



TRI-STATE CARPENTERS AND JOINERS PENSION PLAN

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Notice of Seriously Endangered Status for 2019 For The Tri-State Carpenters & Joiners Pension Trust Fund

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 (“PPA”) has added requirements for measuring the financial health of multiemployer plan such as yours. The PPA requires that the plan actuary determine annually the Plan’s status under these rules, and to certify that status to the IRS and the Board of Trustees. If the Plan’s status for a plan year is “seriously endangered” (i.e., “orange” zone) or “endangered” (i.e., “yellow” zone) or “critical” (i.e., “red” zone), the Trustees must notify all plan participants, and other interested parties, and take corrective action to restore the financial health of the Plan.

Seriously Endangered Status (i.e., “Orange” Zone)

This notice is to inform you that on March 22, 2019, the plan actuary certified to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and to the Board of Trustees, that the Plan is in seriously endangered status for the plan year beginning January 1, 2019. Federal law requires that you receive this notice.

The plan is expected to have a funding deficiency within the next seven years and the funded status is less than 80%. If only one of these two conditions were true the plan would be considered in the “yellow” zone. If neither were true the plan would be considered in the “green” zone (not endangered, seriously endangered, nor critical). The plan was in critical status for years 2011-2014 and then endangered status for 2015-2018.

The funded status as of January 1, 2019 is estimated to be 71%.

Funding Rehabilitation Plan - Funding Improvement Plan

Federal law requires plans in critical status to adopt a Funding Rehabilitation Plan, and plans in endangered status to adopt a Funding Improvement Plan – both are designed to improve the financial health of the Plan. The Board of Trustees has adopted a Funding Rehabilitation Plan, and that Funding Rehabilitation Plan has been approved by the collective bargaining parties. Since the Plan is no longer critical, the Funding Rehabilitation Plan CANNOT take away benefits you have already accrued. No benefit increases are permitted while the Plan is under a Funding Rehabilitation Plan or a Funding Improvement Plan, unless such increases are funded by additional contributions.

Where to Get More Information

For more information about this Notice, you may contact the Tri-State Carpenters Pension Trust Fund at 1-800-831-4914, or by writing to P.O. Box 1449, Goodlettsville, TN 37070-1449. You have a right to receive a copy of the Funding Rehabilitation/Improvement Plan.