Elected Officials Retirement Plan

New State legislation signed into law in July of 2013, effective January 1, 2014. This plan was created for newly Elected Officials.

Plan Requirements

- Newly elected officials, or re-elected officials, who do not have time with EORP or ASRS are required to enroll in this plan.
- Required employee contributions made on a pre-tax basis from payroll deduction.
- Changing contributions is restricted, and not allowed unless by State statute.
- Non-ERISA plan type.
- 8% pre-tax employee contributions.
- 6% pre-tax employer contributions.
- \$205,000 maximum annual contribution limit in 2013 from all contribution sources under the 414(h) employer pick up rules.
- Employee and employer contributions are immediately vested.

Plan Features

- 5 asset allocation funds.
- 9 target date funds.
- 30 mutual funds representing recognized fund companies.
- 2 guaranteed interest account options (Nationwide and Morley Stable Value)
- Rollovers into the 401(a) Plan are allowed.
- Rollovers out of the plan are allowed upon separation from service to qualified retirement plans.
- This plan may be used to purchase defined benefit plan service credits on a pre-tax basis.

Plan Payouts

- No loans or distributions for hardships or financial emergencies from the 401(a) plan.
- Offers several systematic payout options.
- Upon separation of service, account assets can be rolled over to another qualified retirement plan like a 401(k), 403(b), 401(a) or 457 plan in which the participant participates; or even to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA).
- If a lump sum payout is requested upon retirement, federal/ state taxes and penalties may apply. If the participant is not age 59½, a 10% early withdrawal penalty may apply.
- Distributions must begin no later than 70½ if separated from service.
- Taxes may be withheld at the time of distribution.

Payroll Notification

At least 30 calendar days prior to retirement employees are required to notify the Payroll Office. Please contact the Payroll Office.