



National Retirement Designation Program for Employers Announced by *The Plan Sponsor University*

Initial Group of 35 Adjunct Lecturers including Rich Hultquist, Vice-President
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The first national designation and training program designed to educate employers and support their efforts in offering qualified retirement plans like 401(k)s has surfaced. *The Plan Sponsor University (TPSU)* held an inaugural meeting of the 35 Founding Adjunct Lecturers at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business Gleacher Center on December 4-5, 2012. Starting 2013, all *TPSU* Adjunct Lecturers will deliver concentrated one-day education and designation programs in conjunction with local college and university facilities in various cities across the United States.

The *TPSU* curriculum is designed to engage plan fiduciaries including business owners, human resource, finance and benefit professionals in strategic discussion and training covering topics such as regulatory compliance and updates, managing fiduciary risk and plan expenses while focusing on successful plan outcomes for plan sponsors and participants.

“With retirement plans like 401(k)s becoming the primary retirement vehicle for most Americans going forward, it’s important that employers create and implement a plan that is designed to help their employees to be more successful” said Fred Barstein, Founder and CEO of *TPSU*.

“Employers need training and education but also access to independent and experienced financial professionals to help them and their workforce.”

TPSU experienced strong interest from hundreds of industry professionals desirous of being affiliated with such a national educational effort. After careful screening from numerous applicants, *TPSU* announces that, Rich Hultquist, Vice President MCM has been selected as one of 35 Founding *TPSU*’s Adjunct Lecturer for the state of Washington. Mr. Hultquist has been involved in financial services since 1992 and has worked with over 1,000 retirement plans. HE is part of the prestigious C(k)P® Certified 401(k) Professional Designation from *The*

Retirement Advisor University (TRAU) in Collaboration with UCLA Anderson School of Management Executive Education.

“I am honored to have been selected to be a Founding Lecturer at *TPSU*” stated Mr. Hultquist. “After many years of informally teaching and helping employers design and implement retirement plans for their employees, I am excited to be part of a national and focused initiative like *TPSU* to help even more American workers to retire with dignity.”

The single-day Education Sessions of *The Plan Sponsor University* are scheduled to begin in April of 2013 with interest indicated by companies ranging from with less than 10 employees to Fortune 500 companies.

ABOUT THE PLAN SPONSOR UNIVERSITY

The Plan Sponsor University (TPSU), an affiliate of TRAU, The Retirement Advisor University, a collaboration with UCLA Anderson School of Management Executive Education, offers the most comprehensive combination of online and in-person workplace retirement plan certification program for business owners, benefits specialists or other employer fiduciaries.

TPSU offers employers who are charged with the responsibility of company retirement plan oversight the opportunity to increase their knowledgebase in areas such as retirement plan design, operation, comprehension of fiduciary obligations, and improving outcomes. Those who participate and successfully complete the program are awarded the plan sponsor enrollee certification of C(k)PS Certified 401(k) Plan Specialist.