

# Customized Retirement Plan Solutions

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U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration Public Disclosure Room, N-1513 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210

Re:

Cement Masons Local 783 Pension Trust

Plan Sponsor's EIN: 74-1976110

Plan Number: 001

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Enclosed is the Notice of Critical Status for the above-referenced plan.

Sincerely,

E. Malcolm Thompson, FSA

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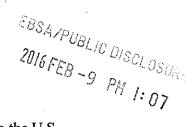
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## Notice of Critical and Declining Status For Cement Masons Local 783 Pension Plan

This is to inform you that on December 29, 2015 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 October 1, 2015. Federal law requires that you receive this notice.

### **Critical and Declining Status**

The plan is considered to be in critical and status because it has funding or liquidity problems, or both. More specifically, the plan's actuary determined that the plan is expected to have a funding deficiency for the 2015 plan year and that the plan is projected to become insolvent in the next one to four 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. This is the eighth 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 January 19, 2009, you were notified that as of January 19, 2009 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. On April 14, 2010, you were notified that the plan reduced or eliminated adjustable benefits. If the trustees of the plan determine that future benefit reductions are necessary, you will receive a separate notice 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 January 19, 2009.

### **Adjustable Benefits**

Prior to April 14, 2010, the plan offered the following adjustable benefits which were reduced or eliminated as part of the rehabilitation plan the pension plan adopted:

L	Post-retirement death benefits;
	Sixty-month payment guarantees;
X	Disability benefits (if not yet in pay status);
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	Recent benefit increases (i.e. occurring in past 5 years);
	Other similar benefits, rights, or features under the plan

## **Employer Surcharge**

The law requires that contributing employers who have not yet adopted the rehabilitation plan 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 in which the plan is in critical status.

#### Where to Get More Information

For more information about this Notice, you may contact

Board of Trustees of the Cement Masons Local 783 Pension Plan c/o Malcolm Thompson & Associates 19500 State Hwy 249, Suite 570 Houston, TX 77070

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You have a right to receive a copy of the rehabilitation plan from the plan.

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