# BRICKLAYERS UNION NO. 1 OF KENTUCKY PENSION TRUST FUND

April 27, 2016

SENT VIA EMAIL criticalstatusnotice@dol.gov

United States Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administrators Public Disclosure Room; N-1513 2000 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20210

RE:

BRICKLAYERS UNION NO. 1 OF KENTUCKY PENSION TRUST FUND

EIN #61-6053094 PLAN #001

Dear Representative:

Attached is the Notice of Critical Status for the Plan Year Beginning January 1, 2015, on behalf of the Bricklayers Union No. 1 of Kentucky Pension Trust Fund.

If you have any questions with regard to this Notice, please feel free to contact me, or in my absence, Robert Merrick at (517) 327-2139.

Sincerely,

James E. Schreiber Administrative Manager

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Attachments

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Erika Creager

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## BRICKLAYERS UNION NO. 1 OF KENTUCKY PENSION TRUST FUND

## Notice of Critical Status For Bricklayers Union No. 1 of Kentucky Pension Trust Fund

This is to inform you that on March 30, 2016 the Plan Actuary certified to the U.S. Department of the Treasury and to the Plan Sponsor that the Plan is in critical status for the plan year beginning January 1, 2016. Federal law requires that you receive this notice. In the future you will receive an annual update of this status and the progress the Plan is making towards the goals described below.

#### **Critical Status**

The Plan is still considered to be in critical status because it is projected to satisfy the following:

Projected accumulated funding deficiency within the current or next 9 plan years

The Plan's actuary projects that, if no further action is taken, the Plan will have an accumulated funding deficiency (after recognizing amortization extensions) for the plan year ending December 31, 2019. Note, "accumulated funding deficiency" means that contributions would be insufficient to satisfy Federal requirements; it does <u>not</u> mean that the Fund would become bankrupt or run out of money.

As required by law, the Plan Actuary's certification includes only contribution rate increases that have been codified in collective bargaining or participation agreements.

## Rehabilitation Plan and Possibility of Reduction in Benefits

Federal law requires pension plans in critical status to adopt a rehabilitation plan aimed at restoring the financial health of the Plan. A rehabilitation plan may involve reductions to future benefit accruals, increases to contribution rates, or both. The law also permits pension plans to reduce, or even eliminate, benefits called "adjustable benefits" as part of a rehabilitation plan. The Plan offers the following adjustable benefits which may be reduced or eliminated as part of any rehabilitation plan the Pension Plan may adopt:

- Disability benefits;
- · Early retirement benefits or subsidies;
- · Post-retirement death benefits:

If the Trustees of the Plan determine that the additional benefit reductions are necessary, you will receive a separate notice in the future identifying and explaining the effect of those reductions. The Plan is not permitted to pay any lump sum benefits in excess of \$5,000 (or any other payment in excess of the monthly amount paid under a single life annuity) while it is in critical status.

## **Future Experience and Possible Adjustments**

The rehabilitation plan is based on a number of assumptions about future experience and may need to be adjusted in the future if such assumptions are not met. Additional contribution rate increases and/or reductions in the rate at which benefits are earned may be needed if the Fund were to suffer asset returns below the expected 7.00% (in the 2016 plan year or later), a drop in the hours worked, or poor experience from other sources. If, at some point in time, the Trustees determine that further adjustments are necessary, you will receive a separate notice identifying and explaining the effect of those changes.

## Where to Get More Information

You have a right to receive a copy of the rehabilitation plan. To receive a copy of the latest version, you may contact the Plan Administrator at TIC International Corporation, 6525 Centurion Drive, Lansing, MI 48917-9275 or by telephone at (517) 321-7502.