# **Notice of Critical and Declining Status For**

#### **Plasterers Local 82 Pension Fund**

The purpose of this notice is to inform you that on March 30, 2017 the plan actuary certified to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and also to the plan sponsor, that the plan is in critical and declining status for the plan year beginning January 1, 2017. Federal law requires that you receive this notice.

### **Critical and Declining Status**

The plan is considered to be in critical and declining status because it meets the criteria for critical status and is projected to become insolvent (run out of money to pay benefits) within 20 years. As of January 1, 2017, the plan is projected to be insolvent in 2036. This is when the plan is currently projected to no longer have sufficient assets to pay retiree benefits. The plan would apply for financial assistance from the PBGC at that time.

### **Rehabilitation Plan**

Federal law requires pension plans in critical status and those in critical and declining 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 October 2010, participants were notified that the plan reduced or eliminated certain adjustable benefits. In April 2010, participants were notified that as of April 29, 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. In March 2014, participants were notified of further reductions to adjustable benefits. 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 29, 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 29, 2010);
- Disability benefits;
- Pre-retirement and post-retirement death benefits other than a qualified pre-retirement death benefit (QPSA);
- Benefit payment options other than a qualified joint-and-survivor annuity (QJSA).

#### Where to Get More Information

For more information about this Notice, you may contact the Plasterers Local 82 Pension Fund at (503) 232-3257 or at 12812 NE Marx Street, Portland, OR 97230. You have a right to receive a copy of the rehabilitation plan from the plan.