

SERS Retirement Board Special Compensation Committee Meeting Agenda July 27, 2021 8:30 A.M

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- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Approval of June 17, 2021 Minutes (R)
- 3. Executive Session pursuant to R.C. 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss the employment of a public employee (R)
- 4. Compensation Study RFP Review
 - Mercer
 - CBIZ
 - Clemans, Nelson, and Associates
- 5. Adjournment (R)

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

July 27, 2021

		A.M.
Roll Call:		
Daniel Wilson		
Jeffrey DeLeone		
Hugh Garside		
James Haller		
Barbra Phillips		
Guests in Attendance:		

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 17. 2021

moved and Compensation Committee meet			ion to approve the minutes of the
Upon roll call, the vote was as fo	ollows:		
ROLL CALL:	YEA	NAY	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Daniel Wilson Jeffrey DeLeone Hugh Garside James Haller Barbra Phillips			

School Emp Retirement S		MPENSA1		MITTEE MINUTES	
Preparer	Vatina Gray		Meeting Date:	June 17, 2021	
Committee Chair	Daniel Wilson	Hugh Garside Absent: Barb	e, and James Haller ra Phillips	Daniel Wilson, Jeffrey DeLeone, s from the Ohio Attorney General's	
				ensrud, Joe Marotta and Vatina Gray	
Agenda	 Roll Call Approval of April 15, 2021, Minutes (R) Executive Session pursuant to R.C. 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee (R) Recess (R) Compensation Study RFP Review Adjournment 				
Discussion			meeting began in or	pen session at 7:30 a.m.	
	ROLL CALL Committee roll call was as follows: Daniel Wilson, Jeffrey DeLeone, Hugh Garside, Barbra Phillips. and James Haller. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Barbra Phillips moved and James Haller seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Compensation Committee meeting held on April 17, 2021. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Yea: Daniel Wilson, Jeffrey DeLeone, Hugh Garside, James Haller, and Barbra Phillips. The motion carried.				
	EXECUTIVE SESSION Barbara Phillips moved and James Haller seconded the motion to convene in executive session to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Yea: Daniel Wilson, Jeffrey DeLeone, Hugh Garside, James Haller, and Barbra Phillips. The motion carried.				
	The committe	ee convened in ex	ecutive session at 7:	36 a.m.	
	The committee returned to open session and recessed at 8:32 a.m. to reconvene the regular board meeting to discuss the Compensation Study proposals/submiss				
	COMPENSATIONS	STUDY RFP REV	<u>IEW</u>		
	the proposa Chair Danie	lls received for the I Wilson introduce	e upcoming Compens	n session at 1:03 p.m. to discuss sation and Classification Study. S Legal Counsel, who defined the ing the proposals.	
		he goal is to scor		nd comments from the committee nd capabilities of the vendors being	
	and Nelson.	. The selected ver	ndors will be invited to	dors: Mercer, CBIZ, and Clemans o provide in-person presentations as their qualifications. The goal is	

	for the committee to be confident in party that will complete the study and confident in the results. SERS wants the committee to have confidence in the selection made.			
	ADJOURNMENT Daniel Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:46 p.m.			
	Action Items	Assigned Person	Due Date	
Action Items				
Agenda for		·		
Next				
Meeting				

EXECUTIVE SESSION

			that the Committee convene in s the employment of a public
IN EXECUTIVE SESSION A	т	_A.M./P.M.	
ROLL CALL:	YEA	NAY	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Daniel Wilson Jeffrey DeLeone Hugh Garside James Haller Barbra Phillips			

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT_____A.M. / P.M.



School Employees Retirement System of Ohio

RFP Response-Employee Compensation and Classification Study

July 27, 2021

welcome to brighter

Agenda

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Our Mercer Team

Our team reflects various areas of expertise within Mercer that will enhance our consulting effectiveness for SERS

