

SOUTHWEST CARPENTERS HEALTH AND WELFARE TRUST

SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2017

This is a summary of the annual report for Southwest Carpenters Health and Welfare Trust, Employer Identification Number 95-6042873 (Plan 501), for the plan year ending December 31, 2017. The annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration, as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The Board of Trustees has committed itself to pay certain hospital-medical, prescription drug, and death benefit claims incurred under the terms of the plan.

Insurance Information

The plan had contracts with Anthem HMO Colorado Inc., Delta Dental of California, Health Plan of Nevada, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc., Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Colorado, Liberty Dental Plan of California Inc, Reliastar Life Insurance Company, Select Health, Sierra Health & Life Insurance Company Inc., and United Healthcare Insurance Company, to provide prepaid medical, dental and hospital services. The total premiums paid for the plan year ending December 31, 2017 were \$261,310,775.

Basic Financial Statement

The value of plan assets, after subtracting liabilities of the plan, was \$268,025,776 as of December 31, 2017, compared to \$200,563,483 as of January 1, 2017. During the plan year, the plan experienced an increase in its net assets of \$67,462,293. This increase includes unrealized appreciation or depreciation in the value of plan assets; that is, the difference between the value of the plan's assets at the end of the year and the value of the assets at the beginning of the year or the cost of assets acquired during the year. During the plan year, the plan had total income of \$364,556,648, including employer contributions of \$352,607,129, participant contributions of \$1,708,120, realized losses of \$16,479 from sale of assets, earnings from investments of \$9,406,344, and \$851,534 in other income.

Plan expenses were \$297,094,355. These expenses included \$287,707,069 in benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries and \$9,387,286 in administrative expenses.

Your Rights to Additional Information

You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. The items listed below are included in that report:

1. An accountant's report;
2. Financial information and information on payments to service providers;
3. Assets held for investment;
4. Transactions in excess of 5 percent of plan assets; and,
5. Insurance information including sales commissions paid by insurance carriers.

To obtain a copy of the full annual report or any part thereof, write or call the plan office:

**Board of Trustees of the Southwest Carpenters Health and Welfare Trust
c/o Carpenters Southwest Administrative Corporation
533 South Fremont Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90071
(213) 386-8590**

If you make a written request for certain documents the plan may impose a reasonable charge to cover the cost of furnishing those documents, provided the least expensive means of reproduction is used. In no event may such charge exceed 25 cents per page. You will be notified by the administrative office of the amount of any charge that applies.

You also have the right to receive from the plan administrator, on request and at no charge, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the plan and accompanying notes, or a statement of income and expenses of the plan and accompanying notes, or both. If you request a copy of the full annual report from the plan administrator, these two documents and accompanying notes will be included as part of that report. The charge to cover copying costs given above does not include a charge for the copying of these portions of the report because these portions are furnished without charge.

You also have the legally protected right to examine the annual report at the main office of the plan:

**533 South Fremont Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90071**

and at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. or to obtain a copy from the U.S. Department of Labor upon payment of copying costs. Requests to the Department of Labor should be addressed to:

**U.S. Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Public Disclosure Room
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Room N-1513
Washington, D.C. 20210**

Aviso a los participantes que hablan español: Si tiene alguna pregunta tocante este aviso, por favor de comunicarse con la oficina administrativa al (213) 386-8590 o (800) 293-1370, donde habrá varios representantes bilingües que le ayudarán.