Notice of Critical Status For For Indiana State Council of Carpenters Pension Plan

This is to inform you that on June 27, 2014 the Plan actuary certified to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and also to the Board of Trustees of the Plan, that the Plan is in critical status for the plan year beginning April 1, 2014. Federal law requires that you receive this notice.

Critical Status

The Plan is considered to be in critical status because it has funding or liquidity problems, or both. More specifically, the plan's actuary determined that the plan has an accumulated funding deficiency for the current plan year (ending March 31, 2015).

Rehabilitation Plan

Federal law requires pension plans in critical status to adopt a rehabilitation plan aimed at restoring the financial health of the plan. This is the fourth year the Plan has been in critical status. The law permits pension plans to reduce, or even eliminate, benefits called "adjustable benefits" as part of a rehabilitation plan. On July 2, 2010, you were notified that the Plan reduced or eliminated adjustable benefits and that, as of July 2, 2010, the Plan is not permitted to pay lump sum benefits (or any other payment in excess of the monthly amount paid under a single life annuity) while it is in critical status. If the Trustees of the Plan determine that further benefit reductions are necessary, you will receive a separate notice in the future identifying and explaining the effect of those reductions. Any reduction of adjustable benefits (other than a repeal of a recent benefit increase, as described below) will not reduce the level of a participant's basic benefit payable at normal retirement. In addition, the reductions may only apply to participants and beneficiaries whose benefit commencement date is after July 29, 2010.

Adjustable Benefits

The Plan offers the following adjustable benefits which may be reduced or eliminated as part of any rehabilitation plan the Trustees may adopt:

- Disability benefits (if not yet in pay status);
- Early retirement benefit or retirement-type subsidy;
- Benefit payment options other than a qualified joint-and survivor annuity (QJSA);
- Other similar benefits, rights, or features under the plan (i.e., 120-month payment guarantees and certain pre-retirement death benefits).

You already received notices of benefit changes dated July 1, 2010 and February 28, 2014. If the Trustees of the Plan determine that additional benefit reductions are necessary, you will receive a separate notice in the future identifying and explaining the effect of those reductions.

Employer Surcharge

The law requires that all contributing employers pay to the Plan a surcharge to help correct the Plan's financial situation. The amount of the surcharge is equal to a percentage of the amount an employer is otherwise required to contribute to the Plan under the applicable collective bargaining agreement. With some exceptions, a 5% surcharge is applicable in the initial critical year and a 10% surcharge is applicable for each succeeding plan year thereafter in which the Plan is in critical status.

Where to Get More Information

For more information about this Notice, you may contact Zenith American Solutions at 800-248-2143, or at 5420 West Southern Avenue, Suite 407, Indianapolis, IN 46241. You have a right to receive a copy of the rehabilitation plan from the Plan.