Project Role	Mercer Team		Project Responsibilities
Project Director	Josh Wilson		 Responsible for ensuring client satisfaction with Mercer team and deliverables, project billing/budget and contractual arrangements Provide guidance, strategic advise, assist with interviews and design
Project Manager	Megan McKinnon		 Provide overall project direction and guidance Serve as project manager, coordinating all project activities for SERS and Mercer project team members Lead market pricing and pay structure development Accountable for all deliverables
SME Advisors	Susan Lemke Kelly Henson Doug Fields		 Expertise in Endowment and Foundations and Investment Management Pay Expertise in Investment Management Expertise in Change Management, Transformation and Communications
Data Director	Aimee Kudela	9	Responsible for Data Management, Survey Data and Analytics
Project Analyst	Alan Fountain		Conduct analyses Document results Maintain project plan



People Issues Facing SERS and the Public Sector

TOPIC	ISSUES
Workplace Flexibility	 How do we bounce back after the Pandemic? What will the workplace of the future look like? What will current and future employees expect/demand?
Diversity, Equality and Inclusion	 Most organizations have good intentions, but results are not evident and change will take a long time Myriad stakeholder groups demanding action
Well-Being, Including Mental Health	 Employers play a critical role in ensuring that financial wellness programs offer resources and solutions unique to individuals Physical well-being has always been the main focus, but renewed focus on mental well being
Recruiting and Pay	 Skilled workers are in high demand Supply and demand drives wages higher Golden age of the employee?
Upskilling and Reskilling	 Efficiencies created during the pandemic have made certain skills obsolete, and others in higher demand With labor shortage, the build vs buy argument is being made by many organizations



Confirming Objectives



✓ Review of compensation program/best practice review



✓ Compensation Analysis

- ➤ Salary Comparison: Approximately 135 unique roles, 7 of which are investment specific
- > Review of Incentive Plan



✓ Recommendations (changes, structures, etc.) and implementation support



✓ Post-study support and partnership



Our Approach

Preliminary responsibility:

☐ Mercer

Shared Tasks (Mercer & SERS Ohio)

- Planning and Strategy Development
- Conduct kick-off /planning meeting
- Discuss and define SERS Ohio stakeholder roles and participation
- ☐ Collect and review business and compensation program information – Comparison to Best Practices
- Plan and conduct executive interviews, focus groups and Board interviews (1 full day planned)
- Develop statement of compensation program objectives

- 2 Competitive Pay Analysis & Incentive Review
- Define appropriate comparator groups with Board and Sr. Leadership
- Identify benchmark jobs and determine job matching strategies
- Collect job documentation
- Match SERS Ohio jobs to comparable survey descriptions
- Confirm survey matches with SERS Ohio project team
- ☐ Collect competitive market data
- ☐ Compare employee compensation levels to market data
- ☐ Conduct incentive plan review
- Review results with SERS Ohio project team

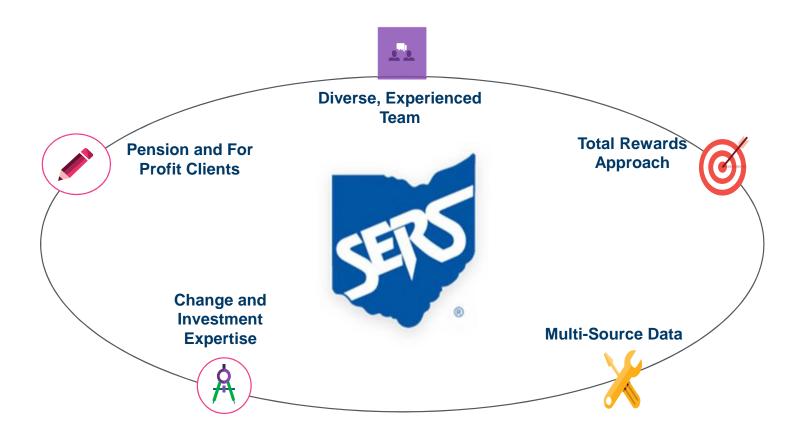
- Recommendations and Implementation Support
- □ Based on review with SERS Ohio team, consider transformation strategies, including structure redesign or overhaul
- Assess change management strategies depending on preferred course of action
- Present findings and recommendations to Board and Leadership
- ☐ Begin change management and program re-design as appropriate

- Ongoing Support
- ☐ Provide annual market salary increase data for financial services
- Conduct ½ day work session each year to discuss current state and assess needs
- ☐ Up to 5 ad hoc market pricings per year to ensure competitiveness

Weeks 1-2 Weeks 3-9 Weeks 10-11 Ongoing Support

Mercer

Why Partner With Mercer?





