

SHOP IRONWORKERS LOCAL 790 Trust Funds

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NOTICE OF CRITICAL STATUS

For

Shop Ironworkers Local 790 Pension Trust

This is to inform you that on September 28, 2010 the Plan actuary certified to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and also to the plan sponsor, that the Shop Ironworkers Local 790 Pension Trust (Plan) is in critical status for the Plan Year beginning July 1, 2010. Federal law requires that you receive this notice.

Critical Status

The Plan is considered to be in critical status because it has funding or liquidity problems, or both. More specifically, the Plan's actuary determined that the sum of the Plan's normal cost and interest on the unfunded benefits for the current Plan Year exceeds the present value of all expected contributions for the year; the present value of vested benefits of inactive participants is greater than the present value of vested benefits of active participants; and over the next four Plan Years, the Plan is projected to have an accumulated funding deficiency by the 2015 Plan Year.

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. The law permits pension plans to reduce, or even eliminate, benefits called "adjustable benefits" as part of a rehabilitation plan. If the Trustees of the Plan determine that benefit reductions are necessary, you will receive a separate notice in the future identifying and explaining the effect of those reductions. Any reduction of adjustable benefits (other than a repeal of a recent benefit increase, as described below) 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 October 28, 2010. But you should know that whether or not the Plan reduces adjustable benefits in the future, effective October 28, 2010, 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. However, the Plan may still pay mandatory lump sum distributions as required by law or any makeup payment in the case of a retroactive annuity starting date.

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Adjustable Benefits

The Plan offers the following adjustable benefits which may be reduced or eliminated as part of any rehabilitation plan the pension plan may adopt:

- Post-retirement death benefits;
 - Sixty-month payment guarantees;
 - Disability benefits (if not yet in pay status);
 - Early retirement benefit or retirement-type subsidy;
 - Benefit payment options other than a qualified joint-and-survivor annuity (QJSA);
 - Recent benefit increases (i.e., occurring in past 5 years):
 - Other similar benefits, rights, or features under the Plan {provide identification}
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Employer Surcharge

The law requires that all contributing employers pay 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 thereafter in which the Plan is in critical status, until the applicable collective bargaining agreement includes terms consistent with an appropriate schedule pursuant to a rehabilitation plan.

Where to Get More Information

For more information about this Notice, you may contact the Plan Administrator by phone at (866) 339-7467 or by mail at Shop Ironworkers Local 790 Trust Funds, 556 S. Fair Oaks Ave., Ste. 101 #30, Pasadena, California 91105. You have a right to receive a copy of the rehabilitation plan from the Plan.