The Dynamic and Evolving Pension Risk Transfer Market
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The Changing Group Annuity Marketplace

Clients are interested in understanding where they might be able to play in the steadily growing PRT market.

### Historical and Projected Group Annuity Sales

![Graph showing historical and projected group annuity sales](image)

**Sources:** LIMRA Secure Retirement Institute sales surveys; Deloitte Consulting projections

### U.S. Qualified Pension Plans

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<th># Plans</th>
<th>U.S. Funding Liability ($M's)</th>
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<td>&gt; $5B</td>
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<td>$1B - $5B</td>
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<td>$100M - $499M</td>
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<td>1,608</td>
<td>$63,000</td>
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<td>$10M - $50M</td>
<td>2,866</td>
<td>$67,000</td>
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**Source:** Dept. of Labor, 2014 Plan Year Form 5500 Schedule SB

### Market Growth and Dynamics

**DEMAND SIDE**
- Adjusting for GM and Verizon mega-deals, buyout premium has increased substantially for last five years and consensus views suggest ongoing growth.
- If just 10% of current retiree liabilities are bought out, that is more than $100B of new premium.
- Plan sponsors increasingly settling portions of the plan (i.e. retirees), resulting in more medium sized deals.
- Fiduciary scrutiny on jumbo cases driving the multiple insurer model, increasing competition for these deals.
- Given market dynamics, largest growth likely to come from $100M - $500M placements with heavier competition in this space.

**SUPPLY SIDE**
- Prudential has been the market leader for jumbo deals.
- Market growth attracting new competition with a few new insurers entering the market in second half of 2016 and likely more to come.
- As large, retiree-only deals are more available, larger insurers are turning away from less desirable cases (significant deferred lives, lump sums, etc.).
- Existing insurers are revisiting their group annuity strategy given market growth and the confluence of capital considerations under various regulatory (IAIS, SII, RBC, CCAR, SMR, etc.), rating agency, and internal capital frameworks.
The Changing Finances of DB Pensions

Significant increases in PBGC Premiums are making it more expensive to maintain a pension plan, particularly if the plan is underfunded and paying variable rate premiums.

PBGC Premium Increases

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The plan will pay $829,644 for PBGC premiums for the 2016 plan year. The premium rates are increasing with inflation (2018+ will depend on actual 2017+ inflation experience) and will likely offset much of the natural decrease in headcount in the near term.

In total, the present value of all future PBGC premiums is likely over $10,000,000, assuming the plan stays at the PBGC variable rate cap.
Pension Risk
Common Themes for Retiree Buyout

Plan sponsors who have implemented a large annuity purchase generally had pension liabilities that were outsized relative to the scale of their business, and were subject to significant earnings volatility and risk of large, unexpected cash funding requirements if unaddressed.

**Organizational Philosophy**
Most of the plan sponsors had already taken significant de-risking actions prior to the buy-out to address risk in their plan:

- Significant Cash Contributions
- Asset/Liability Matching
- Closed Plan to New Participants
- Froze Benefits
- Large Scale Lump Sums

**Risk Focused Objectives**
- Right-size the plan
- Improved risk profile and financial flexibility
- Elimination of future costs and administrative processes
- Security to all plan participants
- Focus on core business issues

**Making the Economics work**
The economics for each transaction are different. Market conditions and economics have become more favorable to reduce obligation when adjusting for risk and administrative costs (particularly in light of rising PBGC premiums).

**Percentage of US GAAP Liability For Retirees (Illustrative)**

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<td>100%</td>
<td>US GAAP Liability</td>
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<td>5%-8%</td>
<td>PV of Plan Expenses (Admin / PBGC Invest. Mgmt Credit Default)</td>
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<td>105% - 108%</td>
<td>Economic Liability</td>
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<td>(5%) to 3%</td>
<td>Termination Costs (Risk Premium)</td>
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<td>100% to 110%</td>
<td>Buy-out Cost</td>
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Pension Risk
Liability Management Strategies

Even under the current interest rate environment, large pension plan sponsors continue to execute and consider retiree buy-outs. Activity in the fourth quarter was high, and plan sponsors and insurers are bracing for more activity in 2017.

### Notable Transactions

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<th>Company</th>
<th>Amount ($ Billions)</th>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Term Vested Lump-sum</th>
<th>Retiree Lump-sum (No longer allowed)</th>
<th>Retiree Annuity Buy-out</th>
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Notes: Based on public filings and information. (1) Amount represents annuity buy-out only, (2) Buy-out included Term Vested Lump-sum.
II. PRT Transition Execution Dynamics
Bidding Process Summary

- An Annuity Placement Specialist works with a Plan Sponsor on the Annuity Provider Selection Process as part of the termination of the Plan Sponsor’s Pension Plan.