Working with Mercer

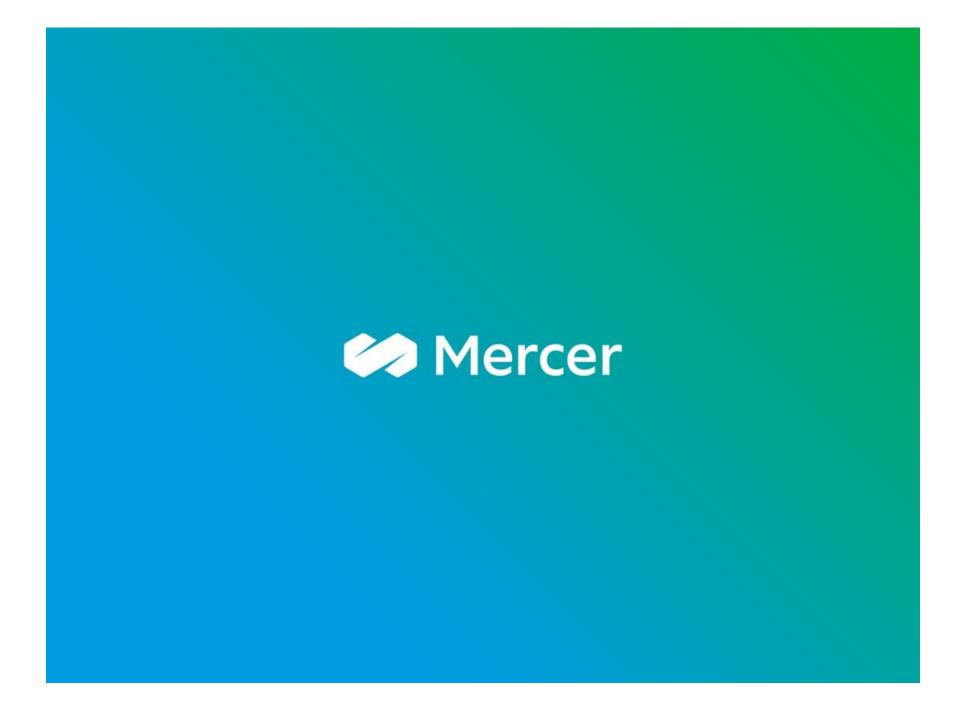


Mercer

Wrap Up

- Mercer appreciates the opportunity to submit our RFP response and present in person
- We welcome any questions







Agenda



- CBIZ introduction
- Project approach
- Answer your questions







Financial & Accounting

- Accounting & Tax
- Government Health Care Consulting
- Financial Advisory
- Valuation
- Litigation Support
- Risk & Advisory Services
- Tenant Advisory Services

Benefits & Insurance

- Benefits Consulting
- Payroll Services
- Human Capital Management
- Property & Casualty
- Retirement & Investment Solutions
- Talent & Compensation Solutions







1 Inside Public Accounting (IRA) - August 2020 *Buralness Insurance magazine - July/August 2020 *Rankings/recognition by unaffiliated rating services/publications should not be construed as a guarantee of a certain level of results if CBIZ Retirement Plan Services (CBIZ Financial Solutions, Inc. or CBIZ Investment Advisory Services, LLC) is engaged, or continues to be engaged, to provide investment advisory services. The "PLANADMSER top 100 Retirement Plan Advisors" list is compiled from responses to the PLANADMSER Retirement Plan Advisor Survey. The list is drawn solely from a set of quantitative variables and information in the survey is supplied by the advisers themselves.

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Largest Accounting Provider Nationally 1



Largest Broker of U.S. Business²



Retirement Plan Adviser³



Workplace **Awards**

in 2019



including

8 Million+ Lbs. of Food Donated

since 2009

CBIZ Talent & Compensation Solutions



- National CBIZ practice
- Team of compensation professionals serving clients from coast to coast
- Extensive experience working with public pension funds

Public Sector Client List



- Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund
- City of Austin Police Retirement
 System
- City of El Paso Employees Retirement Trust
- Colorado Public Employees Retirement Association
- Denver Employees Retirement Plan
- Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund
- Kansas Public Employees Retirement System
- Maryland State Retirement and Pension System
- Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System
- Missouri State Employees Retirement System
- MoDOT and Highway Patrol Employees' Retirement System
- Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Program
- Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri

