



SIMPLE PRO IRA PLAN ESTABLISHMENT GUIDE

Making the SIMPLE IRA even simpler



Welcome to the SIMPLE Pro IRA Plan Establishment Guide – your instructional path to easily establish and operate your SIMPLE Pro IRA plan.

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Getting Started

All the forms and documents you need to establish and operate your SIMPLE IRA plan are here.

Documents to set up your plan

We must receive the below documents to set up your plan. Please keep a copy of each for your files.

- **Aspire Service Agreement**
This document should be read prior to establishing the plan. It defines Aspire Financial Services' role as recordkeeper.
- **SIMPLE IRA Adoption Agreement**
This form is required to either move an existing SIMPLE IRA plan or establish a new SIMPLE IRA plan with AdvisorTrust, Inc. as the new custodian. Automatic Enrollment is an optional plan feature that can be included at no cost and allows you to automatically enroll eligible employees who fail to make a salary deferral election during the 60-day enrollment period. This important feature encourages retirement savings.
- **SIMPLE IRA Plan Basic Plan Document**
This document defines the provisions of the SIMPLE IRA plan. It can help employees understand the plan and answer their questions.

Ongoing operation – what information do I need to give to my employees?

Please complete and distribute the documents below to each eligible employee prior to the eligible enrollment period.

1. [Salary Reduction Agreement](#)
This form allows eligible employees to elect the amount of their salary deferral into the plan, choose investments, and establish their SIMPLE IRAs.
2. [SIMPLE Individual Retirement Custodial Account Agreement](#)
This agreement sets out the terms that govern participants' SIMPLE IRAs.
3. [Participation Notice and Summary Description](#)
This document contains information specific to your plan, including fees, available investment options, and default investment information.
4. [Disclosure Statement](#)
5. [Financial Disclosure](#)

If you elect to automatically enroll participants, **also** complete and distribute the document below to each eligible employee prior to the eligible enrollment period.

1. [Notice of Automatic Enrollment and Qualified Default Investment Alternative Notice](#)

The enrollment period is generally the 60-day period immediately preceding January 1st of a calendar year (November 2nd to December 31st). However, the dates would change if the 60-day period falls before the first day an employee become eligible to participate in the plan.

Eligibility Requirements for This Plan

Step 1. Complete the "Employers Eligibility Checklist" below.

The following questions are designed to help you, the employer, along with your legal or tax advisor, determine if you are eligible to adopt a SIMPLE IRA plan. Answer the following questions:

1. Do you own or control the business for which you provide personal services and receive income?
If the answer is NO, STOP. You are not eligible to establish this plan.
☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Do you have more than 100 employees who received at least \$5,000 of compensation from you in the previous calendar year?
If the answer is YES, STOP. You are not eligible to establish this plan (certain acquisition exception rules apply).
☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Have you maintained any other qualified plan during the current calendar year in which contributions were made or benefits were accrued?
If the answer is YES, STOP. You are not eligible to establish this plan.
☐ Yes ☐ No

Step 2. If you have employees, complete the "Employee Eligibility Checklist" below.

The following questions are designed to help you, the employer, along with your legal or tax advisor, identify the employees which are eligible to participate in your SIMPLE IRA plan. Answer the following questions:

1. Is your business a member of a controlled group of corporations, businesses, or trades (whether or not incorporated) within the meaning of IRC Section 414(b) or 414(c)?
☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Is the business a member of an affiliated service group within the meaning of IRC Section 414(n)?
☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Does the business use the services of leased employees within the meaning of IRC Section 414(n)?
☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered any of the above questions 1 through 3 YES, you may have to include the leased employees and/or employees of the other business(es) in the plan. Consult your tax advisor to determine what additional action, if any, you must take.

Step 3. If you have employees, complete the notices on page 3 of this guide and provide a copy to each employee immediately before his or her election period begins.

Investment Menu & QDIA Election

Your SIMPLE PRO IRA plan can offer an investment menu of up to twenty-five (25) investments. Each participant can create their own investment allocation from this menu. Participants who do not create an investment allocation will default into the Qualified Default Investment Alternative (QDIA) until they affirmatively change their investment elections.

Investment Menu

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Qualified Default Investment Alternative

Choose one of the investments listed above to be the plan's QDIA.

Name	Symbol

Aspire Service Agreement

Please read, complete, sign and return with a copy of your Adoption Agreement to Aspire Financial Services. Please keep a copy of the agreement for your files.

PROFILE & CONTACT INFORMATION

Company Name

Contact Name

Address 1

Address 2

City

State

Zip

Telephone Number

Ext.

Fax

Email

Website

Type of Business: ☐ C Corp. ☐ Limited Liability Corp. ☐ Sole Proprietorship ☐ Partnership
☐ S Corp. ☐ Tax Exempt Corp. ☐ Governmental
☐ Other: _____

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Employer Tax Identification Number

-
Company Fiscal Year End (MM|DD)

Number of Employees

Payroll Schedule: ☐ Weekly ☐ Bi-weekly ☐ Semi-monthly ☐ Monthly

Payroll Provider: ☐ Internal ☐ Other Payroll Provider: _____

ROTH Allowed?: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Payroll Process Contact Name

Telephone Number

Ext.

Email

Accounts Payable Contact Name

Telephone Number

Ext.

Email

FINANCIAL PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

Contact Name

Firm Name

Firm Address

Address 2

City

State

Zip

Telephone Number

Ext.

Fax

Email

Website

Compensation

The following Financial Professional Fees will apply:

Choose only one option:		Financial Professional (annual fee)	Investment Strategist (annual fee)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Commission Only (Registered Representatives)	Applicable sales charges as paid by the mutual funds in which the participant is invested.	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Professional Fee Only (no Investment Strategist Fee)	_____ %	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Professional Fee and Investment Strategist Fee (assessed separately)	_____ %	_____ %
<input type="checkbox"/>	Combined Financial Professional Fee and Investment Strategist Fee (paid to Financial Professional)	_____ %	Paid by Financial Professional to Investment Strategist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Combined Financial Professional Fee and Investment Strategist Fee (paid to Investment Strategist)	Paid by Investment Strategist to Financial Professional	_____ %

Note: The portfolio description and allocation percentage for models must be conveyed to Aspire through separate correspondence from the Investment Strategist.

