Resources for Qualified Plan Fiduciaries

For Plan Sponsors





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A Focus on Plan Fiduciaries

Plan sponsors, in their role as qualified plan fiduciaries, have the duty to act in the best interest of the plan and its participants. These worksheets and checklists have been designed to assist you in meeting your responsibilities, thereby helping to potentially mitigate your fiduciary risk.

The materials in this brochure have been created to provide a wide range of resources to help you manage your responsibilities and consider any current or future Qualified Plan needs.

As a Retirement Plan Advisor and AIF® we can provide further information and resources about your fiduciary duties, and help you understand how our worksheets and checklists can assist you in your fiduciary due diligence.

In providing information about ERISA standards and responsibilities, you must remember that this is general information only and you should consult your own attorney for specific legal questions on the application of ERISA to your plan.

1. Document Checklist

Maintaining plan-related documents is an important plan fiduciary responsibility. This checklist is an excellent resource for identifying the agreements, communication materials, formal documents and government forms that should be readily available.

Plan:	Date:
Document Checklist	
 Annual Compliance Tests (e.g., ADP/ACP and Top Heavy) Trustee/Custodian Annual Report Government Form 5500 Series with Summary Annual Report (SAR) Accountant's Audit Report (for plans with 100 or more eligible participants) * Fidelity Bond & Fiduciary Liability Insurance Policies Plan Document (with the Adoption Agreement, if applicable) & IRS Approval Letter Summary Plan Description (SPD) & Summary of Material Modifications (SMM) 	 Administrative Forms Package (with forms for participant requests such as loans, hardship withdrawals, benefit distributions, etc.) Annual Fiduciary Review Meeting Minutes Investment Committee Membership, Meeting Schedule & Minutes Investment Policy Statement (IPS) Employee/Participant Communication & Enrollment Materials
Service Provider Agreements** – This will be covered in the Annual Service Provider Assessment []	
 Investment Advisory Services (e.g., ERISA Section 3(21) Fiduciary or ERISA Section 3(38) Investment Manager) Payroll Platform Paying Agent (for liquidations from the plan that require form 1099-R) Recordkeeper Third Party Administrator (TPA) Insurance Provider (e.g., fidelity bond and fiduciary liability coverage) Accountant (plans with 100 or more participants* require an independent audit report) Trustee 	

* For purposes of determining whether a plan audit is required, all eligible employees are considered to be participants.

** Please note that one service provider may be responsible for more than one service listed.

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