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## 401(k) Questionnaire Coming to 1,200 Employers

During the week of May 17th, IRS Employee Plans Compliance Unit (EPCU) will send a letter and instructions to 1,200 employers sponsoring 401(k) plans asking them to complete the [401\(k\) Compliance Check Questionnaire](#). The information gathered from the Questionnaire will provide a comprehensive view of 401(k) plans and will help EP maximize its resources for education, outreach, guidance and enforcement efforts while minimizing the burden to compliant plan sponsors.

EPCU will use a secure website to collect responses on the following topics:

- Demographics
- Participation
- Employer and employee contributions
- Top-heavy and nondiscrimination testing
- Distributions and plan loans
- Other plan operations
- Automatic contribution arrangements
- Designated Roth features
- IRS voluntary compliance and correction programs
- Plan administration

All plan sponsors will complete the same Questionnaire; however, some questions may only apply to plans with particular features. Failure to respond or provide complete information will result in further action or examination of the plan.

The Questionnaire was developed because of the critical role 401(k) plans play in our private retirement system. There are nearly half a million 401(k) plans in America covering over 50 million participants.

See the [EPCU](#) Web page for more information on the Questionnaire, which is the featured project on the page.

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