

# Premier 401(k) Pooled Employer Plan (PEP)

The Premier PEP offers a unique retirement plan structure that can help you attract and retain talented employees while maximizing plan management efficiencies.

#### WHAT IS THE PREMIER PEP?

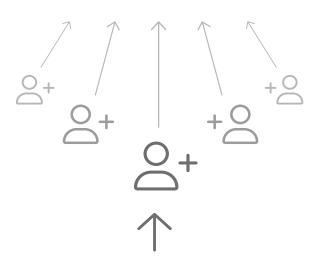
The PEP is a type of multiple employer plan consisting of a collection of unrelated single-employers. A pooled plan provider, named fiduciary, investment menu, plan year, and trustee are named for the plan.

#### **HOW IT WORKS**

POOLED PLAN PROVIDER



#### **ADOPTING EMPLOYERS**



DELIVERS GROUP PRICING EFFICIENCIES AND ACCESS TO PROFESSIONAL PLAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES

# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF JOINING THE PREMIER PEP?

When you adopt the Premier PEP, your employees gain access to a valuable retirement benefit. And you may gain the benefits that come with economies of scale as well as receive federal tax credits, if you qualify. The Premier PEP satisfies state retirement plan mandates and provides a key benefit that employees consider when deciding to join your company.



#### of workers say

that retirement benefits offered by a prospective employer will be a major factor in their decision whether to accept an offer.\*



### of workers value

a 401(k) or similar plan as an important benefit.\*

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;21 st Annual Transamerica Retirement Survey of Workers." nonprofit Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies. August 2021



# Why the Premier PEP Might Be Right For You

The Premier PEP offers key benefits to adopting employers by bringing together a team of professionals to help you manage your plan and to help your participants achieve brighter retirement outcomes.

#### MULTIPLE BENEFITS SIMPLIFIED ADMINISTRATION

The support team structure of the PEP allows you to offload the majority of administrative tasks, such as managing a plan audit, distributions, participant enrollment/communications, eligibility tracking, payroll remittance, and compliance testing as well as reporting.

#### REDUCED FIDUCIARY LIABILITY

Adopting employers will no longer be the named ERISA Plan Sponsor responsible for administrating their 401(k). The PEP's Pooled Plan Provider (PPP) is the Plan Sponsor accepting the responsibilities and associated liabilities of overseeing the plan's administration. In addition to protection afforded by the PPP, the PEP has also engaged a 3(16) administrative fiduciary & 3(38) investment fiduciaries, further reducing fiduciary liability for adopting employers.

#### FLEXIBLE PLAN DESIGN

When joining the PEP, you'll have the flexibility to tailor your plan based on your employees' needs; e.g., eligibility, vesting schedule, loans, custom profit-sharing and match calculations. **POTENTIAL** 

#### **COST SAVINGS**

Economies of scale allow for group pricing and potentially lower-cost investment options, audit, compliance, document preparation, Form 5500 filings and discrimination testing. Furthermore, employers with 100+ employees will not be required to perform an annual plan audit. **EASY ADOPTION PROCESS** Whether you are starting a new plan or transitioning an existing plan, you'll receive hands-on guidance throughout the process. A dedicated service team is available to answer questions for you and your employees, ensuring seamless integration of your plan

#### **RELIEF FROM BAD APPLE RULE**

Relief is available if certain requirements are met so that the actions of any adopting employer shall not negatively impact the other adopting employers within the PEP. **STATE RETIREMENT** 

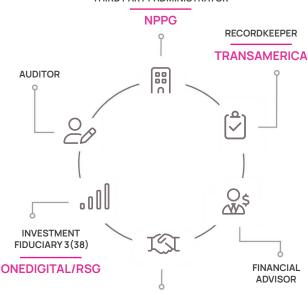
#### **PLAN MANDATES**

As more and more states are requiring employers to adopt a retirement plan, the PEP is designed to comply with such mandates (where applicable). **FEDERAL TAX CREDITS** Employers who qualify may receive up to \$5,000 per year for three years when starting a new retirement plan. Plus, if automatic enrollment is implemented, an additional \$500 credit shall apply in each of the three years.

