# Responsible Contractor Policy Annual Review

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## Overview

#### Purpose

- The Responsible Contractor Program (RCP) Policy (Policy) supports fair market wages and benefits based on local conditions for workers employed by contractors and subcontractors, subject to fiduciary principles<sup>1</sup>
- Applies when the Real Assets program makes investments in the service, maintenance, development, and improvement of CalPERS' domestic Real Estate and Infrastructure assets

### Scope

- U.S. Real Estate and Infrastructure assets where CalPERS holds more than 50% interest
- Contracts greater than \$100K
- Managers<sup>2</sup> provide an annual RCP Policy compliance and certification report



## History

Year	Event
1998	Investment Committee approves establishment of the Policy
2010	<ul> <li>Five-year policy review and engagement process begins<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>
2012	RCP Policy enhanced and revised
2015	<ul> <li>Extensive 18-month policy review and engagement process</li> <li>RCP Policy enhanced and revised<sup>4</sup></li> </ul>
2023	Policy review and engagement process



<sup>3</sup> Established the Neutrality Trial for Core managers on service contracts; Core investments are those that produce a predictable current net income yield after debt service; See slide 12 for Neutrality information

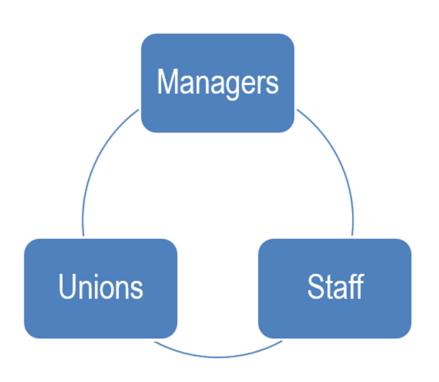
<sup>4</sup> Neutrality Trial for Core managers becomes permanent policy; New Neutrality Trial established for select Non-Core managers; Investments not considered Core; 'select' are certain identified non-core investments

#### Fiscal Year 2023-24 Summary Results

- All 15 managers reported in aggregate 100% compliance<sup>5</sup>
- Over \$1.04 billion paid to certifying responsible contractors
- All managers certified that they and their contractors / sub-contractors complied with the RCP Policy to the best of their knowledge
- For the 2023-24 Fiscal Year (FY), the total amount paid to certifying responsible contractors was attributed to several factors including: increased development costs for properties under construction, further progress on conversion projects, and new lease agreements resulting in tenant improvement allowances
- All managers reported the RCP Policy had no adverse material impact on CalPERS' investment returns
- No formal complaints were filed during the reporting period

<sup>5</sup> Qualifying contract payments were made under the Policy to certifying responsible contractors

### **Communication & Engagement**



- INVO staff communicates regularly with key labor leaders and Real Assets managers regarding implementation of the RCP Policy
- The RCP Policy, information on its implementation, annual reports and links to contact Real Assets managers to request information on RCP bidding opportunities are available on the CalPERS website
- Staff continues to address labor issues as they occur, in accordance with the RCP Policy. Some RCP concerns fall outside of the RCP scope such as:
  - CalPERS has no ownership interest in the asset
  - Contract is less than \$100,000



## **Compliance and Total Contracting**

Fiscal Year	RCP Compliance (%)	Total Paid to Responsible Contractors (\$Billions)	Real Assets Ending Market Value (\$Billions)6
2015-16	99.73	1.22	29.89
2016-17	99.97	1.18	34.32
2017-18	100.00	0.86	36.12
2018-19	99.98	0.84	39.20
2019-20	100.00	0.84	42.80
2020-21	100.00	0.46	44.42
2021-22	100.00	0.98	68.80
2022-23	100.00	0.81	70.10
2023-24	100.00	1.04	66.10
Total		8.23	



## Appendix



## CalPERS Investment Beliefs

#### **Investment Belief 4**

Long-term value creation requires effective management of three forms of capital: financial, physical, and human

#### **Investment Belief 3**

CalPERS investment decisions may reflect wider stakeholder views, provided they are consistent with its fiduciary duty to members and beneficiaries



#### Manager Responsibilities Report 7

Investment managers that reported costs to administer the RCP estimated between \$2,000 and \$250,000 per year

• Estimates vary according to the number of qualifying contracts and unique staffing and implementation practices of each investment manager

All investment managers (or their delegates <sup>8</sup>) reported that they:

- Maintained written policies and procedures for implementing and complying with the RCP; provided training on administering the RCP
- Communicated the RCP Policy, and their own written policies or procedures relating to the RCP, to their employees and contractors
- Monitored and enforced their own and delegates' compliance with the RCP, including the investigation of potential violations
- Used a 30-day pre-bid notification procedure when appropriate

