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Dear Applicant:

In our opinion, the form of the plan identified above is acceptable under section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code for use by eligible employers for the benefit of their employees. This opinion relates only to the acceptability of the form of the plan under the Internal Revenue Code. It is not an opinion of the effect of other Federal or local statutes.

You must furnish a copy of this letter, a copy of the approved plan, and copies of any subsequent amendments to each eligible employer who adopts this plan.

This letter considers the changes contained in the final regulations under Code section 403(b) (sections 1.403(b)-1 through 1.403(b)-11) that were published on July 26, 2007 (72 FR 41128) and the applicable requirements of the 2012 Cumulative List of Changes in Plan Qualification Requirements contained in Notice 2012-76, 2012-62 I.R.B. 775.

Our opinion on the acceptability of the form of the plan is not a ruling or determination as to whether an eligible employer's plan satisfies Code section 403(b). However, an eligible employer that adopts this plan may rely on this letter with respect to the satisfaction of its plan under Code section 403(b), as provided for in Rev. Proc. 2013-22, 2013-18 I.R.B. 985, and outlined below. An eligible employer that adopts this Code section 403(b) volume submitter plan may rely upon an advisory letter issued for the plan that the form of the adopting eligible employer's plan satisfies the requirements of Code section 403(b) except (i) to the extent that the employer modifies the terms of the approved specimen plan (other than by selecting options that are permitted under the terms of the approved specimen plan) and (ii) if the plan is not a Code section 414(d) governmental plan or a plan of a Church or Qualified Church Controlled Organization (QCCO) as defined in Rev. Proc. 2013-22 with respect to whether nonelective contributions under the plan satisfy the requirements of Code sections 401(a)(4) and 410(b). The terms of the plan must be followed in operation.

This is not a ruling or determination with respect to any language in the plan that reflects Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act, Pub. L. 104-199, 110 Stat. 2419 (DOMA) or U.S. v. Windsor, 570 U.S. 12 (2013), which invalidated that section, except to the extent that the definition of spouse is relevant for purposes of required minimum distributions under Code section 401(a)(9) and spousal rollover rights under Code section 402(c)(9).

In general our opinion may not be relied on with respect to the requirements of Code section 415 if the adopting eligible employer or any of its related employers maintains another Code section 403(b) plan covering any of the same participants as this Code section 403(b) plan. For this purpose, the term "related employers" means all employers that are aggregated with the adopting eligible employer under Code sections

414(b) and (c) (each as modified by IRC 415(h)), (m), and (o), including Regulation 1.414(c)-5. See Regulations 1.415(c)-1(d) and 1.415(f)-1(f) for special rules applicable to Code section 403(b) plans.

This letter may not be relied upon with respect to issues of an inherently factual nature.

This letter does not rule on whether this plan meets any requirements of a multiple employer plan.

This letter does not express an opinion with respect to the terms of any investment arrangements under the plan of any adopting eligible employer or any other documents that may be incorporated by reference into an adopting eligible employer's plan. In the event of any conflict between the terms of the plan and the terms of investment arrangements under the plan (or any other documents incorporated by reference into the plan) the terms of the plan shall govern.

This letter does not express an opinion, and may not be relied upon, with respect to whether any plan is subject to the requirements of Title I of ERISA or whether a plan satisfies any of those requirements.

Our opinion does not constitute a determination that the plan is a Code section 414(d) governmental plan or that the adopting employer is a Church or QCCO.

If you, the volume submitter practitioner, have any questions concerning the IRS processing of this case, please call the above telephone number. This number is only for use of the practitioner. Individual participants and/or adopting eligible employers with questions concerning the plan should contact the volume submitter practitioner. The plan's adoption agreement, if applicable, must include the practitioner's address and telephone number for inquiries by 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 Letter Serial Number and File Folder Number shown in the heading of this letter.

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

Sincerely Yours,



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