Investment Strategist Name:

FINANCIAL PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION (Cont'd)

Please select only **ONE** method of payment.

Receipt of Payment Method (select one):

<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK			
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Payee			
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Address		City	State
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Special Check Instructions			
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<input type="checkbox"/> ACH		
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Bank Name	Account Number	Account Type (i.e. Savings, DDA)
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Name on Account	ABA Routing Number	
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AUTHORIZED PLAN SPONSOR PERSON(S) INFORMATION

Authorized Person(s) will be responsible for reviewing all transactions, including but not limited to verifying the accuracy of plan contributions processed through the Plan Sponsor websites. We recommend that at least 1 person in addition to the business owner be authorized to sign. If additional Authorized Person(s) are desired, please make a copy of this page to provide additional Authorized Person(s) information.

By adding someone as an Authorized Person, you are granting the specified contacts access to the Aspire website and agreeing to the Terms of Use below:

1. All plan participant and employee data available through the Aspire website is considered confidential and must be treated as such by all authorized contacts.
2. You assume responsibility for the proper use of the Aspire website and for the information input and retrieved by authorized contacts.
3. You are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of information provided by means of an electronic file through the Aspire website.
4. You are responsible for ensuring that login IDs and passwords are kept confidential and secure. You must notify your Aspire Representative immediately of terminations or changes to prevent inappropriate use of the Aspire website.
5. Your authorized contacts will be responsible for reviewing all transactions and verifying the accuracy of plan contributions and plan disbursement authorizations processed through the Aspire website.
6. When authorized contacts submit disbursements online using their user ID and password, this will serve as their electronic signature and approval of the disbursement. These electronic signatures will satisfy all legal signatory obligations of the Plan Sponsor and will carry the same legal authority as a handwritten signature.
7. Your Financial Advisor listed on this form will automatically be granted "View Only" access to the site unless you instruct us otherwise.

AUTHORIZED PLAN SPONSOR PERSON(S) INFORMATION (Cont'd)

BUSINESS OWNER (required)

Name of Business Owner

Telephone Number

Ext.

Email

Authorized Person Signature

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Date (month | day | year)

ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED SIGNERS (optional but recommended)

Authorized Person Name

Telephone Number

Ext.

Email

Authorized Person Signature

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Date (month | day | year)

Authorized Person Name

Telephone Number

Ext.

Email

Authorized Person Signature

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Date (month | day | year)

ACH AUTHORIZATION

I hereby authorize the initiation of debit entries and/or correction entries to the bank and account number referenced below.

Bank Name

Name(s) on Bank Account

Account Type: ☐ Checking ☐ Savings

Bank Address

City

State

Zip

Routing Number

Account Number

EMPLOYER SIMPLE IRA AGREEMENT

The Employer Acknowledges and Agrees That:

- Aspire does not give legal or tax advice.
- In the role as Employer, the Employer is not opening an account relationship with Aspire but is administering the SIMPLE Pro IRA program in accordance with terms and conditions of the SIMPLE IRA Plan and current law.
- Employer will provide each eligible employee with certain information about the SIMPLE IRA plan and the SIMPLE IRA where contributions for that employee will be deposited, including the SIMPLE Pro IRA Application & Agreement attached to this SIMPLE Pro IRA Plan Establishment Guide ("Participant Application") and all notices included therein 60 days prior to each employees' election period. Generally, the election period is 60 days prior to January 1 of a calendar year. If the SIMPLE IRA plan does not automatically enroll participants, then Employer is not required to distribute the Automatic Enrollment Notice, and Qualified Default Investment Notice, and Participant Fee Disclosure.
- Employer hereby accepts the terms of the SIMPLE Individual Retirement Custodial Account Agreement and Salary Reduction Agreement on behalf of employees who are automatically enrolled into the SIMPLE IRA plan.
- It is the Employer's responsibility to ensure that employee contribution instructions are clear, complete, correct and transmitted to Aspire in a timely manner. Aspire will not be held responsible for delays in depositing contributions if Aspire finds the contribution instructions unclear, incomplete or incorrect. The Employer will indemnify and hold harmless Aspire and Aspire's officers, directors, employees and affiliates from any liability that may result from following the Employer's instructions with respect to the allocation of both employer and employee contributions amount employees' SIMPLE IRA investment accounts.
- Employer will cause all enrolling participants to establish an IRA, investing in mutual funds available on the Aspire platform. Participants can self-direct their accounts or may appoint a financial professional of their choosing.
- It is the Employer's responsibility to ensure that the SIMPLE IRA Plan is maintained in compliance with all applicable law and regulation including changes to such law and regulation.

Aspire Acknowledges and Agrees That:

- Upon receipt of instructions that are in good order, Employer transmittals of contributions to employees' SIMPLE IRA investment accounts will be processed in a timely manner and deposited to each account identified by Employer.

This Agreement is subject to all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. If it is necessary to apply any state law to interpret and administer this Agreement, the law of our domicile shall govern. If any part of this Agreement is held to be illegal or invalid, the remaining parts shall not be affected. Neither your nor our failure to enforce at any time or for any period of time any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of such provisions, or your right or our right thereafter to enforce each and every such provision.

PLAN SPONSOR/EXECUTOR OF AGREEMENT

I certify that I have been appointed to act for the company/organization named below. I am authorized to appoint individuals to be given access to this retirement plan by phone, by mail, or online. I agree to promptly notify Aspire, on behalf of the Employer, of the removal or resignation of any person with access to the plan.

Name of Company/Organization

Authorized Person Name

Title

Employer Signature

Date (month | day | year)

EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Name of Adopting Employer _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Adopting Employers Federal Tax Identification Number _____

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE OF PLAN

There are no elections required for Section One. Refer to the Basic Plan Document for information regarding this section.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATES *Complete Option A or B.*

Option A: ☐ This is the initial adoption of a SIMPLE IRA plan by the Employer.

The Effective Date of this Plan is _____

NOTE: The Effective Date may be any date between January 1 and October 1.