- City of Columbia, Missouri
- City of Shawnee, Kansas

City of Ottawa

- City of Austin Employees' Retirement System (COAERS)
- City of Cape Girardeau
- City of Overland Park
- City of St. Charles School District
- City of University City
- City of Blue Springs
- City of Bristol Tennessee
- City of Fenton
- City of O'Fallon
- City of Osage Beach
- City of Paducah
- City of Salisbury
- City of Wentzville
- City of Olathe
- Olathe Unified School District
- Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East
- State of Missouri Office of Administration
- American Bottoms

- Bvu Authority
- Liberty Public Schools
- Mount Pleasant Waterworks
- Special School District of St. Louis County
- Eau Claire Area School District
- Fort Wayne Housing Authority
- Harford County Public Library
- Housing Authority of St. Louis County
- Kirkwood School District
- Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority
- Little Blue Valley Sewer District
- Missouri Department of Conservation
- Perry County Missouri
- Missouri Western State University

Project Lead



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JOE RICE

- Director, Compensation Consulting
- Manage and oversee all aspects of the projects and serve as the primary client contact
- 15 years compensation industry experience
 - Started "in house," 2005
 - Consulting since 2015
- Board President at BWorks
 - Education/experiential learning non-profit

CBIZ COMPENSATION CONSULTING

Service Team



- Ryan Blackwell: Project Manager
 - Manage day-to-day project steps
 - Manage consulting staff and quality control
- Ed Rataj: Managing Director, Compensation Consulting
 - Provide strategic oversight for the project

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Project Approach

Phase 1: Planning & Data Collection



PLANNING DISCUSSION

- Opportunity for us to learn and hear views
- Philosophy
- Differentiation/segmentations
- Strengths/opportunities/challenges
- Culture
- Organization structure
- Provide draft philosophy document



Phase 1: Planning & Data Collection



DATA COLLECTION AND RECONCILIATION

- Submit data request
- Employee census information
- Job descriptions
- Job analysis questionnaire (if needed)

Phase 2: Market Research



ESTABLISH BENCHMARKS



GEOGRAPHY

 Do you source talent primarily in the local market, or are there jobs for which you source regionally or nationally?



INDUSTRY

Should the focus be exclusively your industry or should the broader labor market be considered?



SIZE

- How critical is size? For all positions?
- What are the metrics that matter: revenue, operating budget, employee headcount, etc.

Establish Benchmarks



- Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation
- Arizona State Retirement System
- Austin Fire Fighters Relief & Retirement Fund
- Austin Police Retirement System
- California State Teachers' Retirement System
- Charlotte Firefighters' Retirement System
- City of Austin Employees Retirement System
- City of El Paso Employees Retirement Trust
- City of San Jose Office of Retirement Services
- Denver Employees Retirement Plan
- El Paso Firemen & Policemen's Pension Fund
- Employees Retirement System of Texas
- Fire and Police Pension Association
- Fort Worth Employees' Retirement Fund
- Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association
- Houston Firefighters Relief and Retirement Fund
- Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund
- Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System
- Kansas Public Employees Retirement System
- Kern County Employees' Retirement Association
- Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System
- Maryland State Retirement and Pension System
- Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System
- Missouri State Employees Retirement System
- Minnesota State Retirement System
- Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association
- MoDOT & Patrol Employees Retirement System
- Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan

- Municipal Fire & Police Retirement System of lowa
- Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System
- Nebraska Investment Council
- New Hampshire Retirement System
- New Jersey Division of Investment
- New Mexico Educational Retirement Board
- Public Employees Association of New Mexico
- Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi
- Public Schools Retirement System of Missouri (PSRS/PEERS)
- New York City Board Of Education Retirement System
- North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System
- Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund
 - Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation
- Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System
- Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System
- Orange County Employees Retirement System
- Oregon Public Employee's Retirement System
- Park Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago
- Pennsylvania State Employees Retirement System (SERS)
- Public School Employees Retirement System
- Richmond Retirement System
- San Bernardino County Retirement Association
- School Employees Retirement System of Ohio
- Seattle City Employees' Retirement System
- South Carolina Retirement System Investment Commission

