7/1/2015 Valuation
Method and Assumptions

Recommendations

- No change to assumptions from last year
- No change in methods from last year

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Re: Recommended Actuarial Assumptions and Methods for Determining Member Contributions for the Plan Year Beginning July 1, 2015

Dear Jodi:

We recommend the following changes to our actuarial valuations to determine member contributions for the plan year beginning July 1, 2015:

- *Valuation date*: The valuation date will be changed from January 1, 2015 to July 1, 2014.
- *Actuarial asset value*: The actuarial asset value will recognize only one half of the scheduled recognition of existing bases – that is, 12.5% of the transition amount and 10% of the 2013 investment gain/loss – and 20% of the gain/loss determined for the period ending 6/30/2014.
- *Amortization basis*: For plans that set up a fixed amortization period of 30 years at the 1/1/2013 valuation, the remaining unfunded liability as of the 7/1/2014 valuation date will be amortized over 28 years, thus maintaining the fixed ending date of 6/30/2043.

  Plans with a fixed 30 year period at the 1/1/2014 valuation date (either because they were new plans in 2013, or because they came out of a surplus position during 2013) will amortize the remaining unfunded liability as of 7/1/2014 over 29 years.

  Plans setting a new fixed period on 7/1/2014 (new plans and plans coming out of surplus) will amortize the unfunded liability as of 7/1/2014 over 30 years.

  The amortization factor, which has included an additional half year's interest to reflect the 6-month delay before the new contribution rate becomes effective, will now include a full year's interest to reflect the 12-month delay.
- *Normal cost*: Normal cost is calculated as the level percent of pay to fund the employees' retirement plan benefits over their working careers. Because cities contribute a percentage of each payroll, this amount automatically adjusts to reflect changes in pay and new hires after the valuation date. No adjustment to the normal cost is needed.

- No changes in assumptions are recommended at this time. All assumptions (including investment return) will be reviewed at the time of the next experience study, scheduled for 2017.

Sincerely,

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Consulting Actuary

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO ACTUARIAL VALUATION PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULE

Funding Valuation

Changes to Actuarial Method

- *Valuation date*: The valuation date is being changed from January 1 to July 1. The new contribution rate will thus become effective 12 months after the valuation date, rather than 6 months.
- *Actuarial asset value*: Currently, the cumulative investment gains/losses as of 1/1/2013 (transition amount) is being recognized 25% per year; subsequent gains/losses are being recognized 20% per year. Because the 7/1/2014 valuation date is 6 months after the prior valuation date, the actuarial asset value will recognize 12.5% of the transition amount and 10% of the 2013 investment gain/loss. The gain/loss determined for the period ending 6/30/2014 will represent one half year's market activity; the full 20% of this amount will be recognized 7/1/2014 (so as not to halve it twice). Subsequent valuations will resume the full recognition schedule. Thus, the 7/1/2015 valuation will recognize 25% of the transition amount and 20% of each subsequent gain/loss (the 12 months ending 12/31/2013, the 6 months ending 6/30/2014, and the 12 months ending 6/30/2015).
- *Amortization basis*: Most plans set up a fixed amortization period of 30 years at the 1/1/2013 valuation, with the remaining unfunded actuarial liability at the 1/1/2014 valuation date being amortized over 29 years. Because of the 6 month delay before the new contribution rate became effective, these amortization amounts were calculated to fund the unfunded liability over the fixed period ending 6/30/2043. In order to maintain this fixed end date, the remaining unfunded liability as of the 7/1/2014 valuation date will be amortized over 28 years (thus funding the unfunded liability from the 7/1/2015 effective date of the new contribution rate through 6/30/2043).

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Actuarial Assumptions

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Accounting Valuation (GASB 68)

Overview

- We will adopt a 6/30/2014 measurement date for city fiscal years ending in 2015. For most cities with a 6/30 fiscal year end, this will mean a measurement date that is 12 months prior to the fiscal year end (GASB allows a measurement date up to 18 months prior to fiscal year end.)

- As a result, our first full GASB 68 valuation will be run with the 6/30/2014 census and assets. There will no longer be a need for a preliminary report detailing a city's initial position and estimated expense for fiscal 2015.

- For the initial valuation only, liability at the start of the year will be determined by a "rollback" from the 6/30/2014 census. Therefore, there will be no demographic gain or loss during fiscal 2015, although there will be an investment gain or loss to be amortized.