



# **County of San Diego**

# Memorandum of Understanding For Enrollment in the Schwab Self-Directed Brokerage Option

We're pleased to offer the Schwab Self-Directed Brokerage Option® (SDO)—a self-directed brokerage account available through the Deferred Compensation Plan.

Schwab's Personal Choice Retirement Account (PCRA) is a self-directed brokerage option designed to integrate into your Employer's Deferred Compensation Plan and supplement the Plan's core fund menu. It provides a wealth of expanded investment choices for participants who seek more flexibility, increased diversification and a greater role in managing their retirement savings.

#### How do I enroll in an SDO?

If you decide that an SDO is the right choice for you, you must complete and sign the attached Self-Directed Brokerage Option Memorandum of Understanding. This form is used to open your account with Schwab. The completed and signed form must then be returned to Nationwide Retirement Solutions (NRS) via USPS mail or fax for establishing your SDO.

About 10 days after you send in your forms, you will receive a Schwab SDO Welcome Kit containing your SDO number and other information that will help you make more informed investment decisions in your account.

Once this kit is received, you will need to visit the following website to establish the ability to trade in your SDO account. Schwab.com/PCRAopen.

**Retirement Plan ID:** 457(b): 0921101b

401(a): 0921101a

Plan Access Code: 1234

Social Security Number: This is required to confirm your account number is established

You will need to complete a Limited Power of Attorney (LPOA) Form to give you the authority to place trade orders in your Schwab PCRA. If you do not wish to establish your Limited Power of Attorney (LPOA) online with Schwab, you may call their customer service line 1-888-393-7272 and they will assist you in completing their necessary paperwork to establish the ability to trade in your SDO account.

### Please Note:

Your Employer's Deferred Compensation Plan may limit the types of investments offered through your SDO. Please contact the Nationwide Customer Service Center for a detailed listing of the types of investments in the Schwab SDO.

## **Contact Information**

	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.	Nationwide Retirement Solutions
	1-888-393-7272	1-888-324-5433
If you want to:	www.schwab.com	www.myDCplan.com
Open an SDO Account		✓
Make transfers between the SDO and core account(s)*		✓
Make transfers within the core accounts(s)		✓
Place trades within your SDO	✓	
Obtain your SDO balance	✓	✓
Obtain your entire plan balance (core investments plus SDO)**		✓
Obtain SDO investment information	✓	
Request a loan or withdrawal		✓
Ask retirement plan questions		✓
Take advantage of additional Schwab services	✓	
Close out your PCRA and transfer all assets to your County of San Diego core account*	✓	✓

<sup>\*</sup>You must move all assets into the Schwab cash feature before requesting transfer back to Core.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Information about your SDO will be current as the most recent New York Stock Exchange closing.





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Participant Information						
Plan Name: County of San Diego Deferred Compensation Plan			Plan ID: <b>0046649001</b>			
Name:						
SSN/Account Number:		Date of Birth:				
Street Address:						
City:		State:		ZIP:		
Primary Phone: Email:						
How would you like to be contacted if additional information is required?  Phone  Email						
Employer:  County of San Diego San Diego Superior Court						
Plan Type: 457(b) Pre-Tax 401(a) <b>NOTE:</b> The SDO is not currently available for Roth.						

## Memorandum of Understanding

The purpose of this memorandum is to ensure you understand and agree to the major requirements and provisions associated with the Self-Directed Brokerage Options (SDO) offered by your Deferred Compensation Plan ("Plan"). It does not cover all of the details of the SDO, and you are encouraged to read the brochures, available upon request before you enroll in the SDO.

Core account: Deferred Compensation Plan account administered by Nationwide

SDO account: Investment Account with Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. with Self-Directed Investment Choices

- 1. I am eligible to enroll in the SDO if my account balance is \$5,000 or more. This amount cannot be a combination of both the 457(b) and 401(a) account balances.
- 2. Once I have established an account, I can only invest in the SDO as an exchange from my core account and the initial exchange into the SDO must be at least \$2,500.
- 3. Each of my transfers to the SDO account cannot exceed 50% of my core account balance.
- 4. Once an SDO account has been established, I must contact the SDO provider directly to place trades. There may be transaction fees, front and back end loads, sales charges, etc., assessed to my account invested in the SDO, and it is my responsibility to be aware of and understand these fees and charges.
- 5. I understand that there is an annual maintenance fee in the amount of \$50 for participation in the SDO, and this fee will be assessed to my core account annually on the anniversary of the date my SDO was established. I understand that the Plan may establish additional fees for participation in the SDO that may be assessed to my account in the future should there be additional costs associated with administration of the SDO. If I fail to maintain an adequate balance, Nationwide will be authorized to automatically liquidate assets from the SDO account in order to assess these fee(s).
- 6. Quarterly statements will show the total amount invested in the SDO as one aggregate total. I will receive separate statements from the SDO provider that itemize my transactions and account balances in the SDO.
- 7. The account balance invested in the SDO continues to be subject to the requirements of Sections 457(b) and 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The account balance cannot be transferred or distributed directly from the SDO. To transfer to another plan or to receive a distribution, I must transfer assets from the SDO back to my core account, as described above.
- 8. If I begin a periodic distribution from my account, I must maintain a minimum balance in the core account that is sufficient to cover payments scheduled to be made to me during a one-year period. If I fail to maintain this balance, Nationwide will be authorized to automatically liquidate assets from the SDO account to meet this requirement.

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- 9. The County of San Diego and Nationwide are not responsible for monitoring or evaluating the investment options that are made available. I understand that it is my responsibility to determine if the mutual fund options available in the SDO are suitable for my personal retirement savings plan.
- 10. The Stable Value Fund has an equity wash restriction that places a 90-day hold on all exchanges from the Stable Value Fund to the SDO.
- 11. All assets transferred into the SDO and back into the core account will be "out of the market" or not invested for a one-day period. Exchanges requested by 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time on normal business days from the core account to the SDO require two days to process, and exchanges from the SDO back to the core account require three processing days.
- 12. Exchanges from the core account into the SDO are first deposited into a cash feature account. Once the dollars are deposited into a cash feature account, then I can trade among the options available in the SDO by contacting the brokerage option provider. To transfer assets from the SDO to the core account I must first liquidate investments in the SDO and transfer the amount to the cash feature account. Then the trade back to the core account can be processed.

## **Participant Certification**

My signature on this form acknowledges that I have read, understand and agree to the SDO participation requirements above. I recognize that there may be changes to these requirements in the future. I will be notified of any major changes, and it is my responsibility to read and be aware of these. I have been provided and read the applicable brochures, available upon request, regarding the SDO and understand this information.

Participant Name (print):	
Participant Signature:	Date:

## Form Return

By mail: Nationwide Retirement Solutions PO Box 182797 Columbus, OH 43218-2797 By fax: 1-877-677-4329

By email: rpublic@nationwide.com