



Performance-Based Incentive (PBI) Program

April 18, 2024

Initial Review of the Performance-Based Incentive Program for Fiscal Year 2025



- **Performance-based incentive programs:**
 - Are designed to attract, motivate and retain qualified investment professionals
 - Are standard in the investment management industry and at pension funds, including those in Ohio
 - Are the variable component of total compensation (base pay + pay for performance)
 - Align the interests of investment staff and STRS Ohio members (incentive payments increase with good performance and value added to the fund)

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- **STRS Ohio's internal investment management (inclusive of PBIs) saves money**
 - For 2022, CEM reported STRS Ohio's internal investment management saved ~ \$135 million annually
- **STRS Ohio's net total fund performance is in the top 15% of Meketa's plan sponsor peer group analysis over the long term:**
 - ✓ 3 yrs (top 4%) ✓ 5 yrs (top 12%) ✓ 10 yrs (top 4%) ✓ 20 yrs (top 2%)
- **Performance over the benchmark added \$2.28 billion in value during the past five years**
 - PBI Program return on investment = 57x (pay \$1 to get \$57)
- **Approximately 15% of total STRS Ohio employees are eligible for performance-based compensation; only certain eligible investment staff participate in the PBI Program**

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- **In fiscal year 2024:**
 - McLagan found the STRS Ohio incentive plan is aligned with competitive market practice
 - The board approved substantial PBI Program changes in August 2023, including:
 - More than 30 positions removed from the PBI Program
 - Maximum incentive percentages were reduced
 - A 10% reduction to PBI payments in any year where the board's actuary determines there is not sufficient funding to change member benefits
- **Minimal changes proposed for fiscal year 2025**

General Guidelines for Allocating Incentive Goals

Attachment B

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	Incentive Allocation Percentages		
	Assistant Director	Strategy Committee Member ⁴	All Other PBI Eligible Positions
Portfolio/Industry, if applicable³	50%	60%	70%
1 Year Relative Performance	50%	5%	40%
5 Year Relative Performance	45%	55%	60%
Asset Class	20%	20%	20%
1 Year Relative Performance	20%	2%	20%
5 Year Relative Performance ⁴	18%	18%	18%
Total Fund	30%	20%	42%
1 Year Relative Performance	15%	10%	51%
5 Year Relative Performance	15%	10%	51%
Total Incentive Allocation	100%		100%

Notes:

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	Incentive Allocation Percentages	
	Assistant Director	All Other PBI Eligible Positions
Portfolio/Industry, if applicable³	50%	60%
1 Year Relative Performance	0%	0%
5 Year Relative Performance	50%	60%
Asset Class	20%	20%
1 Year Relative Performance	0%	0%
5 Year Relative Performance ⁴	20%	20%
Total Fund	30%	20%
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Total Incentive Allocation	100%	100%

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