- Insurer information is provided to Placement Specialist by SNL to assess the financial strength of the Annuity Providers.

Request for information sent by Annuity Placement Specialist Day 1

Preliminary bids received Day 30

Final bid selection Day 45

Benefits paid from carrier Day 60

Final bids to be received on Day 45
Sample Final Bid Day

Illustrative Timeline

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# Case Study – Retiree Annuity Placement

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<th>Retiree Premium</th>
<th>US GAAP Liability (PBO)</th>
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<td>Insurer #4</td>
<td>$18,860,000</td>
<td>$18,325,000</td>
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<td>$18,325,000</td>
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<td>$20,260,000</td>
<td>$18,325,000</td>
<td>10.55%</td>
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<td>$18,325,000</td>
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<td>$18,325,000</td>
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<td>Insurer #9</td>
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<td>$18,325,000</td>
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<td>Insurer #10</td>
<td>Declined to Bid</td>
<td>$18,325,000</td>
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Deloitte completed an annuity purchase for a retiree only population:
- 9 out of the 10 insurers in the market chose to bid on the annuity purchase.
- 1 Insurer came in with a quote below the US GAAP Liability, however this was due to an investment on their part, and should not expect to be duplicated in the future.
- The remaining insurers were 3% to 11% above the US GAAP Liability.
- For this purpose, the US GAAP Liability assumes the new RP2014/MP2014 mortality tables, which we expect the majority of plan sponsors to adopt at the date of their next valuation.
- There are a number of newer insurers who were more than willing to bid aggressively on a retiree only population. Carving out the retirees prior to an official plan termination is a strategy that could save money.
Within the context of ERISA and DOL Interpretive Bulletin 95-1 guidance, the plan sponsor and fiduciary must select an annuity structure and specific insurer or insurers.

**ERISA Title I**

Fiduciary Responsibilities
- Act solely in the interest of plan participants and their beneficiaries and with the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to them
- Carry out duties prudently
- Follow the plan documents (unless inconsistent with ERISA)
- Pay only reasonable plan expenses

**DOL Interpretive Bulletin 95-1**
- Fiduciary must take reasonable steps to identify the "safest available" annuity for participants
- Provides guidance on what factors must be and may be considered
- Requires use of qualified independent experts as needed

**Two Decisions**

1. **Structure of Annuity**
   - General Account
   - Separate Account
   - Single vs. Multiple Insurer

2. **Specific Insurer or Insurers**
   - Six Specific Factors
   - Other Factors
   - Relevant Considerations

**Plan Sponsor**

**Plan Fiduciary**

**Non-fiduciary Advisors**

Legal Advisor

Insurance Company Analyst
Choosing an Insurer

The U.S. Department of Labor Interpretive Bulletin 95-1 (DOL 95-1) sets guidelines for a plan fiduciary to follow in selecting a provider of the “safest available annuity”

The Plan Fiduciary must select the “safest available annuity” provider for their participants. Their decision must be solely in the interest of plan participants and their beneficiaries and with the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to them.

Factors 1-6 of the DOL 95-1 Bulletin are as follows:

1. The quality and diversification of the annuity providers’ investment portfolio
2. Size of the Annuity Providers versus the proposed contract
3. Level of insurer’s capital and surplus
4. Lines of business and other liability exposures
5. The structure of the annuity contract, such as separate account products, and any guarantees
6. The availability of additional protection through state guaranty associations and extent of guarantee

Other relevant considerations beyond the “safest available” should be considered when appropriate, such as the ability of the insurer to administer the plan.
The impact of state guaranty association coverage varies based on the type of structural enhancement used and based on the size of participants’ benefits.

