

Vendors Available In TCG Administered Plans

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Listed below are the 403(b) vendors that have agreed to the terms of each employer's Written Plan, to provide data electronically and to sign the vendor agreement for your employer. This is based on working with all of the vendors for most of 2008. We will update the website next in February 2009 then quarterly thereafter. Please check the website before you make a final decision about any vendor.

Vendor List

- 1 American Century
- 2 ASPIRE (Formerly 403b ASP)
- 3 Franklin Templeton
- 4 Met Life
- 5 New York Life
- 6 RiverSource Investments, LLC (Ameriprise)
- 7 The Vanguard
- 8 Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
- 9 Valic
- 10 Waddell and Reed

*Information Regarding American Funds and Other Mutual Funds No Longer on the Employer's Approved List

1. American Funds and some other mutual funds will not agree to the terms of your Employer's Written Plan and will not provide data to TCG electronically.
2. If your deduction is currently going to American Funds or one of these other mutual funds then your deduction was stopped on the first payroll date after January 1, 2009.
3. There are alternative ways for you to continue your contributions to your mutual fund. These are listed below:
 - a. For American Funds and some other funds (check the TRS list), you can continue making contributions through a custodial account with 403b ASP (ASPIRE Financial Services). 403b ASP (ASPIRE Financial Services) offers a 403(b)(7) custodial account and has agreed to the terms of your Employer's Written Plan and to provide data to TCG electronically. You can either go through your broker to allocate your money at 403b ASP to the American Fund of your choice or go directly to 403b ASP.
 - i. You or your broker can reach 403b ASP (ASPIRE Financial Services) directly at 866-634-5873 or go to their website at www.403bplan.info/index.php.
 - ii. 403b ASP (ASPIRE Financial Services) does charge additional fees for this service so you will have to determine if this is worthwhile.
 - iii. TCG does not have any business relationship with 403b ASP (ASPIRE Financial Services) or any other vendor and does not endorse this company.
 - b. You can go to another company on the Approved List above to see if you can contribute to American Funds or another mutual fund of your choice through their product. There are other vendors that offer this, including custodial accounts and variable annuities.
 - i. You may incur additional fees when contributing through such other programs so you should evaluate the costs carefully before making a decision.
4. **IMPORTANT NOTE: If you want to keep contributing to your 403(b) fund through payroll and you choose one of the alternatives above, you must stop your deduction to the fund and change the deduction to the alternative product.**