# **ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF A POOLED PLAN**

### **THE 401(k) GROUP PLAN SOLUTION<sup>SM</sup> (GPS)**





**TRANSAMERICA**<sup>®</sup>

# THE ADVANTAGES OF POOLED-PLAN SOLUTIONS

### WHAT IS THE 401(K) GPS?

The *GPS* is a collection of single employer defined contribution plans that, through a pooled arrangement, may share a common plan administrator, named fiduciary, investment menu, and plan year. Participating employers do not have to share a common association or industry. This pooled-plan solution can help reduce the administrative burden, transfer certain risks, and potentially lower the overall plan cost. It brings together a team of professionals on an employer's behalf so they can focus on what matters most: running their business — not their retirement plan.



Because the 3(16) Plan Administrator handles the administrative and fiduciary responsibilities, participating employers can focus on running their business and meeting the needs of their employees. Benefits include:



\* As of December 31, 2022



### **A TEAM IN YOUR CORNER**

The GPS pulls together a professional service team to help participating employers manage the retirement plan.



**COBB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** 

## **MEET THE TEAM**

### ASSOCIATION/CHAMBER

### **COBB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Becoming a member of the Chamber means that you'll gain access to a host of empowering resources including talent development programs, our health coverage program, and substantial member savings partnerships. You'll also enjoy invitations to our calendar of engaging events, from inspiring roundtable discussions to easy-going social functions.

But most importantly, membership means joining the ranks of Cobb County's foremost movers, shakers, and innovators. Being a Chamber member means that you'll never have to go it alone. Here, you'll be given the opportunity to connect with fellow entrepreneurs, gain valuable prospects and opportunities, and benefit from the perspectives of people with relevant, local experience.

### **PLAN ADMINISTRATOR 3(16)**

### **ERISA SERVICES**

ERISA Services is the Plan Administrator and a Signatory Named Fiduciary, as defined under ERISA sections 402(a), 3(16), and 3(21). It is our job to perform all functions necessary to keep your plan compliant.

As such, ERISA Services is responsible for the day-to-day operations of your plan. The functions performed on your behalf include completing, signing, and filing Form 5500, QDRO determinations, benefit payments authorization, ensuring proper spousal consent on payments, and distributions.

### RECORDKEEPER

### **TRANSAMERICA**

With a history dating more than 100 years, Transamerica is a leading provider of insurance, retirement, and investment solutions, serving millions of customers throughout the United States. In addition to being the recordkeeper responsible for handling benefit payments and enrollments, Transamerica provides support up to and through the plan participant's transition to retirement.

#### **INVESTMENT MANAGER 3(38)**

### **FIDUCIARY-PLUS**

The 3(38) is a named fiduciary to the plan, responsible for the investment selection, monitoring, and ongoing due diligence of investment funds.

### **FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

### **HENSSLER FINANCIAL**

Offering a retirement plan and selecting the providers to run the retirement plan is a fiduciary decision. As your Financial Advisor, I play a key role in helping you with the due diligence process and documentation of that process.

At Henssler Financial, we understand the complexities and liability of running a retirement plan and can provide solutions to help reduce your administration duties and associated risk at a competitive cost.

Scott A. Brown, MBA, CFS<sup>®</sup>, is a Senior Consultant for Retirement Services at Henssler Financial. Mr. Brown provides retirement planning guidance and expertise to our Institutional Clients across the Southeast. He develops solutions for our Institutional clients through retirement plan investment guidance and selection, plan design, vendor search including fee benchmarking, and leading participant investment guidance seminars. Mr. Brown also specializes in conducting on-site education meetings with participants to assist with investment portfolio strategies.

### THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR (TPA)

### **ERISA SERVICES**

The TPA helps participating employers with plan design and provides ongoing compliance services, including mandatory testing and administration. The TPA also offers local support for the employer.

### **AUDITOR\***

If applicable, the selected firm performs an annual audit to keep the plan in compliance.

# ADMINISTRATION MADE EASIER

When employers join the *GPS*, they may be able to offload the majority of administrative tasks associated with retirement plans.

### YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES IF YOU DON'T JOIN:

- Invest plan contributions
- Track contribution limits
- Track catch-up contributions
- Distribute mandatory communication notices
- Approve/deny hardship requests
- Approve/deny loan requests
- Prepare loan amortization schedules
- Coordinate loan deductions
- Process distributions upon termination
- Investment choice additions/deletions
- Investment monitoring and due diligence
- Retirement plan review
- Consultative design services
- Advanced allocation designs
- Proprietary plan document support
- Preparation of amendments
- Monitor pending legislative actions
- Merger and acquisition support
- Annual census collection
- Midyear testing
- Year-end testing
- Form 5500 preparation
- Audit support
- Forms 945, 1096, and 1099 preparation
- Track eligibility
- Notify participants of eligibility
- Establish deductions with payroll
- Conduct onsite enrollment workshops
- Conduct ongoing employee education
- Provide asset allocation tools
- Explanation of distribution options and tax implications
- QDRO support and analysis

### Significantly cut your administrative tasks:<sup>\*</sup>

- $\checkmark$  Monitor service providers
- ✓ Upload payroll files\*\*
- ✓ Year-end data collection\*\*

- \*Plan sponsor responsibilities may not be limited to items noted above. Plan sponsors should review their service agreements and fiduciary responsibilities under ERISA.
- \*\*Required, but may be provided by *PayStart*® approved payroll provider.



### LET US MAKE YOUR JOB EASIER

### SIMPLIFIED PAYROLL AND RECORDKEEPING

*PayStart* provides a service for qualifying clients that allows contribution data to be sent directly from the payroll vendor to Transamerica, eliminating the need for adopting employers to create and manipulate a separate file. This can help your organization:



**INTEGRATION WITH OVER 150 FIRMS, INCLUDING:** 



Vendor list subject to change. Transamerica is not affiliated with the organizations shown.

ASSISTANCE WITH PLAN DESIGN: UNIQUE, YET STREAMLINED

Flexible plan design — employers have the ability to tailor specific plan provisions that affect their bottom line.



## **PARTICIPANT EXPERIENCE**

Every step of the journey, Transamerica will be there to help your employees plan for a more secure retirement. Our easy-to-use tools and action-oriented education can help them move forward with confidence.

### 24/7 ONLINE ACCOUNT ACCESS

Through our fully responsive participant website or mobile app, your employees can enroll in your retirement plan and make changes to their account whenever, wherever, and however they want.



### PERSONALIZED SUPPORT

Your employees will also have access to our professional support team along their journey to retirement readiness. Our Customer Care representatives can help with account questions, while our retirement planning consultants and retirement advisors are available to help them navigate larger financial decisions and life events.

### **OTHER SOLUTIONS**

Other solutions may be available based on plan sponsor selections, such as:

- \* Health savings account (HSA)
- \* Flexible spending account (FSA)
- \* Emergency savings account (ESA)
- \* PTO Exchange

### YOUR RETIREMENT OUTLOOK®

Using easy-to-understand weather icons, Transamerica's *OnTrack*<sup>®</sup> tool helps participants see how they're doing on the road to retirement. These personalized forecasts also offer actionable suggestions they can take to improve their chances of meeting their retirement income goals.



### FINANCIAL WELLNESS CENTER

All your employees can access Transamerica's Financial Wellness Center. Designed to enhance financial literacy, this online resource features 20 self-paced modules covering key financial topics such as saving for retirement, managing debt, and buying a home.



The participant experience is integrated with our reporting capabilities. Participating employers always have the ability to track the retirement readiness of their employees.

### Our seamless transition process, unique recordkeeping capabilities, and holistic participant experience make Transamerica a pooled-plan solution provider of choice.

### Get in touch:

### **HENSSLER FINANCIAL**



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The Group Plan Solution (GPS) is not a multiple employer plan (MEP). Unlike a MEP, certain plan qualification and ERISA requirements are applied at the individual plan level. An employer participating in the plan retains certain fiduciary responsibilities, including responsibility for retaining and monitoring the 3(16) planadministrator, for determining the reasonableness of its fees, and for periodically reviewing the plan as a whole. Transamerica does not act as a 3(16) plan fiduciary.

Before adopting any plan you should carefully consider all of the benefits, risks, and costs associated with a plan. Information regarding retirement plans is general and is not intended as legal or tax advice. Retirement plans are complex, and the federal and state laws or regulations on which they are based vary for each type of plan and are subject to change. In addition, some products, investment vehicles, and services may not be available or appropriate in all workplace retirement plans. Plan sponsors and plan administrators may wish to seek the advice of legal counsel or a tax professional to address their specific situations.

### Important: The projections or other information generated by the engine (which produces *Your Retirement Outlook*<sup>\*</sup>) regarding the likelihood of various investment outcomes are hypothetical, do not reflect actual investment results, and are not guarantees of future results. Results derived from the tool may vary with each use and over time.

All cost savings mentioned are estimates and may vary depending on the pooled plan provider, selected service providers, advisor, or attorney fees.

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