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<th>Scenario Assumptions</th>
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<td>$75,000 = (1-90%) x ($1,000,000 - $250,000)</td>
<td>$25,000 = (1-90%) x ($500,000 - $250,000)</td>
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<td>• 90% Funded</td>
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<td>• $250,000 SGA Coverage</td>
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<td><strong>Separate account</strong></td>
<td>$15,000 = (1-90%) x (1-80%) ($1,000,000 - $250,000)</td>
<td>$5,000 = (1-90%) x (1-80%) ($500,000 - $250,000)</td>
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<td>• Sep Acct 80% funded</td>
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<td><strong>Two Insurers</strong></td>
<td>$25,000 = (1-90%) x ($1,000,000/2 - $250,000)</td>
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<td>• One insurer insolvent &amp; 90% funded</td>
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### Administration

**Other than Financial Strength, Benefits Administration Service is the Most Important Factor in the Fiduciary Selection of an Annuity Provider**

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<th>Why It’s Important</th>
<th>Key Considerations</th>
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| Set up                | Plan participants should not experience disruption, inconvenience or angst when the responsibility for administering their pension benefits transitions to the insurer | • Communications  
                          |                                                                 | • Coordination  
                          |                                                                 | • Resources  
                          |                                                                 | • Project Management |
| Call Center           | Plan participants should receive convenient, knowledgeable, efficient and courteous customer service | • Accommodation  
                          |                                                                 | • Responsiveness  
                          |                                                                 | • Staff Experience  
                          |                                                                 | • Customer Satisfaction |
| Procedures & Standards| Plan participants should receive accurate, fair and consistent treatment. There should be confidence that the insurer can deliver the services it promises. | • Procedures Manual  
                          |                                                                 | • Performance Standards, Statistics  
                          |                                                                 | • Breadth of Services  
                          |                                                                 | • Complaint Log Maintenance |
| Versatility           | Plan participants should not suffer a loss of accuracy or convenience due to the uniqueness of their plan’s benefit structures or procedures | • Breadth of Experience  
                          |                                                                 | • Operational Flexibility  
                          |                                                                 | • Exception Procedures |
| Systems               | Good systems accommodate excellence in all of the above. They should be reliable and should protect sensitive information | • Functional Integration  
                          |                                                                 | • Systems Flexibility  
                          |                                                                 | • Back-up / Disaster Recovery  
                          |                                                                 | • Cybersecurity |
Administration: Due Diligence Process

Combination of Request for Information and on-site inspection and interviews designed to determine:

- Experience of the staff and the business unit
- Capabilities of systems and call center
- Efficacy of operations and procedures
- Quality of service delivered to participants
- Adequacy of Precautions: Disaster recovery plan; system back-ups; cybersecurity controls

Request for Information objective is to collect as much relevant information as practical prior to on-site review

Sample RFI Questions / Requests
- Provide organizational structure of administration unit
- Provide experience, qualifications of all team members
- Inforce data: number of contracts, participants, checks
- Call center: provide hours, details of language or handicap accommodations
- Provide service standards for all routine procedures
- How do you measure participant satisfaction?

On-site Review objectives are to inspect Call Center and systems, and to confirm validity of RFI responses via interviews and observable operations

Sample On-site Review Items
- Observe operation of call routing system
- Participant website capabilities demonstration
- Demonstrate procedures for providing early retirement and optional form calculations
- Demonstrate how changes are made on system data
- Inspection of complaint log
- Overall impression of work environment, morale

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III. Use of Predictive Analytics
Potential Uses for Predictive Analytics In the PRT Market

Analytics today should be used whenever growth and risk have a balance point, such as needing to test innovative ideas without stretching business as usual. Based on success in other areas of insurance, there appears to be some compelling applications for pension risk transfer business.

Benefits for Growth-oriented Executives

- Provides first mover advantage in the PRT space
- Enables ability to bid low with confidence on cases with lower longevity risk
- Enhances negotiating position during the bidding process
- Improves understanding of the expected experience of in-force business to free up capital to allow for increased capacity
- Provides enhanced data to allow selective use of re-insurance to free up capital
- Provides innovative platform for new analytics applications as PRT business evolves

Potential PRT Applications

- New Business
- In-Force Liability Management
- Deferred Lives Management
- Re-insurance

Benefits for Risk-oriented Executives

- Provides better understanding of new deals with poor longevity risks
- Enhances understanding of expected longevity experience for in-force policies
- Increases ability to anticipate benefit commencement timing and form election for deferred lives
- Facilitates ability to selectively use re-insurance on policies with poor risk profiles
- Improves credit and risk scoring to help detect potential fraud of in-force policies
Predictive Analytics for Pricing Group Longevity Risk

Longevity risk is one of the most significant risks associated with pricing of group annuities for pension risk transfers and structured settlements. Enhanced analytics around longevity can provide a significant competitive advantage by helping to win more new business and avoid or minimize risk.

**Current State**

Primarily a Group-Based Approach Focused on Traditional Factors

- Collar/Job Title
- Benefit Size/Income
- Industry
- Gender
- Lump Sum Anti-selection
- Medical Coverage
- Mortality Improvement
- Geography

Minimal use or reliance on individual factors due to lack of information and/or short timing.

