

OUTSTATE MICHIGAN TROWEL TRADES FRINGE BENEFIT FUNDS

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Outstate Michigan Trowel Trades Pension Fund
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF THE AMORTIZATION PERIOD

FOR THE PENSION PLAN OF THE

Outstate Michigan Trowel Trades Pension Fund (For the Plan Year that began January 1, 2010)

This is to inform you that an application for an extension of an amortization period for unfunded liability under Section 431(d) of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) and Section 304(d) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) will be submitted within 14 days by the Outstate Michigan Trowel Trades Pension Fund ("the Fund") to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for the Plan Year that began January 1, 2010. Federal law requires that you receive this Notice.

The amortization period relates to the Pension Plan's funding standard account, which is a hypothetical account charged with the cost of providing future benefits earned each Plan Year and credited with employer contributions made to the Fund each Plan Year. The account is required to stay above zero, which did not present a problem in prior Plan Years because the cost of providing future benefits for each Plan Year was not immediately allocated to the funding standard account, but was able to be paid off over a period of 30 Plan Years (the amortization period). A new law shortens that period to 15 Plan Years, unless the Fund applies for this extension of the amortization period for the Pension Plan.

Under Section 431(d)(3) of the Code and Section 304(d)(3) of ERISA, the IRS will consider any relevant information submitted concerning the Fund's application for an extension of the amortization period for unfunded liability. You may, if you wish, send such information to the following address:

Director, Employee Plans
Internal Revenue Service
Attn: SE:T:EP:RA:T:A2
1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20224

Any such information should be submitted as soon as possible after you receive this Notice. Due to the disclosure restrictions of Section 6103 of the Code, the IRS cannot provide any information with respect to the extension request itself.

In accordance with Section 104 of ERISA, the Fund's annual financial reports, which include employer contributions made for any Plan Year, are available for inspection at the United States Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. Copies of such reports may be obtained upon request and upon payment of copying costs from the following address:

Public Disclosure Room
Room N-1513
Employee Benefits Security Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

6525 Centurion Drive • Lansing, MI 48917-9275
(517) 321-7502 • FAX (517) 321-7508
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In addition, actuarial information filed by the Fund for 2008 and later Plan Years with the United States Department of Labor may be obtained at <http://dol.gov/ebsa/actuarialsearch.html>.

As required by Section 104(b)(2) of ERISA, copies of the latest annual plan report are available for inspection at the at the Fund Office (Board of Trustees, Outstate Michigan Trowel Trades Pension Fund, 6525 Centurion Drive, Lansing, MI 48917). As required under Section 101(k)(1) of ERISA, copies of periodic actuarial reports, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual financial reports, and copies of any application for extension under Section 304 of ERISA or Section 431(d) of the Code may be obtained upon written request to the Fund's Administrative Manager at the above address and upon payment of a copying charge of \$8.00 for the full annual report or twenty-five cents per page.

The following information, as of, January 1, 2010 is provided pursuant to Section 431(d)(3) of the Code and Section 304(d)(3) of ERISA:

Present Value of Vested Benefits	\$ 58,437,048
Present Value of Benefits, calculated as though the Plan had terminated	\$ 60,560,343
Fair Market Value of Plan Assets	\$ 50,972,352

The above present values were calculated using an interest rate of 7.75 %.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1 Why am I getting this Notice?

The Fund is required by law to send you this Notice so that you have an opportunity to send comments regarding the extension application to the Internal Revenue Service.

Q2 What is the funding standard account?

The funding standard account is an account that the Fund keeps on its books. It is *credited* with employer contributions and certain earnings each Plan Year, and is *charged* with the cost of providing benefits earned that Year. It has to stay positive. Certain factors that go into this calculation can be amortized – previously over a 30 year period, hence the request for an extension of that period to allow the Fund to transition into the shorter 15 year period under the new law.

Q3 How does the IRS decide whether to allow the extension?

A five year extension is automatically granted upon request. After that, additional periods can be approved by the IRS based on the merits of the application.

Q4 What is the impact of the extension?

Receiving the requested extension gives the Fund more leeway to meet certain funding requirements.

Q5 Does the extension request mean that the Fund is in trouble?

No. The request does not affect either the benefit structure of the Fund's Pension Plan or its asset base. It simply places the Fund in the best position possible to meet government imposed rules on future funding.

For more information about this Notice, you may contact the Board of Trustees of the Outstate Michigan Trowel Trades Pension Fund at 6525 Centurion Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48917 or by telephone at (517) 321-7502 or Toll Free (800) 273-5739.

Sincerely,
Board of Trustees
Outstate Michigan Trowel Trades Pension Fund