Option B: ☐ This is an amendment and restatement of an existing SIMPLE IRA plan (a Prior Plan). The Prior Plan was initially effective on _____

The Effective Date of this amendment and restatement is January 1, _____

SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS *Complete Parts A through C.*

Part A. Service Requirement

Option 1: ☐ **Full Eligibility.** All Employees are eligible.

Option 2: ☐ **Limited Eligibility.** Eligibility is limited to each Employee who satisfies the requirements in both (a) and (b) below.

(a) Prior Year Compensation. An Employee who has received at least \$5,000, or _____, if lesser, in Compensation during any 2, or _____ (specify 0 or 1), if less, preceding Years (*need not be consecutive*); and

(b) Current Year Compensation. An Employee who is reasonably expected to receive at least \$5,000, or _____, if lesser, in Compensation during the current Year.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 shall be deemed to be selected.

Part B. Exclusion of Certain Classes of Employees

All Employees will be eligible to become Participants in the Plan except: (*Select any that apply*)

1. ☐ Collective bargaining unit Employees as described in Section 3.02(A) of the Plan. *If not selected this box will be deemed to be selected if the exclusive plan requirement as described in Section 1.03 of the Plan applies.*
2. ☐ Non-resident aliens as described in Section 3.02(B) of the Plan.
3. ☐ Acquired Employees as described in Section 3.02(C) of the Plan. *If not selected this box will be deemed to be selected if there is a failure to meet the exclusive plan requirement due to an acquisition or similar transaction as described in Section 1.03(A) of the Plan.*

SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED *Complete Parts A through C.*

Part C. Election Periods *(select one)*

In addition to the 60-day Election Period described in Section 3.04 of the Plan, a Participant may make or modify a Salary Reduction Agreement during the following Election Periods: _____ *(Specify a period or periods (e.g., semi-annually, quarterly, monthly or daily) that will apply uniformly to all Participants.)*

SECTION 4. CONTRIBUTIONS *Review and complete, where applicable, Parts A through C.*

Part A. Elective Deferrals

1. Catch-Up Contributions

Will Catch-Up Contributions, as described in Section 4.01 of the Plan, be permitted under this Plan? *(Select one)*

Option 1: ☐ Yes

Option 2: ☐ No

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 1 will be deemed to be selected.

2. Authorization of Automatic Elective Deferrals

Will the automatic Elective Deferral enrollment provisions apply? *(Select one)*

Option 1: ☐ Yes, the Automatic Contribution Arrangement (ACA) provisions in Plan Section 4.01 will apply.

Option 2: ☐ No

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 2 will apply.

Part B. Employer Contributions *Complete only if Section 3, Part A, Option 2 is selected.*

Each Year the Employer shall make either Matching Contributions or Nonelective Contributions to the SIMPLE IRAs of Participants in accordance with the rules described in Section 4.02 of the Plan. For any Year the Employer makes Nonelective Contributions, such contributions will be made on behalf of each Participant who has at least \$_____ *(enter a dollar amount no less than the amount entered in Section 3, Part A, Option 2 above, if applicable, and no greater than \$5,000) of Compensation for such Year.*

Part C. Use of Designated Financial Institution

Will the Employer make all Plan contributions at a Designated Financial Institution? *See Section 4.06 of the Plan.*

Option 1: ☐ Yes. *Enter the name and address of the Designated Financial Institution below.*

Option 2: ☐ No.

NOTE: If no option is selected, Option 2 will be deemed to be selected even if the information below is provided.

AdvisorTrust, Inc.

Name of Designated Financial Institution

212 South Main Ave., Ste. 123,

Address

Sioux Falls

City

+1 (866) 928-9043

Telephone

SD

State

57104

Zip

Signature for Designated Financial Institution

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT OR TERMINATION OF PLAN

There are no elections required for Section Five. Refer to the Basic Plan Document for information regarding this section.

SECTION 6. EMPLOYER SIGNATURE

I acknowledge that I have relied upon my own advisors regarding the completion of this Adoption Agreement and the legal and tax implications of adopting this Plan. I understand that my failure to properly complete this Adoption Agreement may result in adverse tax consequences. I have received a copy of this Adoption Agreement and the Basic Plan Document.

_____ Signature of Adopting Employer		_____ Date Signed
_____ (Type Name)		
_____ Name of Prototype Sponsor		
_____ Address		
_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip
_____ Telephone		

DEFINITIONS

ADOPTING EMPLOYER Means any corporation, sole proprietor or other entity named in the Adoption Agreement and any successor who by merger, consolidation, purchase or otherwise, assumes the obligations of the Plan.

ADOPTION AGREEMENT Means the document executed by the Employer through which it adopts the Plan and thereby agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions of the Plan.

AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENT (ACA). Means a Plan whereby certain Employees are automatically enrolled as Contributing Participants as described in Section 3.04 of the Plan.

BASIC PLAN DOCUMENT Means this prototype plan document.

CODE Means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended.

COMPENSATION Means with respect to an Employee the sum of the wages, tips, and other compensation from the Employer subject to federal income tax withholding (as described in Code section 6051(a)(3)) and the Employee's salary reduction contributions made under this Plan, and, if applicable, elective deferrals on behalf of the Employee under a Code section 401(k) plan, a SARSEP, a Code section 403(b) annuity contract and compensation from the Employer deferred under a Code section 457 plan required to be reported by the Employer on IRS Form W-2 *Wage and Tax Statement* (as described under Code section 6051(a)(8)). Compensation also includes amounts paid for domestic service (as described in Code section 3401(a)(3)). Compensation does not include any amounts deferred by the Employee pursuant to a Code section 125 cafeteria plan.

For a self-employed individual, Compensation means the net earnings from self-employment with respect to the Employer determined under Code section 1402(a), without regard to Code section 1402(c)(6), prior to subtracting any contributions made pursuant to this Plan on behalf of the individual.

Compensation shall include only that Compensation which is actually paid to the Employee during the Year.

For purposes of the two-percent Nonelective Contribution described in Section 4.02(C) of the Plan, the annual Compensation of each Employee taken into account under the Plan shall not exceed the compensation limit described in Code section 401(a)(17) as adjusted by the Secretary of the Treasury for increases in the cost-of-living in accordance with Code section 401(a)(17)(B). Such adjustments will be in multiples of \$5,000. (The Compensation limit for 2021 is \$290,000.)

