## Pre-tax savings pump up your growth potential.



Assuming you didn't have to spend the money somewhere else, would you rather start with a \$100 investment or a $\$ 75$ investment?

That's an easy one. All other things being equal, that $\$ 100$ investment would grow more quickly than $\$ 75$.

And that's just one of the ways a nonqualified deferred compensation plan increases your savings potential. Because you're setting aside money before taxes come out-and the earnings on those dollars compound on a tax-deferred basis-more of your money is working for you.

With a taxable investment, you've already paid taxes on the money you're investing. It's like you're working with \$75 instead of \$100. In a nonqualified plan, 100\% of every dollar and any credited earnings grow tax-deferred.

The example below shows you what we mean. The advantage of pre-tax savings increases dramatically the longer you let your balance grow. Also, by strategically timing when you pay taxes, you may find that you're able to lower your tax bracket in your retirement years.

Compare pre- and post-tax account growth.

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|  | Pre-tax <br> savings in <br> a deferred <br> comp plan | Post-tax <br> investment <br> elsewhere |
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| Annual deferral amount | $\$ 50,000$ | $\$ 50,000$ |
| Net amount investedEarnings rate | $\$ 50,000$ | $\$ 32,500$ |
| Account balance <br> after 25 years | $\$ 2.817 \mathrm{M}$ | $\$ 1.370 \mathrm{M}$ |
| Net account value <br> after 25 years | $\$ 1.690 \mathrm{M}$ | $\$ 1.370 \mathrm{M}$ |

Illustration is hypothetical and does not represent any particular investment. Net amount invested for Taxable Investment based on assumed $40 \%$ federal tax bracket. Lower maximum tax rates on capital gains and dividends would make the return of the taxable investment more favorable, thereby reducing the difference in performance between the options shown. Consider your personal investment horizon and income tax bracket, both current and anticipated, when making an investment decision, as these may further affect the results of the comparison. Pre-tax NQDC value based on taking lump sum distribution after 25 years at federal tax rate of $40 \%$.

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[^0]:    - Pre-tax savings in a deferred comp plan, net of tax Post-tax investment elsewhere