- State Board of Administration of Florida
- State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio
- State Universities Retirement System of Illinois
- Teachers Retirement System of Georgia
 - Teachers Retirement System of Louisiana
- Teachers Retirement System of Oklahoma
- Teachers Retirement System of the State of Illinois
- Texas Permanent School Fund
- Utah Retirement System
- West Virginia Investment Management Board

Phase 2: Market Research



EVALUATE JOB DOCUMENTATION

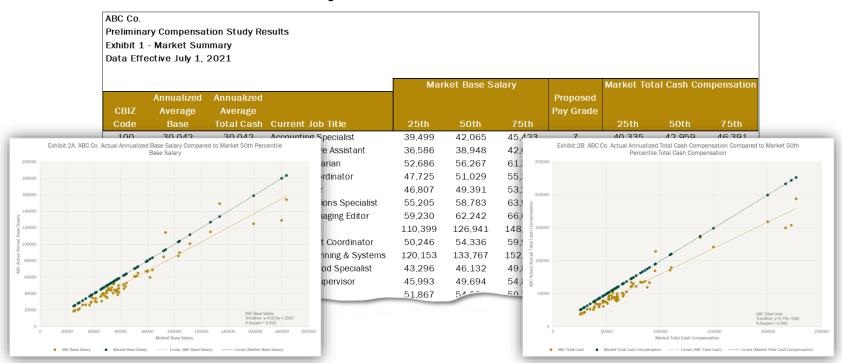
- Review job documentation, format, data captured
- Job title changes
 - Collapse
 - Expand
 - Modify

Phase 2: Market Research



EXTERNAL MARKET ANALYSIS

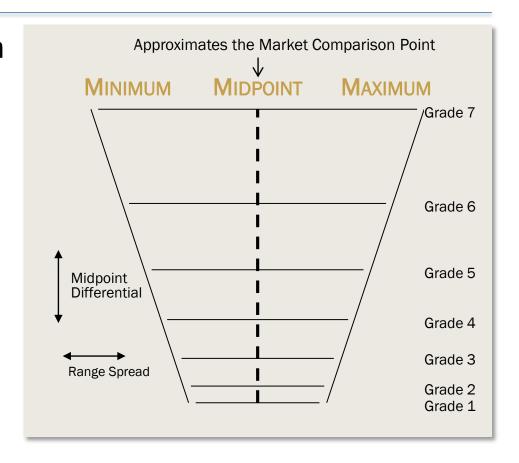
- Published survey data
- CBIZ Pension Survey





DESIGN PAY STRUCTURE(S)

- Streamline compensation administration
- Evaluate current or propose new
- Evaluate one or multiple
 - i.e., separate
 investment structure





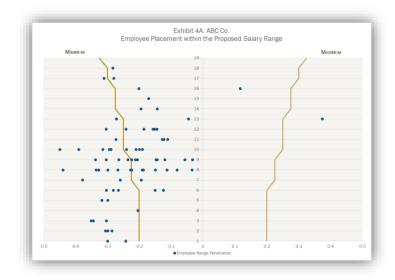
REVIEW INVESTMENT INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN

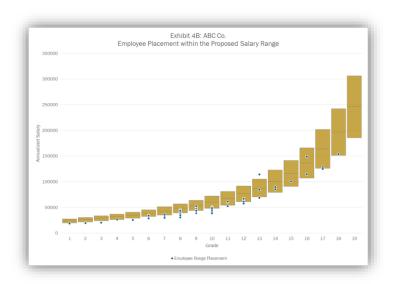
- Review in context of the market analysis, including
 - Evaluation of target incentive levels
 - Base salary
 - Total cash compensation comparisons.
- Review and comment on plan design details
 - Frequency/timing of payouts
 - Number of metrics
 - Performance levels



IMPLEMENTATION ANALYSIS

- Calculate implementation costs
- Evaluate for below minimum or above maximum
- Trends, overall compa-ratio
- Compression analysis: Employee to supervisor and peer to peer







RESULTS

- Meet with SERS Board of Trustees and Senior Leadership:
 - Market pricing results
 - Pay structure design
 - Internal equity of each job
 - Review the implementation cost analysis
- Provide copies of project report and supporting exhibits
- Discuss and determine the optimal implementation strategy that considers cost, culture, timeline, and other issues



BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESENTATION

- Discuss the appropriate level of detail to share with the Board
 - Project scope
 - Project steps/Methodology
 - Findings and recommendations
- Answer questions

Phase 4: Ongoing Administration



SALARY ADMINISTRATION GUIDE

- Topics may include:
 - annual compensation planning
 - pay increase recommendations
 - education and certification pay
 - hiring pay
 - promotions
 - demotions

Phase 4: Ongoing Administration



PROGRAM TRAINING

- Address any questions
- Discuss employee communications and pay transparency options
- Review annual processes: structure adjustments and salary reviews
- Salary administration guide

Phase 4: Ongoing Administration

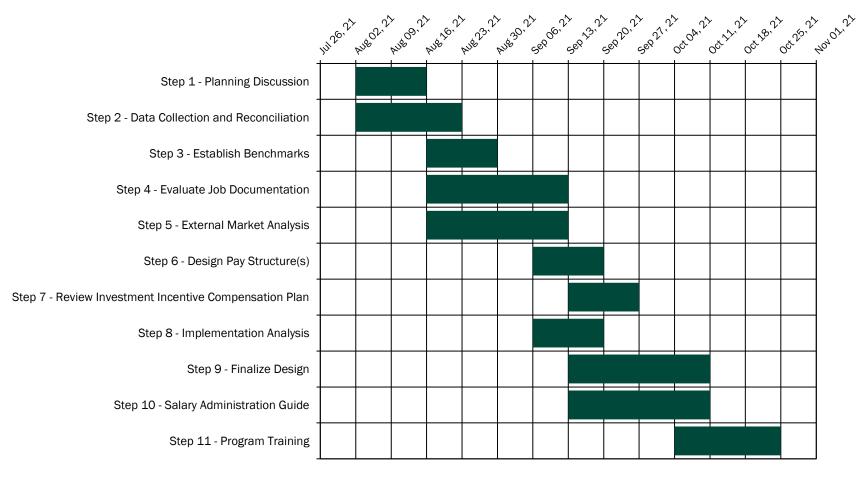


ANNUAL SALARY PLANNING LETTER

- Provide letter for next five years
 - Salary increase budgets
 - Structure adjustment trends

Project Schedule





Annual Salary Planning provided for five years at no additional charge



SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO

Employee Compensation and Classification Study

Project Overview

July 27, 2021



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About Us

- Founded in 1976; employee-owned
- Four (4) offices: Akron, Cincinnati, Columbus (Dublin), and Lima
- Currently: 26 employees total (20 professional staff)
- Management consulting firm, focused on providing human resources and labor relations services, primarily to public sector clients

Compensation & Classification Studies

- In last five (5) years, we have completed more than 70 studies on behalf of our clients
 - Counties
 - Cities
 - Housing Authorities
 - Regional Planning Commissions
 - Townships
 - Villages

Primary Project Team Members

Brian D. Butcher

President / CEO

Andrew A. Esposito

Manager of Client Development / Shareholder

Heidi L. Miller, SHRM-CP

Account Manager / Shareholder

PJ Winegardner

Project Manager / IT Manager

Project Team Leader

■ Heidi L. Miller, SHRM-CP

Account Manager / Shareholder

In the last five (5) years, Heidi has worked on more than 25 compensation studies; notable clients include:

- MORPC
- City of Columbus
- Columbus State Community College
- Union Co BOC
- Lake Co BOC
- Franklin Co Auditor

Project Team Leader

PJ Winegardner

Project Manager / IT Manager

PJ has worked on more than 35 compensation studies in the last five (5) years; notable clients include:

- MORPC
- Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Greene Co BOC
- Medina Co BOC
- City of Pickerington
- Franklin Co Auditor

- Step One Gather and review Client Documents
- Step Two Initial Client Meeting(s)
 - Identify concerns with current plan structure
 - Client goals: market position?
 - Confirm timeline (projected timeline: 18 weeks)
 - Identify
 - Benchmark Positions
 - Survey Participants

- We pride ourselves on maintaining open communication lines with the client throughout the process, via a combination of:
 - Meetings (both in-person and virtual)
 - Phone Calls
 - Emails
- On average, we communicate with our clients once per week throughout the process, depending on the project phase and client needs

- Step Three Market Survey (External Equity Analysis)
 - Who do we survey?
 - Comparable employers
 - Each respondent is asked to provide wage ranges, as well as current wage rates, for each classification / position being surveyed
 - Also asked to provide benefit information (such as health insurance, tuition reimbursement, longevity, pension pickup, etc.)