CONTRIBUTING PARTICIPANT Means an Employee who has met the eligibility requirements and who has enrolled as a Contributing Participant pursuant to Section 3.04(A) of the Plan and on whose behalf the Employer is contributing Elective Deferrals.

EARNED INCOME Means the net earnings from self-employment in the trade or business with respect to which the Plan is established, determined under Code section 1402(a), without regard to Code section 1402(c)(6), prior to subtracting any contributions made pursuant to this Plan on behalf of the Self-Employed individual.

ELECTION PERIOD Means the period during which a Participant may enroll as a Contributing Participant. The Election Period shall be the 60-day period immediately before the beginning of any Year and such other 60-day period or periods as described in Section 3.04(A) of the Plan.

EMPLOYEE Means a common-law employee of the Employer, and also includes leased employees described in Code section 414(n), unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, and employees described in Code section 414(o) that are required to be treated as employed by the Employer. The term "Employee" also includes self-employed individuals described in Code section 401(c)(1).

EMPLOYER Means the Adopting Employer and any successor who by merger, consolidation, purchase or otherwise assumes the obligations of the Plan, provided such entity meets the eligibility requirement described in Code section 408(p)(2)(c)(i). A partnership is considered to be the Employer of each of the partners and a sole proprietorship is considered to be the Employer of the sole proprietor.

If the Adopting Employer is a member of a controlled group of corporations (as defined in Code section 414(b)), a group of trades or businesses under common control (as defined in Code section 414(c)), an affiliated service group (as defined in Code section 414(m)) or is required to be aggregated with any other entity as defined in Code section 414(o), then for purposes of the Plan, the term Employer shall include the other members of such groups or other entities required to be aggregated with the Adopting Employer.

An Employer meets the eligibility requirement and therefore will be eligible to maintain this Plan with respect to any Year only if the Employer had no more than 100 Employees who received at least \$5,000 of Compensation from the Employer for the preceding Year.

An eligible Employer who establishes and maintains a SIMPLE IRA plan for one or more Years and who fails to be an eligible Employer for any subsequent Year shall be treated as an eligible Employer for the two Years following the last Year the Employer was an eligible Employer. If such failure is due to any acquisition, disposition, or similar transaction involving an eligible Employer, the preceding sentence shall apply only in accordance with rules similar to the rules of Code section 410(b)(6)(C)(i).

PARTICIPANT Means any Employee who has met the eligibility requirements of Section 3.01 of the Plan and Section 3 of the Adoption Agreement, may enroll as a Contributing Participant and is or may become eligible to receive an Employer Contribution.

PLAN Means the prototype SIMPLE IRA plan adopted by the Employer that is intended to satisfy the requirements of Code section 408(p). The Plan consists of this Basic Plan Document plus the corresponding Adoption Agreement as completed and signed by the Adopting Employer.

PRIOR PLAN Means a SIMPLE IRA plan which was amended or replaced by adoption of this Plan, as indicated in the Adoption Agreement.

PROTOTYPE SPONSOR Means the entity specified in the Adoption Agreement that makes this prototype Plan available to employers for adoption.

REGULATIONS Means the Treasury Regulations.

SALARY REDUCTION AGREEMENT Means an agreement, made on a form provided by the Employer, pursuant to which a Participant may elect to have his or her Compensation reduced and paid as an Elective Deferral to his or her SIMPLE IRA by the Employer. No Salary Reduction Agreement may apply to Compensation that a Participant received, or had a right to immediately receive, before execution of the Salary Reduction Agreement.

SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUAL Means an individual who has Earned Income for a Year from the trade or business for which the Plan is established; also, an individual who would have had Earned Income but for the fact that the trade or business had no net profits for the Year.

SIMPLE IRA Means the individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity, which satisfies the requirements of Code sections 408(p) and 408(a) or 408(b), and, with respect to which, the only contributions allowed are contributions under a SIMPLE IRA plan.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION Means a statement provided by the trustee, custodian or issuer of a SIMPLE IRA to the Adopting Employer pursuant to Section 1.05 of the Plan which contains the following information:

- (i) the names and addresses of the Adopting Employer and the trustee, custodian or issuer of the SIMPLE IRA;
- (ii) the eligibility requirements that must be satisfied to become a Participant in the Plan;
- (iii) the benefits provided with respect to the Plan;
- (iv) the timing and method of making elections with respect to the Plan; and
- (v) the procedures for, and effects of, withdrawals (including rollovers) from the Plan.

YEAR Means the calendar year.

SECTION ONE**ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE OF PLAN**

- 1.01 PURPOSE** The purpose of this Plan is to provide, in accordance with its provisions, a SIMPLE IRA plan providing benefits upon retirement for the individuals who are eligible to participate hereunder.
- 1.02 INTENT TO QUALIFY** It is the intent of the Employer that this Plan shall be for the exclusive benefit of its Employees and shall qualify for approval under Code section 408(p), as amended from time to time (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal law at that time in effect) as a SIMPLE IRA plan. This document is intended to conform with the applicable rules and procedures of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that apply to prototype SIMPLE IRA plans.
- 1.03 EXCLUSIVE PLAN REQUIREMENT**

A. In General

The Employer cannot contribute to this Plan for any Year if the Employer maintains another qualified plan with respect to which contributions are made, or benefits are accrued, for any Employee's service for any plan year beginning or ending in that Year.

For this purpose, a qualified plan is defined in Code section 219(g)(5) as:

a plan described in Code section 401(a) that includes a trust exempt from tax under Code section 501(a); an annuity plan described in Code section 403(a); a plan established for its employees by the United States, by a State or political subdivision thereof, or by an agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing (but not an eligible deferred compensation plan within the meaning of Code section 457 (b)); a tax-sheltered annuity plan described in Code section 403(b); a simplified employee pension (SEP) plan described in Code section 408(k); a trust described in Code section 501(c)(18), another SIMPLE IRA Plan described in Code section 408(p).

