan and any Participant who is or was an Employee of such Public Employer. The rights of such Participant under the Plan shall be unaffected by the termination of the adoption of the Plan by such Public Employer with respect to deferrals and contributions made and Accounts in existence as of the effective date of the termination.
  
- d) **Continued Obligations of Public Employers.** Notwithstanding any other provision in Section 12.2 to the contrary, any Public Employer who was previously a Participating Employer and whose adoption of the Plan has been terminated pursuant to Section 12.2(a) or 12.2(b) shall cooperate with the Committee and Administrator to provide any information or notifications needed for the continued administration of the Plan to Participants who had Accounts in existence as of the effective date of the termination, until such time as total the value of the Accounts attributable to any Participant who are current or former employees (or who are Beneficiaries or Alternate Payees of any current or former Employees) of such Public Employer, has been distributed or transferred to another eligible deferred compensation plan under Section 457 of the Code, as provided under the Plan.

## **ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENT OR TERMINATION**

### **13.1 Power to Amend or Terminate.**

Subject to any requirements of State or federal law, the Committee reserves the right at any time and with or without prior notice to any person to amend, suspend or terminate the Plan, to eliminate future deferrals and contributions for existing Participants, or to limit participation to existing Participants, in whole or in part and for any reason and without the consent of any Participating Employer, Employee, Participant, Beneficiary or other person. No amendment, suspension or termination of any provisions of the Plan or any deferrals or contributions there under, the Trust Agreement or any Investment Option may be made retroactively, unless such retroactively is allowed under State law, the Code and any other applicable law.

### **13.2 Termination of the Plan.**

Upon any action by the Committee to initiate a Plan termination, no Participating Employer may permit any further deferrals or contributions of Compensation under the Plan, and the Plan termination shall become effective upon the distribution of all Accounts. After taking an action to initiate a Plan termination, the Committee may distribute all Accounts. Any distributions, transfers or other dispositions of Accounts as provided in the Plan shall constitute a complete discharge of all liabilities under the Plan. The Committee and the Trustee(s) shall remain in existence and the Trust Agreement and all of the provisions of the Plan that the Committee determines are necessary or advisable for the administration and distribution, transfer or other disposition of interests in the Trust Fund shall remain in force.

### **13.3 Notice to Participating Employers.**

The Committee shall give notice on a reasonably timely basis of any amendment, suspension or termination of the Plan to all Participating Employers.

## **ARTICLE XIV - GENERAL LIMITATIONS AND PROVISIONS**

### **14.1 Plan Binding on Accounts.**

The plan, as duly amended from time to time, shall be binding on each Participant and his or her Surviving Spouse, Registered Domestic Partner, heirs, administrators, trustees, successors, assigns, and Beneficiaries and all other interested persons.

### **14.2 No Right to Employment.**

Nothing contained shall give any individual the right to be retained in the employment of the Employer or affect the right of the Employer to terminate any individual's employment. The adoption and maintenance of the Plan shall not constitute a contract between the Employer and any individual or consideration for, or an inducement to or condition of, the employment of any individual.

### **14.3 No Alienation of Accounts.**

Except insofar as may otherwise be required by a Qualified Domestic Relations Order or applicable law, no amount payable at any time under the Plan shall be subject in any manner to alienation by anticipation, sale, transfer, assignment, bankruptcy, pledge, attachment, garnishment, charge or encumbrance of any kind, and any attempt to so alienate such amount, whether presently or thereafter payable, shall be void.

#### 14.4 Notices to Participants.

All notices, statements, reports and other communications from a Public Employer, the Trustee or the Committee to any Participant shall be deemed to have been duly given when delivered to, or when mailed by electronic delivery or other form of delivery approved by the Committee or by first class mail, postage prepaid and addressed to such Employee, Participant, Beneficiary, Surviving Spouse or other person at his or her address last appearing on the records of the Administrator, the Committee or the Public Employer.

#### 14.5 Notices to the Committee.

All elections, designations, requests, notices, instructions, and other communications from a Public Employer, an Employee, a Participant or any other person to the Committee, Administrator or the Employer required or permitted under the Plan shall be in such form as is prescribed by the Committee, shall be mailed by first class mail or delivered electronically in such a form and to such location as shall be prescribed by the Committee from time to time, and shall be deemed to have been given and delivered only upon actual receipt thereof at such location. Copies of all elections, designations, requests, notices, instructions and other communications from an Employee, a Participant, a Beneficiary, a Surviving Spouse or any other person to the Employer shall be promptly filed with the Administrator or Committee Staff.

#### 14.6 Notices to Participants.

All notices, statements, reports, and other communications from a Public Employer, the Trustee or the Committee to any Participant shall be deemed to have been duly given when delivered to, or when mailed by electronic delivery or other form of delivery approved by the Committee or by first class mail, postage prepaid and addressed to such Employee, Participant, Beneficiary, Surviving Spouse or other person at his or her address last appearing on the records of the Administrator, the Committee or the Public Employer.

#### 14.7 Trust Sole Source of Accounts.

The Trust Fund shall be the sole source of benefits under the Plan and, except as otherwise required by applicable law, neither the Committee, Staff, the Employer nor any officer or employee of an Employer assume any liability or responsibility for payment of such benefits, and each Participant, his or her spouse or Beneficiary, or other person who shall client the right to any payment under the Plan shall be entitled to look only to the Trust Fund for such payment and shall not have any right, claim, or demand therefore against the Committee or any member thereof, Staff, the Employer or officer or employee of an Employer. Nothing in Article 14.7 shall relieve an Employer of its obligation to defer or contribute Amounts Deferred or Contributed to the Trust Fund within two Business Days after the applicable payroll date, in the manner contemplated by Article 4.1.

#### 14.8 Account Assets and Account Vesting.

- a) Account Assets Held in Trust Fund. The entire value of each Account for each Participant shall be held in the Trust Fund pursuant to the Trust Agreement for the exclusive benefit of the applicable Participant and for paying reasonable expenses of the Plan and of the Trust Fund pursuant to Article 11.7, and no part of the Trust Fund shall revert to any Employer; provided, however, that the setting-aside of any amounts to be held in the Trust Fund is expressly conditioned upon the following: If an amount is set aside to be held in the Trust Fund by an Employer in a manner which is inconsistent with any of the requirements of Section 457(b) of the Code.

b) Vesting. Each Participant shall be 100 percent vested at all times in his or her Account.

**14.9 Several Liability.**

The duties and responsibilities allocated to each person under the Plan and the Trust Agreement shall be the several and not joint responsibility of each and no such person shall be liable for the act or omission of any other person.

**14.10 Interpretation.**

(i) The term "including" means by way of example and not by way of limitation, and (ii) the heading preceding the sections hereof have been inserted solely as a matter of convenience and in no way define or limit the scope or intent of any provisions hereof.

**14.11 Construction.**

The Plan and all rights there under shall be governed by the construed in accordance with the Code and the laws of the State.