

MULTIPLE EMPLOYER PLANS

More buying power, less work



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Find strength in numbers for your retirement offering

A competitive retirement plan is a crucial part of your benefits package, but these days, it can be difficult to handle the plan cost, administrative labor and fiduciary exposure. With a multiple employer plan (MEP), you can tackle all these challenges at once by teaming up with other employers to deliver retirement plan services. The breadth of services you get in a MEP can help your organization out in a number of ways.



Share plan costs

Streamline administration and potentially lower prices and fees



Reduce fiduciary exposure

Delegate some of the legal responsibility



Expand administrative bandwidth

Get support for day-to-day compliance and operational tasks



Meet employees' needs

Offer a comprehensive employee engagement program

Growing in popularity, for good reason

What do plan sponsors find appealing about a MEP?

Nearly

50%

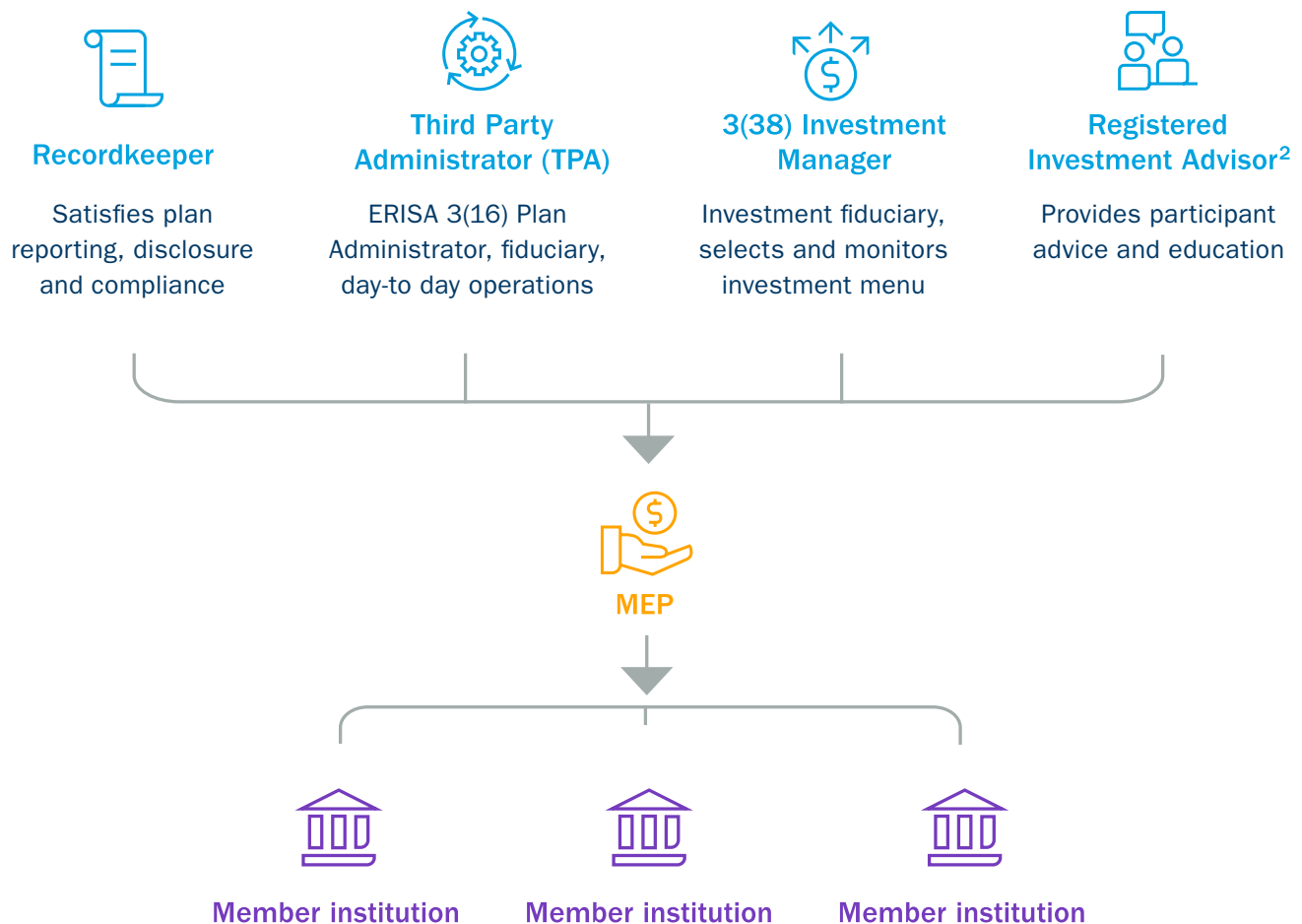
say it's the reduction in administrative burden¹

75%

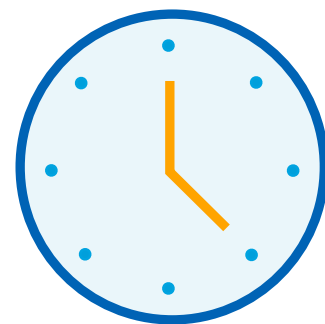
say it's the potentially lower plan costs¹

Providers align to streamline your benefits

Part of the strength of a MEP comes from the support you get from the providers you choose. Each of the four providers below bears some of the responsibility of running your retirement plan, freeing you up to focus on other programs beneficial to your employees.