If a failure to meet the exclusive plan requirement is due to an acquisition or similar transaction, the Employer is treated as meeting the exclusive plan requirement through the end of the

second Year following the Year in which such transaction occurs, if the Employer satisfies the requirements of Code section 408(p)(10)(A). However, the Employer is treated as satisfying the exclusive plan requirement only if, during the period described above, Employees who would be employed by another employer involved in the transaction had the transaction not occurred are not eligible to participate in this Plan.

B. Special Rule

Notwithstanding Section 1.03(A) of the Plan, the exclusive plan requirement is not violated if the Employer maintains another qualified plan that limits participation to Employees covered under a collective bargaining agreement described in Code section 410(b)(3)(A) and eligibility to participate in this Plan is limited to other Employees.

- 1.04 USE WITH SIMPLE IRA** This Plan must be used with an IRS model SIMPLE IRA (Form 5305-S or Form 5305-SA) or an IRS-approved prototype SIMPLE IRA.
- 1.05 SUMMARY DESCRIPTION** The Summary Description must be provided each Year by the trustee, custodian or issuer of a SIMPLE IRA to the Adopting Employer within a reasonable period of time prior to the Election Period. However, a trustee, custodian or issuer shall be deemed to have provided a Summary Description, if it provides, to Participants for whom it maintains SIMPLE IRAs, its name and address and its procedures for taking withdrawals from a SIMPLE IRA. In addition, the trustee, custodian or issuer must obtain reasonable assurance from the Employer that the Employer will provide its name and address, the SIMPLE IRA plan's eligibility requirements, benefits, required information about SIMPLE IRA plan elections, and the effects of withdrawal pursuant to IRS Notice 98-4, to be deemed to have provided a Summary Description.
- 1.06 FOR MORE INFORMATION** To obtain more information concerning the rules governing this Plan, contact the Employer listed in Section 6 of the Adoption Agreement.

SECTION TWO**EFFECTIVE DATES**

The Effective Date means the date the Plan (or in the event a Prior Plan is amended, the restatement) becomes effective as indicated in the Adoption Agreement.

SECTION THREE**ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION**

- 3.01 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS** Except for those Employees described in Section 3.02 of the Plan who are excluded as indicated in the Adoption Agreement, each Employee of the Employer who fulfills the eligibility requirements specified in the Adoption Agreement shall become a Participant. Each Participant must establish a SIMPLE IRA to which Employer Contributions under this Plan will be made.
- 3.02 EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES** The Employer may exclude collective bargaining unit Employees, non-resident aliens and acquired Employees, as defined in paragraphs (A) through (C) below, from participating in the Plan.

A. Collective Bargaining Unit Employees

A collective bargaining unit Employee is an Employee included in a unit of Employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement between the Employer and Employee representatives, if retirement benefits were the subject of good faith bargaining and if two percent or less of the Employees who are covered pursuant to that agreement are professionals as defined in Regulations section 1.410(b)-9. For this purpose, the term "Employee representatives" does not include any organization more than half of whose members are Employees who are owners, officers, or executives of the Employer.

B. Non-Resident Aliens

A non-resident alien is an Employee who is a non-resident alien, within the meaning of Code section 7701(b)(1)(B) and who received no earned income (within the meaning of Code section 911(d)(2)) from the Employer which constitutes income from sources within the United States (within the meaning of Code section 861(a)(3)).

C. Acquired Employees

An acquired Employee is an Employee who would be employed by another employer that has been involved in an acquisition or similar transaction with the Employer, had the transaction not occurred.

An acquired Employee will not be eligible to become a Participant in the Plan for the Year of the transaction and the following Year (the second Year following the Year in which such transaction occurs, if the Employer satisfies the requirements of Code section 408(p)(10)(A)).

3.03 ADMITTANCE AS A PARTICIPANT**A. Notification of Eligibility**

The Employer shall notify each Employee who becomes a Participant of his or her status as a Participant in the Plan and of his or her duty to establish a SIMPLE IRA to which Employer Contributions may be made. Unless the Employer elects to make all Plan contributions to a Designated Financial Institution, the Employer must permit each Participant to select the financial institution that will serve as trustee, custodian or issuer of the SIMPLE IRA to which the Employer will make all contributions on behalf of such Participant.

B. Establishment of a SIMPLE IRA

If a Participant fails to establish a SIMPLE IRA, the Employer may execute any necessary documents to establish a SIMPLE IRA on behalf of the Participant.

3.04 CONTRIBUTING PARTICIPANT**A. Requirements to Enroll as a Contributing Participant**

A Participant for a particular Year must be permitted to enroll as a Contributing Participant or modify an existing Salary Reduction

Agreement during the 60-day period immediately preceding the Year, effective as soon as practical after receipt by the Employer (or, if later, the date specified by the Participant in the Salary Reduction Agreement) but not earlier than the first pay period beginning during the Year. In the case of a Participant who becomes eligible to participate after the first day of the Year because (1) the Plan does not impose a prior-year Compensation requirement, (2) the Participant satisfied the Plan's prior-year Compensation requirement during a prior period of employment with the Employer, or (3) the Plan is first effective after the beginning of a Year, the Participant must be permitted to enroll as a Contributing Participant or modify an existing Salary Reduction Agreement during the 60-day Election Period that begins on the day notice is provided to the Participant and that includes the day the Participant begins participating or the day before. In this case, the Salary Reduction Agreement will become effective as soon as practical after receipt by the Employer (or, if later, the date specified by the Participant in the Salary Reduction Agreement). Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Salary Reduction Agreement completed by the Participant may be modified prospectively at any time during the Election Period. In addition to the Election Periods described above, a Participant may make or modify an existing Salary Reduction Agreement during any additional Election Periods specified in the Adoption Agreement.

If a Salary Reduction Agreement is made or modified during one of these additional Election Periods, it will become effective as soon as practical after receipt of the Salary Reduction Agreement by the Employer or, if later, the date specified by the Participant in the Salary Reduction Agreement.

The Employer shall notify each Participant immediately before each Election Period of the Participant's opportunity to complete a Salary Reduction Agreement. The notice shall include, pursuant to rules or procedures promulgated by the IRS, a copy of the Summary Description as described in Code section 408(l)(2)(B) and this Plan. (Code section 6693(c)(1) provides that if the Employer fails to provide one or more notices, such Employer may be subject to a penalty of \$50 per day for each day that the failure to provide notice occurs.)