- Step Four Internal Equity Analysis
 - Based on review of compensable factors
 - Our proprietary model is based on 9-10 factors
 - Can use existing system client has in place, if desired
 - Consultant will ensure internal pay equity is consistent with job classification and pay grade assignment
 - Consultant will analyze for any wage compression issues (both vertical and horizontal)
 - Review analysis and recommendations with client
 - If client wishes, we will also meet with department heads to review their department's overall analysis

	FACTORS	WEIGHT	NUMBER OF DEGREES	POINTS AVAILABLE	1	2	3	4	5
1.	Education	15%	5	150	35	65	105	127	150
2.	Experience	13%	4	130	31	62	93	130	
3.	Supervision Exercised	13%	5	130	0	31	62	93	130
4.	Communications (Internal / External Relations)	13%	4	130	31	62	93	130	
5.	Responsibility for Assets/Consequence of Errors	11%	4	110	10	45	80	110	—
6.	Independence of Work/Discretion	10%	4	100	10	40	70	100	
7.	Responsibility for Policies and Procedures	10%	5	100	8	30	52	75	100
8.	Work Environment	3.5%	4	35	4	15	25	35	
9.	Health and Safety	3.5%	4	35	4	15	25	35	
10.	Responsibility for Accurate Records/Reports	8%	4	80	8	30	52	80	

Step Four - Internal Equity (Point Factor) Analysis

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- Step Five Develop Compensation Plan & Pay Schedule
 - Rely upon both external and internal equity analysis, and relevant indices (CPI, SSI, ECI)
 - Develop recommendations on pay grade assignments, overall wage scale and pay grade ranges
 - Using current employee data, develop projected implementation cost model(s)
 - Perform gender equity analysis

- Step Six Preliminary Report / Review Results
 - Consultant will present preliminary reports to client for review and approval including:
 - Wage Survey Results
 - Internal Equity Results
 - Recommendations including wage scales and pay grade assignments
 - Projected implementation costs
 - Compensation Plan administration manual



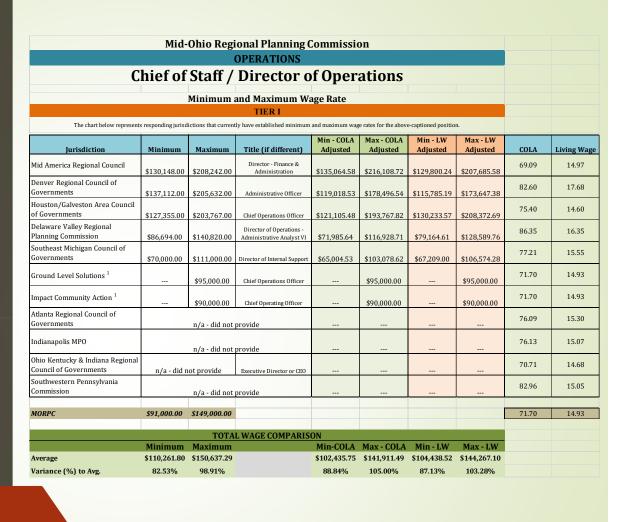
Survey Results -Overall

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Summary of Data with Current MORPC Wage Ranges - TOTAL WAGE COMPARISON