#### **DEDICATED TEAM** By joining the

PEP, you gain access to a professional service team that surrounds you with plan management support so you can focus less on managing your plan and more on running your business

> POOLED PLAN PROVIDER, 3(16) ADMINISTRATIVE FIDUCIARY THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR



PAYROLL INTEGRATION

THE PAYROLL DEPARTMENT



# What does the isolved 401k PEP mean for you?

#### Less work

- Integrate payroll & 401(k)
- 5500 filed annually

## **Less Liability**

- Managed fiduciary responsibilities
- Relief from trustee duties

#### **Lower Cost**

- Economies of scale reduce cost of administration for your staff and cost of participation for your employees
- Receive local, regional support from NPPG, Plan Administrator, isolved and Transamerica



## Comparing Plans from an Administrators Perspective

# Pooled Employer Plan (PEP)

## Single Employer Plans

- Sit back, relax
- Plan expenses based on plan size
  - Administrative burden
  - Required notice delivery
  - Payroll updates and submission
  - · Year -end census
  - Plan audit 5500 filing
  - Forms 945, 1096, and 1099 preparation
  - Correct fidelity bond coverage
  - Loans Qualifying hardship withdrawals

- Fiduciary liability
  - Investment monitoring
  - Monitor pending legislative actions
- Trustee duties
- Education/enrollment
- Web access not every provider has app
- Potential Plan Audits
- Annual Census collection
- Processing distributions after termination



# **Plan Options**

#### **Contribution Limits:**

Under 50 -\$22,500 Over 50-\$30,000 (pre-tax or post tax)

#### **Target Date Options**

#### **Passive Core Options**

#### Active Core Options

#### BlackRock Lifepath Index

	2035	
Income	2040	
2015	2040	
2020	2045	
	2050	
2025	2055	
2030		
	2060	

#### **Real Estate**

TA Vanguard Real Estate Index S&P United States REIT

#### Stable Value

Invesco Stable Value Trust Ret USTREAS Treasury Bill Constant Interm./Long Term Bond

#### **Target Risk**

TA Vanguard LifeStrategy Income TA Vanguard LifeStrategy Conservative TA Vanguard LifeStrategy Moderate TA Vanguard LifeStrategy Growth

#### Large Cap Equity

Transamerica Partners Stock Index

#### Mid Cap Equity

BlackRock Mid Cap Growth
Russell Mid Cap Growth **Smal I Cap** 

#### Equity

ClearBridge Small Cap Growth Russell 2000 Growth

#### Cash Equivalents

Invesco Stable Value Trust Retirement Account

#### Diversified Fixed Income

Western Asset Core Plus Bond PIMCO Income

#### World / Foreign Bonds

Neuberger Berman Strategic Income

#### Large Cap Equity

JPMorgan US Equity (blend) JPMorgan Large Cap (growth) MFS Value (value)

#### Mid Cap Equity

Hartford Mid Cap (growth) MFS Mid Cap Value (value)

#### **Small Cap Equity**

Franklin Small Cap (value)
Janus Henderson Triton (growth)

#### World Stock

American Funds New Perspective Fidelity Advisor International MSCI ACWI Growth MSCI ACWI Ex USA Growth

#### International Emerging Markets

American Funds New World **Balanced** American Funds Balanced



## **Employer Pricing**

## isolved Payroll Integration Setup

\$575 Setup Fee

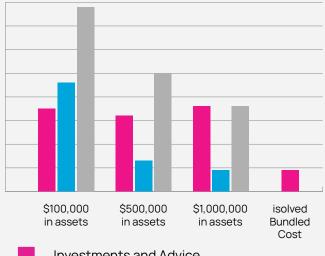
## isolved Payroll Integration Fee

Pricing is based on active employee headcount. Please inquire with your Direct Account Manager - 401(k) for details.

\$125 Per Month for each additional EIN

Plan level administration and operation fees shall apply separately.

## Average 401(k) Costs of Similar Sizes and Assets 1



- Investments and Advice
- Recordkeeping and Administration
- Total Bundled Expense

Linear average of all investment options, may not be indicative of actual participant expenses.

1. Source - 401(k) Averages

## **Tax Credit**

#### Secure Act Small Business

Tax Credits Available for Establishing a New 401(k) Plan Available for plans established after 1/1/2020 100 eligible participants or less Tax credit up to 50% of eligible expenses up to \$5,000 per year for 3 years Initial set up costs and administrative expense for 3 years

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#### Tax Credit if Starting a New Plan:

Up to \$5,000 tax credit for 3 years for a total of \$15,000 (minimum of \$500 per

# What are the next steps?

6 - 8 week conversion timeline (If you have another plan)

- 1 Return the completed DocuSignSign the document
- Your advisor will schedule a kick-off call to guide you through your plan options
- Look forward to a hands free 401k plan!