A Participant who desires to enroll as a Contributing Participant must complete, sign and deliver to the Employer a Salary Reduction Agreement during the Election Period. In addition, the Employer, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, may provide additional opportunities for Participants to enroll as Contributing Participants in accordance with procedures established by the Employer.

B. Modification of Elective Deferrals

Each Contributing Participant shall be notified by the Employer, immediately before each Election Period, of his or her right to increase or decrease the amount of Compensation deferred into his or her SIMPLE IRA under the Plan. A Contributing Participant who desires to make such a modification shall complete, sign and file a new Salary Reduction Agreement with the Employer during the Election Period. In addition, if the Employer permits, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, a Contributing Participant may modify his or her Salary Reduction Agreement more frequently in accordance with procedures established by the Employer.

C. Withdrawal as a Contributing Participant

A Participant may withdraw as a Contributing Participant at any time during the Year by revoking his or her authorization to the Employer to make Elective Deferrals on his or her behalf. A Participant who desires to withdraw as a Contributing Participant shall give written notice of withdrawal to the Employer. The notice of withdrawal must become effective as soon as practical after receipt of the notice by the Employer, or if later, the date specified by the Participant on such notice. A Participant shall cease to be a Contributing Participant upon his or her termination of employment, or on account of termination of the Plan.

D. Return as Contributing Participant after Withdrawal

A Participant who has withdrawn as a Contributing Participant outside an Election Period may not again become a Contributing Participant until the first day of the first Year following the effective date of his or her withdrawal as a Contributing Participant, unless the Employer, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, permits withdrawing Participants to resume their status as Contributing Participants sooner. However, if a Participant withdraws as a Contributing Participant during an Election Period, the Participant must be permitted to make a new salary reduction election during any subsequent Election Period.

3.05 DETERMINATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION The Employer shall determine the eligibility of each Employee to be a Participant. This determination shall be conclusive and binding upon all persons except as otherwise provided herein or by law.

3.06 LIMITATION RESPECTING EMPLOYMENT Neither the fact of the establishment of the Plan, nor the fact that an Employee has become a Participant, shall give to that Employee any right to continued employment; nor shall either fact limit the right of the Employer to discharge or to deal otherwise with an Employee without regard to the effect such treatment may have upon the Employee's rights under the Plan.

SECTION FOUR

CONTRIBUTIONS AND ALLOCATIONS

4.01 ELECTIVE DEFERRALS AND CATCH-UP CONTRIBUTIONS

A. Elective Deferrals

Elective Deferrals are contributions made by the Employer to the Plan on behalf of a Contributing Participant under a Salary Reduction Agreement. Elective Deferrals shall include catch-up contributions made to the Plan pursuant to Code section 414(v) and the applicable Regulations and other guidance of general applicability issued thereunder as described in Section 4.01(B) of this Plan. Each Participant who has met the eligibility requirements may elect under a Salary Reduction Agreement to have his or her Compensation reduced by a percentage or a fixed dollar amount. The salary reduction election shall be in writing and delivered to the Employer. The amount of such reduction shall be contributed by the Employer to a SIMPLE IRA on behalf of the Contributing Participant. For any Year, a Contributing Participant's Elective Deferrals shall not exceed \$13,500 for 2021 and later years. After 2021, the maximum amount may be adjusted for cost-of-living increases under Code section 408(p)(2)(E). Such adjustments will be in multiples of \$500. At the election of a Contributing Participant, the Employer shall contribute Elective Deferrals to the SIMPLE IRA of such Contributing Participant. Elective Deferrals for a Contributing Participant must be deposited to the SIMPLE IRA of such Contributing Participant by the Employer as of the earlier of: (1) the first date on which such Elective Deferrals can reasonably be segregated from the Employer's general assets or, (2) the close of the 30-day period following the last day of the month in which the contribution is withheld from the Contributing Participant's pay.

B. Catch-Up Contribution

Unless otherwise specified in Section 4 in the Adoption Agreement, a Contributing Participant who attains age 50 on or before the end

of the Year can elect to have his or her Elective Deferrals increased above the amounts specified in Section 4.01(A) of the Plan. The additional amount shall not be greater than \$3,000 for 2021 and later years. After 2021, the additional amount may be adjusted for cost-of-living increases under Code section 414(v)(2)(C). Such adjustments will be in multiples of \$500.

C. Automatic Contribution Arrangement (ACA)

Each Employee who satisfies the eligibility requirements specified in the Adoption Agreement will be given a reasonable opportunity to enroll as a Contributing Participant. Notwithstanding the preceding, the Employer will make ACA contributions as Elective Deferrals on behalf of those Employees who are eligible to participate and who are hired on or after the Effective Date and in accordance with such uniform policy as the Employer may use to determine whether a Participant has made a timely affirmative election to defer at a rate, including zero percent, that is less than three percent. Elective Deferrals for such Employee will continue at three percent until 1) the Employee provides the Employer a Salary Reduction Agreement (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS) to the contrary, or unless 2) the Employer reduces, ceases, or suspends Elective Deferrals made on behalf of Employees so as not to exceed the limits of the Code and other rules promulgated by the IRS. Unless otherwise indicated in rules promulgated by the IRS, Elective Deferrals made to the Plan pursuant to the ACA provisions will be subject to any other Plan rules otherwise applicable to Elective Deferrals.

An Employer who adopts the ACA provisions as described in Section 4.01(c) of the Plan will establish uniform and nondiscriminatory procedures designed to ensure that all Employees who are eligible to participate or Contributing

Participants are provided with an effective opportunity to make or modify their salary deferral elections. Such procedures will include, but are not limited to, the means by which notice will be provided to each Employee or Contributing Participant of their right to complete a Salary Reduction Agreement specifying a different amount or percentage of Compensation (including no Compensation) to be contributed to the Plan and a reasonable period of time for completing such a Salary Reduction Agreement.

If the Plan contains an ACA provision, in addition to the notice described under Section 3.04 of the Plan, a comprehensive notice of the Employee's rights and obligations under the Plan, written in a manner calculated to be understood by the average Employee, will be provided to affected Participants immediately before the 60-day election period before the date which the ACA becomes effective and immediately before the 60-day election period before each subsequent Plan Year.

