

401k Plans

A Pre-Tax Employee Savings Plan

A 401k Plan is a very popular employer-sponsored retirement savings program. These plans are designed for employers wishing to provide employees with the ability to fund their own retirement accounts on a pre-tax basis.

Employee Contributions

Employees can elect to defer up to \$18,000 into the plan. Employee contributions are pre-tax and are always fully vested.

Catch-up Contributions

Employees age 50 and over can make a special catch-up contribution of \$6,000 during 2015.

Employer Matching Contributions

Employers can choose to match employee contributions. Many employers match at a rate of 25%, 50%, or even 100% of the amount the employee contributes. Employers receive a tax deduction for matching contributions.

Employer Profit Sharing Contributions

Employers can also elect to make discretionary profit sharing contributions. These contributions can be in addition to Employer Matching Contributions, but are generally not required. Please see our *Profit Sharing Plans* fact sheet for more information about how these contributions might be appropriate in your plan.

Flexible Investments

401k Plans permit many types of investments, including mutual funds and other investments offered through your financial advisor.

Safe Harbor 401k Plans

One drawback of a traditional 401k Plan is that they are subject to non-discrimination testing that may limit the amount that can be contributed by owners and Highly Compensated Employees. Safe Harbor 401k Plans provide an alternative to traditional 401k plans and permit business owners and Highly Compensated Employees to contribute larger amounts than might be possible in a traditional 401k Plan. For more information on this plan type, please see our *Safe Harbor 401k* fact sheet or speak to a JULY plan consultant.

July Business Services

The professionals at JULY have more than 25 years of experience designing, installing, and operating 401k Plans. We can provide you with the information and tools you need to make your 401k Plan a success. Services include:

- Plan Design & Document Services
- Employee Communications
- Nondiscrimination Testing
- Distribution & Loan Processing
- Tax Compliance

Learn more about 401k Plans at www.julyservices.com.

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- Employees make pre-tax salary deferrals
- Employer may elect to make matching contributions
- Employer may elect to make profit sharing contributions

