



## Custom Portfolio Features & Benefits



Financial Services



North Carolina  
Total Retirement Plans

403b

## Custom Portfolios provides Plan Sponsors and Consultants

- Opportunity to set glide path for models
- Open architecture to select the core fund line up models can be constructed from core funds
- No proprietary requirement
- Opportunity to include a lifetime income component into the model
- Ability to offer a customized QDIA
- Choose how and when to rebalance asset allocations

# TIAA-CREF Custom Portfolios - Benefits

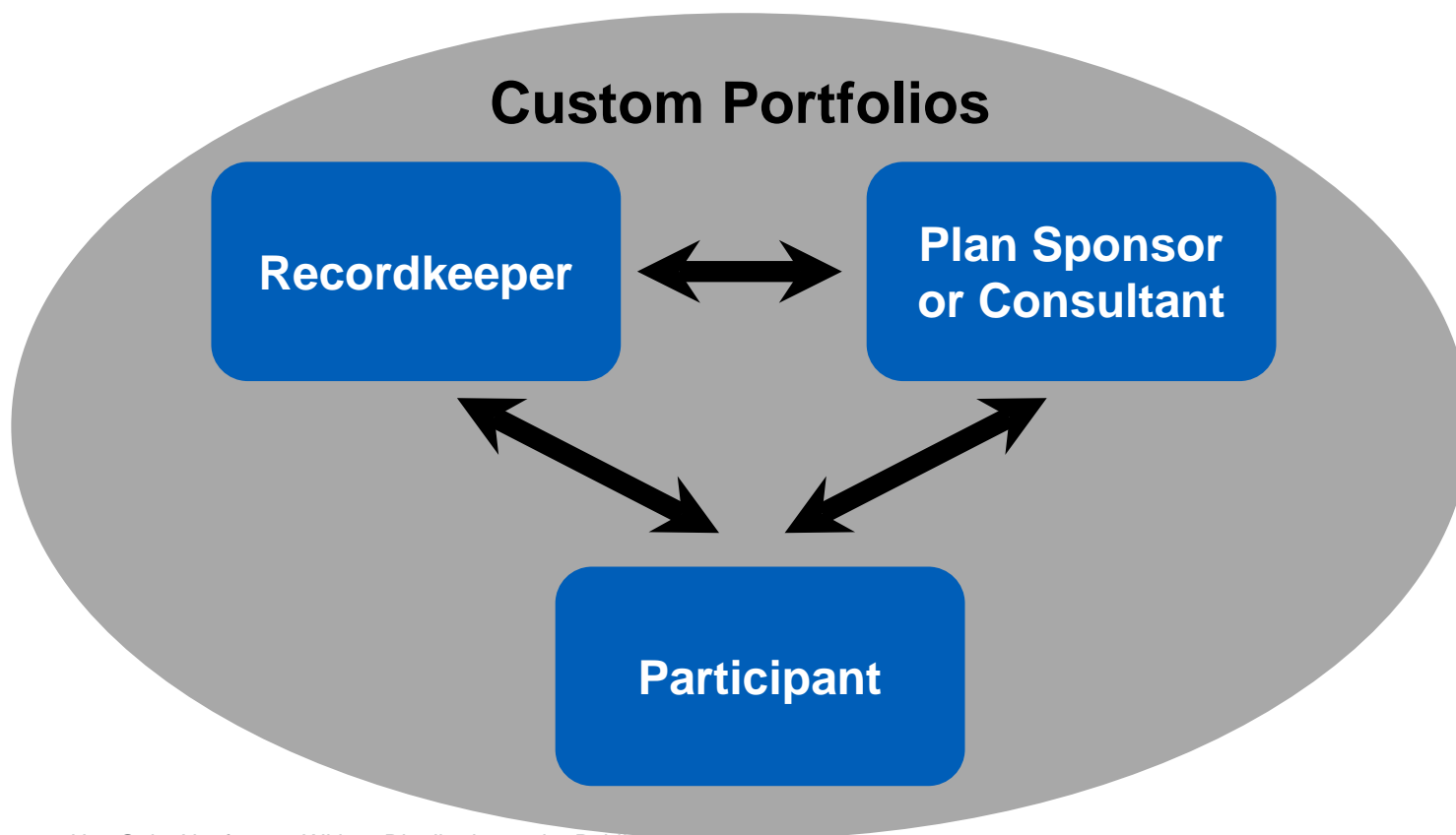


## Consultants and Plan Sponsors:

- Allows you to choose the level of customization needed for the plan
- Ability to better manage the risks associated with investing to help insure better participant outcomes
- Offer a QDIA that is specific to the risk/reward characteristics and demographics of their participant base
- Competitive Pricing – no cost to administer the service, just cost of underlying investments and any management fee if applicable from the money manager
- Ability to offer a customized solution to the 403(b) market.
- Recordkeep both annuities and mutual funds as part the program

# How it works

- Recordkeeper: TIAA-CREF will set up accounts and track all transactions for each participant
- Plan Sponsor (or their consultant or third-party advice provider): will develop the glidepath, select underlying investment components and define rebalancing rules. They also will be responsible to monitor the performance of the custom portfolios.
- Participants: The model approach is designed as a single retirement solution, but participants still have the option to select their own funds if they are not participating in a model portfolio.



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