The notice must accurately describe 1) the amount of default salary reduction contributions that will be made on the eligible Employee's behalf in the absence of an affirmative election, 2) the eligible Employee's right to have no salary reduction contributions made on his or her behalf or to have a different amount of salary reduction contributions made, 3) how default salary reduction contributions will be invested in the absence of the eligible Employee's investment instructions, and 4) if not already permitted under the SIMPLE IRA Plan, the additional period (described in Section 4.06 of the Plan) to make a transfer without cost or penalty from the SIMPLE IRA established for the eligible Employee at the designated financial institution.

4.02 REQUIRED EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

A. Employer Must Make Certain Contributions

An Employer Contribution is the amount contributed by the Employer to this Plan. Each Year, the Employer shall make either the Matching Contribution described in Section 4.02(B) of the Plan or the Nonelective Contribution described in Section 4.02(C) of the Plan to the SIMPLE IRAs of Participants entitled thereto. Such contributions for any Year shall be made not later than the due date for filing the Employer's tax return for such Year (including extensions).

B. Matching Contribution

A Matching Contribution means an Employer Contribution made pursuant to this Plan on behalf of a Contributing Participant on account of an Elective Deferral, including Catch-up Contributions, made by such Contributing Participant. The Employer may satisfy the requirement set forth in Section 4.02(A) of the Plan by making a Matching Contribution to the SIMPLE IRA of each Contributing Participant for any Year in an amount equal to the amount of the Contributing Participant's Elective Deferral which does not exceed three percent of the Contributing Participant's Compensation for the Year (the "Matching Contribution percentage"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Employer may elect to apply a lower Matching Contribution percentage (not less than one percent) for any Year for all Contributing Participants if the Employer notifies Participants of such lower Matching Contribution percentage within a reasonable period of time before the Election Period for such Year. The Employer may not elect a lower Matching Contribution percentage for any Year if that election would result in the Matching Contribution percentage being lower than three percent in more than two of the Years in the five-Year period ending with such Year. If any Year in the five-Year period described in the preceding sentence is a Year prior to the first Year for which this SIMPLE IRA plan (or a Prior Plan) is in effect with respect to the Employer (or any predecessor employer), the

Employer shall be treated as if the Matching Contribution percentage was equal to three percent of Compensation for such prior Year.

C. Nonelective Contribution

The Employer may satisfy the requirement set forth in Section 4.02(A) of the Plan by making a Nonelective Contribution of two percent of Compensation to the SIMPLE IRA of each Participant who has at least \$5,000 of Compensation (or such lesser amount of Compensation as may be specified in the Adoption Agreement) from the Employer for the Year provided the Employer notifies Participants that the Employer will be making a Nonelective Contribution within a reasonable period of time before the Election Period for such Year.

4.03 NO OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS The Employer shall make no contributions to the SIMPLE IRAs of Participants other than Elective Deferrals made pursuant to Section 4.01 of the Plan and those contributions required under Section 4.02 of the Plan. Nothing herein shall prevent an Employee from rolling over or transferring funds from another SIMPLE IRA to a SIMPLE IRA maintained under this Plan.

4.04 VESTING AND WITHDRAWAL RIGHTS All Employer Contributions made under the Plan on behalf of Employees shall be fully vested and nonforfeitable at all times. Each Employee shall have an unrestricted right to withdraw at any time all or a portion of the Employer Contributions made on his or her behalf. However, withdrawals taken are subject to the taxation and penalty provisions of the Code which are applicable to distributions from SIMPLE IRAs.

4.05 SIMPLIFIED EMPLOYER REPORTS The Employer shall furnish reports, relating to account activity under the Plan, in the time and manner and containing the information prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. The Employer shall furnish information to the trustee, custodian or issuer of SIMPLE IRAs of Participants as such trustee, custodian or issuer may reasonably request to enable it to fulfill its reporting and other responsibilities in connection with this Plan or the SIMPLE IRAs of Participants.

4.06 USE OF DESIGNATED FINANCIAL INSTITUTION This Section shall apply if the Employer has indicated in Section 4 in the Adoption Agreement that the Employer will make all Plan contributions at the Designated Financial Institution specified in the Adoption Agreement provided the financial organization agrees to act as the Designated Financial Institution. A Designated Financial Institution is a financial organization which is the trustee, custodian or issuer of the SIMPLE IRAs to which Plan contributions will be made. Use of a Designated Financial Institution is not required under this Plan, unless elected in Section 4 of the Adoption Agreement. If a Designated Financial Institution is named, pursuant to the provisions of Code section 408(p)(7) the Designated Financial Institution will notify Participants in writing (either separately or as part of the notice described in Section 3.04 of the Plan) that their SIMPLE IRA balances may be transferred without cost or penalty to another SIMPLE IRA in accordance with the withdrawal and rollover provisions under Code section 408(d)(3).

If the Plan contains an ACA feature, notwithstanding any limitation on an eligible Employee's right to transfer, without cost or penalty, the balance in his or her SIMPLE IRA maintained at a designated financial institution to another SIMPLE IRA, an Employee automatically enrolled under an ACA may request such a transfer during the 60 days immediately following the Employee's first 60-day election period under the ACA. This period is in addition to any other period provided under this Plan, and the transfer request may apply to the entire balance accrued since default salary reduction contributions were first made on the Employee's behalf and to the balance attributable to future contributions, at the Employee's request.

SECTION FIVE

AMENDMENT OR TERMINATION OF PLAN

5.01 AMENDMENT BY EMPLOYER The Employer reserves the right to amend the elections made or not made in the Adoption Agreement by executing a new Adoption Agreement. The Employer shall neither have the right to amend any nonelective provision of the Adoption Agreement nor the right to amend provisions of this Basic Plan Document. If the Employer adopts an amendment to the Adoption Agreement or Basic Plan Document in violation of the preceding sentence, the Plan will be deemed to be an individually designed plan and the Employer may no longer participate in this prototype Plan.

