

Business owners One-way buy-sell arrangement

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Use a one-way buy-sell for a more certain future

If you are a sole business owner, you may be concerned about the continuity of your business should you die unexpectedly. A one-way buy-sell arrangement can help you prepare for the continued success of your company after you're gone.

A one-way buy-sell arrangement is an agreement between the sole owner of a company and a key individual the owner wants to take over the business upon their death. The key individual uses the death benefit proceeds to purchase the deceased owner's share.

How it works

Setup



The sole owner of a business enters into a buy-sell arrangement with either a key employee or a family member. The key employee or family member is the owner and beneficiary of a policy on the business owner.

The business bonuses premium payments to the key employee or family member.

Death of a business owner



Jupon death of the business owner, the key employee or family member is required to purchase ownership of the business from the estate of the deceased owner.

The key individual then becomes sole owner of the business.

Benefits

- Relatively simple
- Gives key person certainty that he or she can buy business (helps align key person with business owner's objectives)
- Cash value of policy can provide source of collateral for a lifetime buyout
- Owner can do double-bonus extra to cover taxes for key individual

Considerations

- Important to specify what happens to policy if key individual decides to walk away
- Employee has to pay income taxes on bonus
- Another way to structure a one-way buy-sell may be to use a form of split-dollar arrangement

To learn how a one-way buy-sell arrangement can help provide you and your business a more certain future, contact your financial professional today.

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