**New Approach**

Lifestyle Based Data

Individual Mortality Scores

Developed and enhanced for almost a decade, Deloitte’s predictive analytics tool for insurers, Deloitte Intelligent Growth (DIG powered by Deloitte™), ranks the relative health of the US adult population using name and address and third party data to provide competitive advantage.

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IV. Use of Reinsurance
Reinsurance Strategy Execution

Reinsurance Markets are Dynamic, Affecting Strategy Changes Across the Life Insurance Industry

1. Understanding the Market
   § In a consolidating industry, the market has hardened and regulatory uncertainty with respect to the use of financial reinsurance for excess reserve relief is waning
   § Reinsurers are not interested in policyholder behavior risk, and are instead opting for mortality only coverage

2. Articulating Prospective Economic Value and Financial Goals
   § Understanding which economic capital metrics are the most significant to the business
   § Models can inform commercial negotiations of various levers/forms of reinsurance protection

3. Proof of Concept (POC) Modeling
   § Identify blocks of business prospectively reinsured and create deal models for prospective transactions with built-in algorithms to satisfy financial goals

4. Execute Strategy and Evaluate Preliminary Success
   § Deploy deal models on live transactions and report financial impacts

5. Monitor Transactions and Mine Data
   § Study transaction performance and employ data warehousing to inform ongoing strategic decisions with respect to insurance management
Strategic use of reinsurance

There are varying strategic objectives that drive organizations to participate in the reinsurance market:

- **Risk transference and risk limits**: Insurance risk is shifted from the reinsured to the reinsurer.
- **Capacity expansion**: Allows the reinsured to increase the volume of written insurance.
- **Corporate capital management**: Use of financial tools to maximize operating results from year to year.
- **Diversification**: Spreads loss exposure over diverse set of products and/or markets.
- **Product exit strategy**: Provides the insurer a way to reduce / eliminate a product while potentially earning a profit.

Neither Life nor P&C insurance companies expect significant change in the foreseeable future relating to their strategic uses of reinsurance, but both **promote the importance of the strategic use of reinsurance for catastrophe, corporate capital management, reducing earnings volatility, and the need to manage risk limits**.
Reinsurance Trends in the Life and P&C Industries

Reinsurance markets are evolving as the regulatory, economic, and insurance industry environments change over time. Peering into the Life and P&C industries, we wish to address how reinsurance fits into today’s insurance market, and its role in the future.

**Life Reinsurance Market Trends**
- There has been **significant consolidation** in the life reinsurance industry, contributing to **considerable price hardening**
- Regulatory uncertainty is easing, which is expected to result in increased reinsurance use
- As regulatory uncertainty subsides, the use of **unauthorized reinsurance** is expected to increase, with a focus on unaffiliated treaties
- Mortality increases and a recent reduction in American life expectancy underscore the increasing value of data and advanced analytics

**P&C Reinsurance Market Trends**
- Reinsurance pricing has decreased somewhat over the past five years due to strong capital positions for insurers and the entry of alternative capital
- There was a decline in reinsurance use from 2011 to 2014; this trend reversed in 2015, as it became more attractive on an adjusted return basis
- There has been a shift in focus – buyers formerly focused on capital management are now focusing on mitigating the volatility of returns
- Consolidation is expected, which is anticipated to improve pricing leverage for sellers as capacity continues to be removed from the marketplace
Regulatory developments in the Life industry

There has been a pause in innovation as the industry has waited for regulators to get their arms around capital adequacy in a post-financial crisis world. Reinsurance should be uniquely affected now that regulators are moving forward with a more clear understanding.

Regulatory developments to date

- New York State has led the trend of U.S. regulators looking to curb the tendency of insurers looking to use reinsurance for what is considered to be redundant reserve relief
- In response to regulatory uncertainty, companies on both the direct insurance and reinsurance sides were cautious about how financial reinsurance might evolve
- This uncertainty caused a gradual decline in the use of financial reinsurance, particularly with respect to captives

A look into the future

- As the cloud of uncertainty fades, new reinsurance solutions are beginning to emerge, and we fully expect creative and innovative reinsurance solutions to emerge in the foreseeable future
- A confluence of factors has caused and is expected to cause, growth in the Pension Risk Transfer (PRT) markets in the US. We are reaching a tipping point where the direct insurers are seeking reinsurance and reinsurers have growing appetites