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### **EBRI and NAGDCA Form Public Retirement Research Lab**

**Washington, D.C. – December 13, 2019** – The Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI) and the National Association of Government Defined Contribution Administrators (NAGDCA) are launching the Public Retirement Research Lab (PRRL), which will produce research and analysis based on actual participant behavior within public DC plans. The Lab’s goal is to provide unbiased and actionable findings to plan sponsors, administrators, policymakers and others to inform better decision making around public retirement plans.

The Lab will mine data from a new secure Public Retirement Research Database housed and analyzed by EBRI. Together, EBRI and NAGDCA are seeking plan sponsors and administrators who are interested in providing critical guidance and data to serve as founding partners.

“NAGDCA has been dedicated to improving public sector defined contribution retirement plans for over forty years,” said Matt Petersen, NAGDCA’s Executive Director. “Combining our deep knowledge of public sector DC plans with EBRI’s unmatched benefits research capabilities will make the PRRL the premier source of information for understanding how public sector workers are saving for retirement. We can’t wait to see it grow.”

“The PRRL will be another way in which EBRI is extending its mission to contribute to sound employee benefit programs and public policy through independent, objective, fact-based research and education,” said Lori Lucas, CFA, President & CEO of EBRI. “EBRI is pleased to partner with NAGDCA to provide our researchers’ expertise to this project to allow for the type of unbiased analyses that many plans in the private sector currently rely on.”

The PRRL will begin work in 2020. A report analyzing 2019 year-end data is expected to be released at NAGDCA’s 2020 Annual Conference and EBRI’s December 2020 Policy Forum. Contacts interested in participating in the Public Retirement Research Lab should contact Lori Lucas at EBRI.

More information can be found at [PRRL.org](http://PRRL.org).

#### **About EBRI**

The Employee Benefit Research Institute is a private, nonpartisan, nonprofit research institute based in Washington, DC, that focuses on health, savings, retirement, and financial security issues.

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### **About NAGDCA**

NAGDCA's mission is to be a premier provider of education, information, and training, to support plan sponsors and service providers of government-sponsored defined contribution retirement plans in creating successful retirement security outcomes for their plan participants. For more information, visit [nagdca.org](http://nagdca.org).