Position	MORPC		Survey Average			Variance (%)				
Tosition	Minimum	Maximum	Actual MIN	Actual MAX	Living Wage MIN	Living Wage MAX	Mi: Actual	nimum Living Wage	Max Actual	imum Living Wage
Chief of Staff / Director of Operations	\$91,000	\$149,000	\$110,262	\$150,637	\$104,439	\$144,267	82.53%	142.67%	98.91%	103.28%
Director, Energy & Air Quality	\$79,410	\$127,029		\$80,124		\$80,124	n/a	n/a	158.54%	158.54%
Director, Transportation Systems & Funding	\$79,410	\$127,029	\$99,509	\$161,091	\$95,670	\$155,639	79.80%	132.78%	78.86%	81.62%
Director, Planning & Environment	\$79,410	\$127,029	\$92,027	\$147,113	\$88,164	\$141,598	86.29%	144.08%	86.35%	89.71%
Director, Regional Data & Mapping	\$79,410	\$127,029	\$86,097	\$138,048	\$81,905	\$131,577	92.23%	155.09%	92.02%	96.54%
Director, Public & Government Affairs	\$79,410	\$127,029	\$82,139	\$129,593	\$77,964	\$124,194	96.68%	162.93%	98.02%	102.28%
Director of IT	New P	osition	\$87,514	\$139,724	\$83,829	\$134,030	n/a			

Survey Results – Position



- Step Seven Finalize Compensation Plan
 - Consultant will finalize project documents and present client with final reports, and Executive Summary providing overview of process, results, and recommendations
 - Consultant will also provide training to key personnel with respect to compensation plan implementation and ongoing administration

Project Bid

Work Description	Estimated # of Hours	Estimated Cost Not to Exceed
External Equity Analysis (Compensation Study)		
 Internal Equity Analysis (Point Factoring or Grading) 		
Review of Current Wage Rate Structure		
 Recommendations for Compensation Plan Structure, with Implementation Cost Analysis 	186 - 298	\$29,760 - \$47,680
Training on Compensation Plan Administration		
Presentation of Results		
	Plus: Mileage	\$250

Clemans Nelson bills only for hours worked, providing detailed entries for billing purposes with respect to actual work performed.

Our References

- We are proud of the work we have performed for our clients, and invite you to contact any of the references listed in our initial proposal submission.
- We are happy to provide additional references as well. Thank you!



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Compensation and Classification Study RFP Evaluation Performed by the Compensation Committee

Round 1 Proposal Evaluation

June 17, 2021

Evaluation Criteria

- Vendor's experience
- Soundness of the approach and quality of the work plan
- Expertise and experience of the vendor's team assigned to SERS
- Cost

Committee's Observations

CBIZ

- Cleveland, Ohio office
- Impressed with other public pension plan assignments
- Team assigned to SERS has good credentials
- offers customized retirement system benchmarks
- 3 months to complete
- Competitive fees

Clemans, Nelson & Associates

- Based in Columbus, Ohio
- Will take 4 to 5 months to complete assignment
- Local public sector experience
- Competitive fees

ERA

- Local firm that has relationship with SERS
- No public pension plan experience
- Some public sector experience
- Salary benchmarking is unclear
- Workplan is light on details

Mercer

- Well-established firm
- One team member is located in Ohio
- Extensive public sector experience as well as in the private sector
- Large and experienced team assigned to SERS
- 3 months to complete
- Fees are significantly higher than the other firms

Richardson

 Local firm but no experience with large public sector entities other than Columbus Public Schools Compensation and Classification Study RFP Evaluation Performed by the Compensation Committee

- Only one employee so key person risk
- 8-month time frame is too long to complete assignment
- Lack of customized benchmarks

Segal

- Large firm, but not much experience with Ohio or public pension plans
- Proposal only includes benchmarking 70 positions
- 5 months to complete
- Fees could end up being higher than quoted due to so few benchmarked positions included in fee proposal

Committee Recommendation

Based on the evaluation of the proposals submitted, the Committee requests onsite presentations from CBIZ, Clemans, Nelson & Associates, and Mercer.

Compensation and Classification Study RFP Evaluation Performed by the Compensation Committee

Round 2 Proposal and Presentation Evaluation - July 27, 2021

Evaluation Criteria

- Relevant experience of Vendor and assigned team
- Benchmarks that are appropriate to our work and staff responsibilities including Investment personnel
- Soundness of the approach and quality of the work plan
- Presentation
- Ability to meet timelines and deliverables
- Cost

Committe	e's Ol	oserva	tions

Committee's Observations	
CBIZ	
Clemans, Nelson & Associates	
Mercer	

Committee Recommendation

ADJOURNMENT

moved that the	Compensation Committee adjourn to meet on	
or the next compensation committee m	neeting.	
The meeting adjourned at	a.m.	
The meeting adjourned at	a.m.	
	Daniel Wilson, Compensation Committee Chair	