

Notice of Critical Status For

Northwest Bricklayers Pension Plan

This is to inform you that on March 28, 2014 the plan actuary certified to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and also to the plan sponsor, that the plan is in critical status for the plan year beginning January 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 was in critical status for the prior year and, the plan is projected to have an accumulated funding deficiency within the next 10 years.

Rehabilitation Plan

Federal law requires pension plans in critical status to adopt a rehabilitation plan aimed at restoring the financial health of the plan. The law permits pension plans to reduce, or even eliminate, benefits called "adjustable benefits" as part of a rehabilitation plan. In April 2010, you were notified that the plan reduced or eliminated adjustable benefits, and that 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 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 on or after April 26, 2010.

Adjustable Benefits

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

- Early retirement benefits or early retirement type subsidies (if not in pay status as of April 26, 2010);
- Disability benefits;
- Pre-retirement and post-retirement death benefits other than a qualified pre-retirement death benefit (QPSA);
- 60-month payment guarantees;
- Benefit payment options other than a qualified joint-and-survivor annuity (QJSA);
- Cost-of-living adjustments.

Where to Get More Information

For more information about this Notice, you may contact Masonry Industry Trust Administration at (503) 254-4022 or at Masonry Industry Trust Administration, Inc., 9848 E. Burnside Street, Portland, OR 97216. You have a right to receive a copy of the rehabilitation plan from the plan.