# 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



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> RCP Policy is applied without significant adverse effect on investment returns, access to investment opportunities, or cost impacts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Housing managers report on a voluntary basis.

# History

Year	Event
1998	Investment Committee approves establishment of the Policy
2010	Five-year review and engagement process begins <sup>3</sup>
2012	RCP Policy enhanced and revised
2015	Following an extensive 18-month policy review and engagement process, the RCP Policy was enhanced and revised <sup>4</sup>
2023	Policy review and engagement process begins
2025	RCP Policy enhanced and revised



<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;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 2024-25 Summary Results

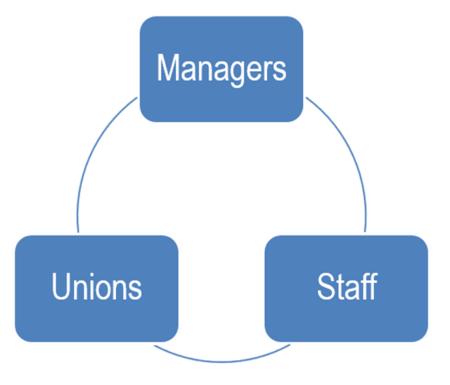
- All 17 managers reported in aggregate 100% compliance<sup>5</sup>
- Over \$746 million paid to certifying responsible contractors
- All managers certified that they and their contractors / sub-contractors complied with the RCP Policy to the best of their knowledge
- For the 2024-25 Fiscal Year (FY), the total amount paid to certifying responsible contractors was attributed to several factors including: a decline in development starts, several non-recurring projects, and realizations of several assets account for the yearover-year decline
- All managers reported the RCP Policy had no adverse material impact on CalPERS' investment returns
- No formal complaints were filed during the reporting period

# Compliance and Total Contracting

Fiscal Year	RCP Compliance (%)	Total Paid to Responsible Contractors (\$Billions)	Real Assets Ending Market Value (\$Billions)
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
2024-25	100.00	0.74	72.70 <sup>6</sup>
Total		8.97	



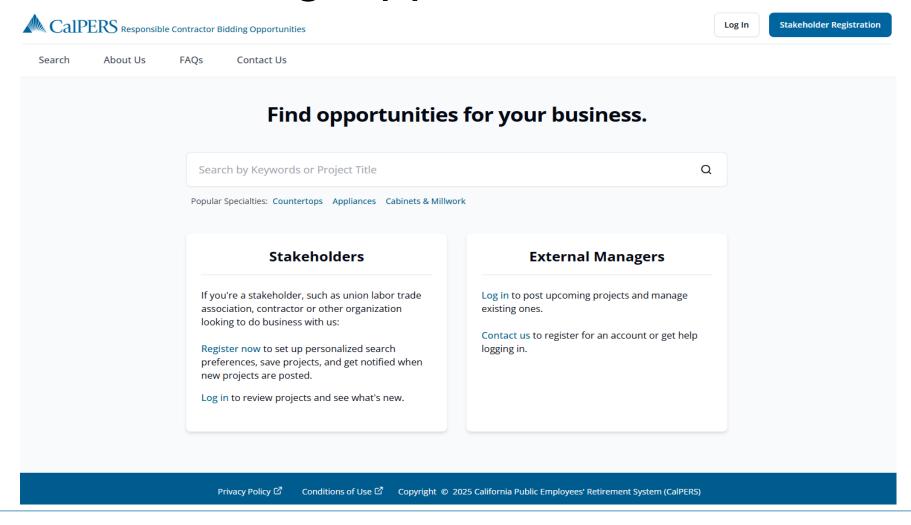
# Communication & Engagement



- 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



### New RCP Bidding Opportunities Website





# 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 \$5,000 and \$300,000 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 8) 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