We bring it all together like clockwork



In addition to our recordkeeping services, with TIAA, you get more than 100 years of retirement experience on your side, and all the tools, education and advice that comes along with it.

Coordination with MEP providers

Information sharing and regular engagement with all providers on plan issues

Robust employee engagement

Award-winning educational tools and resources for multigenerational workforces are always available³

Expert plan and menu design

Lifecycle mutual funds, managed account, and access to the TIAA RetirePlus Series®

TIAA by the numbers

\$545B

in benefits paid to retired participants since 1918⁴

15K

plan sponsors⁵



One of the first to offer 403(b) MEPs



#1 not-for-profit retirement provider in assets and participant accounts⁶

\$1.3T

total assets under management⁷

100+

years of providing lifetime income to clients

Give employees what they want— access to lifetime income

Combined with other investments, guaranteed lifetime income can boost employees' confidence in their financial future.⁸ With TIAA RetirePlus Series® model portfolios you can create a custom default option that combines the simplicity of a target date strategy with the opportunity for lifetime income.

The default option that offers more

Simplicity

Taps into the powerful “do it for me” trend created by the Pension Protection Act and target date funds.

Customization

Can be tailored to the plan's unique demographics, while still leveraging the core investment menu.

Versatility

Use predefined models or design a comprehensive asset allocation program.

Opportunity for improved outcomes

An opportunity for higher income replacement and the ability to use TIAA's lifetime income annuity options.

7 out of 10⁸

Americans see the greatest value in programs that would offer ways to obtain guaranteed lifetime income in retirement.

You're supported from start to finish

TIAA has a proven onboarding process designed to be easy to execute. We're here to develop a unique plan based on your needs, lay out all phases of the transition and develop a communication strategy to announce the new plan features to employees.

1 Establish transition milestones

2 Review, approve and initiate

3 Test and install

4 Launch and measure



Get started today

Contact your TIAA representative for assistance.

1. LIMRA Secure Retirement Institute, in December 2018.
2. In arrangements with no RIA, TIAA may also provide participant advice and education. TIAA financial consultants provide advice and education using an advice methodology from an independent third-party.
3. TIAA's education efforts have been recognized by Pensions & Investments (2017, 2018 and 2021 Eddy Awards), Plan Sponsor Council of America (2017 and 2020 Signature Awards) and the Mutual Fund Education Alliance (2016 Star Retirement Award).
4. As of December 31, 2021. Other benefits from TIAA and CREF include: additional amounts paid on TIAA Traditional annuity contracts above the guaranteed rate, surrender benefits and other withdrawals, death benefits, health insurance and disability insurance benefits, and all other policy proceeds paid.
5. As of 12/31/20. Institutional clients include both unique institutional clients with retirement plans and those with Keogh plans.
6. Based on data in PLANSPONSOR magazine's 2021 DC Recordkeeping Survey, combined 457, 403(b) and money purchase plan data as of June 21, 2021.
7. As of March 31, 2022, assets under management across Nuveen Investments affiliates and TIAA investment management teams are \$1,321 billion.
8. TIAA's 2021 Lifetime Income Survey, September 2021.

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TIAA RetirePlus

TIAA RetirePlus is an asset allocation program that includes asset allocation models that a plan participant may choose to guide the investment of his or her account into underlying investment options selected by the plan sponsor (the “underlying investments”). The plan sponsor selects the specific underlying investments available under its plan to represent the various asset classes in the models. An independent third-party advisor engaged by Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America (“TIAA”) developed the target asset class ratios for the models and the TIAA RetirePlus is administered by TIAA as plan recordkeeper. In making the TIAA RetirePlus available to plans, TIAA is not providing investment advice to the plans or plan participants.

The target asset class ratios for a plan participant’s model-based account will become more conservative over time as the plan participant’s years to retirement decreases. For information regarding the changes to the target allocations please contact TIAA. An account’s actual allocation percentage to an underlying investment may vary from the target allocations due to the performance of the underlying investments or other factors. Accounts invested in accordance with the models will be rebalanced to the applicable target allocations periodically. The underlying investments included in a model are subject to change and may not be representative of the current or future underlying investments for the model. Some or all of the underlying investments included in a model may be sponsored or managed by TIAA or its affiliates and pay fees to TIAA and its affiliates.

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The TIAA RetirePlus Pro Models are asset allocation recommendations developed in one of three ways, depending on your plan structure: i) by your plan sponsor, ii) by your plan sponsor in consultation with consultants and other investment advisors designated by the plan sponsor, or iii) exclusively by consultants and other investment advisors selected by your plan sponsor whereby assets are allocated to underlying mutual funds and annuities that are permissible investments under the plan. Model-based accounts will be managed on the basis of the plan participant’s personal financial situation and investment objectives (for example, taking into account factors such as participant age and risk capacity as determined by a risk tolerance questionnaire).

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