

## The MERS Retiree Health Funding Vehicle

The MERS Retiree Health Funding Vehicle offers you a simple solution to a complex problem: how to establish a qualified medical trust with cost-effective diversified investments. The Retiree Health Funding Vehicle helps employers set aside assets for funding their liability, while benefitting from investing in the available investment options.



### Pre-funding Your OPEB

Just as your doctor says about an ounce of prevention, the same holds true for your OPEB liability. By pre-funding your OPEB liability instead of a pay-as-you-go method, you can prepare for the future in the present.

- Assets held in trust are legally protected from creditors and may only be used for OPEB.
- By joining the funding vehicle, you are joining a 115 Governmental Integral Part Trust.
- We save you the cost, time and effort of forming a trust on your own — we do the work for you!
- You determine the contribution frequency and amount to the Trust.
- The Trust has been approved by a Private Letter Ruling from the IRS.
- You'll benefit from the strength of our large membership, with cost-effective diversified portfolios.
- By pre-funding your OPEB liability through a Trust, you can use a higher discount rate to calculate your unfunded liability. The result is a reduction in the amount reported.
- Earnings on assets will reduce your long-term contributions and unfunded liability.
- Funding may prevent your net OPEB obligation from becoming a significant liability on your balance sheet.
- Funding can contribute to a positive credit rating.



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