5.02 AMENDMENT OR TERMINATION OF SPONSORSHIP BY PROTOTYPE SPONSOR The Employer, by adopting the Plan, expressly delegates to the Prototype Sponsor the power, but not the duty, to amend the Plan without any further action or consent of the

Employer as the Prototype Sponsor deems either necessary for the purpose of adjusting the Plan to comply with all laws and applicable Regulations governing SIMPLE IRA plans or desirable to the extent consistent with such laws and applicable Regulations. Specifically, it is understood that the amendments may be made unilaterally by the Prototype Sponsor. However, it shall be understood that the Prototype Sponsor shall be under no obligation to amend the Plan documents and the Employer expressly waives any rights or claims against the Prototype Sponsor for not exercising this power to amend.

An amendment by the Prototype Sponsor shall be accomplished by giving notice to the Adopting Employer of the amendment to be made. The notice shall set forth the text of such amendment and the date such amendment is to be effective. Such amendment shall take effect unless, within the 30-day period after such notice is provided, or within such

shorter period as the notice may specify, the Adopting Employer gives the Prototype Sponsor written notice of refusal to consent to the amendment. Such written notice of refusal shall have the effect of withdrawing the Plan as a prototype plan and shall cause the Plan to be considered an individually designed plan. The right of the Prototype Sponsor to cause the Plan to be amended shall terminate should the Plan cease to conform as a prototype plan as provided in this or any other section.

In addition to the amendment rights described above, the Prototype Sponsor shall have the right to terminate its sponsorship of this Plan by providing notice to the Adopting Employer of such termination. Such termination of sponsorship shall have the effect of withdrawing the Plan as a prototype plan and shall cause the Plan to be considered an individually designed plan. The Prototype Sponsor shall have the right to terminate its sponsorship of this Plan regardless of whether the Prototype Sponsor has terminated sponsorship with respect to other employers adopting its prototype Plan.

5.03 LIMITATIONS ON POWER TO AMEND No amendment by either the Employer or the Prototype Sponsor shall reduce or otherwise adversely affect any Participant's benefits acquired prior to such amendment unless it is required to maintain compliance with any law, regulation or administrative ruling pertaining to SIMPLE IRA plans. Any amendment to this SIMPLE IRA Plan can become effective only at the beginning of the Year after which Participants have been properly notified of the amendment or at such other times as permitted or required by the IRS. Participants shall be deemed to be properly notified of an amendment if the notice is provided pursuant to the notice requirements described in Section 3.04 of the Plan.

5.04 TERMINATION While the Employer expects to continue the Plan indefinitely, the Employer shall not be under any obligation or liability to continue contributions or to maintain the Plan for any given length of time. Plan termination may not be effective before January 1 of the following year (or any subsequent year) provided that the Participants

are notified on or before November 1 of the year prior to the year of termination.

5.05 NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OR TERMINATION Any amendment or termination shall be communicated by the Employer to all appropriate parties as required by law. Amendments made by the Prototype Sponsor shall be furnished to the Employer and communicated by the Employer to all appropriate parties as required by law.

5.06 CONTINUANCE OF PLAN BY SUCCESSOR EMPLOYER A successor of the Employer may continue the Plan and be substituted in the place of the present Employer.

5.07 SENDING OF NOTICES To the extent written instructions or notices are required under this Plan, the Prototype Sponsor or Employer may accept or provide such information in any other form permitted by the Code or related regulations. Any required notice will be considered effective when it is sent to the intended recipient at the last known address which is on file with the provider of the notice.

5.08 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY The Prototype Sponsor, trustee, custodian or issuer of a SIMPLE IRA shall not be liable for any losses incurred by the SIMPLE IRA by any direction to invest communicated by the Employer, or any Participant or beneficiary. It is specifically understood that the Prototype Sponsor, trustee, custodian or issuer shall have no duty or responsibility with respect to the determination of the adequacy of contributions to the Plan and enforcing the payment of such contributions. In addition, it is specifically understood that the Prototype Sponsor, trustee, custodian or issuer shall have no duty or responsibility with respect to the determination of matters pertaining to the eligibility of any Employee to become a Participant or remain a Participant hereunder; it being understood that all such responsibilities under the Plan are vested in the Employer. Finally, it is specifically understood that the Prototype Sponsor shall have no responsibility for SIMPLE IRAs maintained by Participants at SIMPLE IRA trustees, custodians or issuers other than the Prototype Sponsor.

SECTION SIX

ADOPTING EMPLOYER SIGNATURE

Section Six of the Adoption Agreement must contain the signature of an authorized representative of the Adopting Employer evidencing the Employer's agreement to be bound by the terms of the Basic Plan Document and Adoption Agreement.



TAX EXEMPT AND
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Dear Applicant

In our opinion, the form of your Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees of Small Employers (SIMPLE IRA Plan) is acceptable under section 408(p) of the Internal Revenue Code. This SIMPLE IRA Plan is approved for use only in conjunction with one or more SIMPLE Individual Retirement Arrangements (SIMPLE IRAs), each of which meets the requirements of Code section 408(p) and has received a favorable opinion letter, or is a model SIMPLE IRA (Form 5305-S or 5305-SA).

An employer that adopts this approved prototype will be considered to have a SIMPLE IRA Plan that satisfies the requirements of Code section 408(p) provided that the terms of the plan are followed and that it is used in conjunction with one or more approved SIMPLE IRAs. Please provide a copy of this letter to each adopting employer.

Code section 408(1)(2) requires an employer that adopts a SIMPLE IRA Plan to provide to employees certain information about the SIMPLE IRA Plan.

Your prototype may have to be amended to include or revise provisions to comply with future changes in the law or regulations.

If you, the sponsoring organization, have any questions concerning the IRS processing of this case, please call the above telephone number. This number is only for use of the sponsoring organization. Individual participants and/or adopting employers with questions concerning the plan should contact the sponsoring organization. The sponsoring organization must provide its address and telephone number for inquiries by individual participants and adopting employers.

If you write to the IRS regarding this plan, please provide your telephone number and the most convenient time for us to call in case we need more information. Whether you call or write, please refer to the File Folder Number (FFN) shown in the heading of this letter.

You should keep this letter as a permanent record. Please notify us in writing if you modify or discontinue sponsorship of this prototype plan.

Sincerely Yours,

Khin M. Chow
Director, EP Rulings & Agreements