Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6047(e), 6057(b), and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2011 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2011 and ending 12/31/2011

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan;
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan; or
- [X] a single-employer plan;
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report;
- [ ] the final return/report;
- [ ] an amended return/report;
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months).

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] Form 5558;
- [ ] automatic extension;
- [ ] the DFVC program;
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
ARES HOLDING CORPORATION (HOLDCO) 401(K) PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1996

2a Plan sponsor's name and address, including room or suite number (Employer, if for single-employer plan)

ARES HOLDING CORPORATION

1440 CHAPIN AVENUE
SUITE 390
BURLINGAME, CA 94010

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2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
45-0682771

2c Sponsor's telephone number
650-401-7100

2d Business code (see instructions)
541330

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/10/2012	DOUGLAS SCHMIDT
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address (if same as plan sponsor, enter "Same")
ARES HOLDING CORPORATION

1440 CHAPIN AVENUE
SUITE 390
BURLINGAME, CA 94010

3b Administrator's EIN
45-0682771

3c Administrator's telephone number
650-401-7100

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report:

a Sponsor's name
ARES CORPORATION

4b EIN
94-3161428

4c PN
001

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	872
6	Number of participants as of the end of the plan year (welfare plans complete only lines **6a, 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a	Active participants	**6a**	600
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	6
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	180
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	786
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits	**6e**	9
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**	**6f**	795
g	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	753
h	Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	26
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:
2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2R 2T 3D 3H

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

(1)		Insurance
(2)		Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	X	Trust
(4)		General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

(1)		Insurance
(2)		Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	X	Trust
(4)		General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

(1)	X	**R** (Retirement Plan Information)
(2)		**MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
(3)		**SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

(1)	X	**H** (Financial Information)
(2)		**I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3)		**A** (Insurance Information)
(4)	X	**C** (Service Provider Information)
(5)		**D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
(6)		**G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2011** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2011 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2011 and ending 12/31/2011

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ARES HOLDING CORPORATION (HOLDCO) 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ARES HOLDING CORPORATION

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
45-0682771

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . [X] Yes [ ] No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
64 37 65 71 60	RECORDKEEPER	16148	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

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			Yes [ ] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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			Yes [ ] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3 If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received $1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
ALLNZ NFJ SMCPVAL AD - BOSTON FINAN	330 W. 9TH STREET KANSAS CITY, MO 66160	0.35%

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ARTISAN MID CAP INV - BOSTON FINANC	330 W. 9TH STREET KANSAS CITY, MO 66160	0.40%

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COL/ACORN INTL Z - COLUMBIA MGT INV P.O. BOX 8081 BOSTON, MA 02266	0.40%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
EATON LG CAP VALUE A - BNY MELLON I P.O. BOX 9793 PROVIDENCE, RI 02940	0.50%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
MSIF MID CAP GRTH P - MORGAN STANLE 13-3799749	0.35%

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OAKMARK INTL I - BOSTON FINANCIAL D P.O. BOX 8480 BOSTON, MA 02266	0.35%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

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PIMCO REAL RTN BD AD - BOSTON FINAN 330 W. 9TH STREET KANSAS CITY, MO 66160	0.26%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
PIMCO TOT RETURN ADM - BOSTON FINAN 330 W. 9TH STREET KANSAS CITY, MO 66160	0.26%

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RS EMERGING MKTS A - BOSTON FINANCI	330 W. 9TH STREET KANSAS CITY, MO 66160	0.55%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
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TCW SM CAP GRTH N - U.S. BANCORP FU	P.O. BOX 701 MILWAUKEE, WI 53201	0.50%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

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THORNBURG INT VAL R5 - BOSTON FINAN	P.O. BOX 8480 BOSTON, MA 02266	0.25%

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

a	Name:	**b** EIN:
c	Position:	
d	Address:	**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

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Financial Information

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ARES HOLDING CORPORATION

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
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Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	3395
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	1091147
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	3981719	4394114
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	1755268	1781887
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	1026429	1078842
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	33661284	33615919
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	5488

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	40424700	41970792
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	40424700	41970792

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)	1091147	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	4354412	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	645652	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		6091211
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	452	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	44586	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		45038
(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	21080	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	851053	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		872133
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	1219444	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	1156778	
(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		62666

			(a) Amount	(b) Total
2b	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	-63220	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		-63220
	(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
	(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
	(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
	(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
	(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		-2022745
c	Other income	2c		
d	Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		4985083
	Expenses			
e	Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
	(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	3413703	
	(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
	(3) Other	2e(3)		
	(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		3413703
f	Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		691
g	Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		11596
h	Interest expense	2h		
i	Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
	(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
	(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
	(4) Other	2i(4)	13001	
	(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		13001
j	Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		3438991
	Net Income and Reconciliation			
k	Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		1546092
l	Transfers of assets:			
	(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
	(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☐ Unqualified **(2)** ☐ Qualified **(3)** ☒ Disclaimer **(4)** ☐ Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: FRANK,RIMERMAN AND CO.LLP **(2)** EIN: 94-1341042

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. **(2)** ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete 4l.

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a	Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.) **4a**		X	
b	Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.) **4b**		X	
c	Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.) **4c**		X	
d	Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.) **4d**		X	
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? **4e**	X		1000000
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? **4f**		X	
g	Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? **4g**		X	
h	Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? **4h**		X	
i	Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) **4i**	X		
j	Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) **4j**		X	
k	Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? **4k**		X	
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? **4l**		X	
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) **4m**		X	
n	If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3. **4n**		X	

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No** **Amount:**

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2011

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2011 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2011 and ending 12/31/2011

A Name of plan
ARES HOLDING CORPORATION (HOLDCO) 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ARES HOLDING CORPORATION

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
45-0682771

Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1** 0

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 04-6568107

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year. **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section of 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 **a** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

11 **a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:

a The current year	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If item 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete items (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate item 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

ARES Holding Corporation
(Holdco) 401(k) Plan

Financial Statements and
Supplemental Schedule
with
Independent Auditors' Report

December 31, 2011 and 2010

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Frank, Rimerman + Co. LLP

Plan Administrator
ARES Holding Corporation (Holdco) 401(k) Plan
Burlingame, California

Certified
Public
Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

New York
Palo Alto
San Francisco
San Jose
St. Helena

We were engaged to audit the financial statements of the ARES Holding Corporation (Holdco) 401(k) Plan (the Plan) (formerly ARES Corporation 401(k) Plan) as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 and for the year ended December 31, 2011 and the supplemental schedule as of December 31, 2011, as listed in the accompanying table of contents. These financial statements and supplemental schedule are the responsibility of the Plan's management.

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the Plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 3, which was certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity), the Plan's trustee, except for comparing the information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule. We have been informed by the Plan administrator that Fidelity holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The Plan administrator has obtained a certification from Fidelity as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 and for the year ended December 31, 2011, that the information provided to the Plan administrator by Fidelity is complete and accurate.

Because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we are unable to, and do not express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule taken as a whole. The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified by Fidelity, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Frank, Rimerman + Co. LLP

Palo Alto, California
October 4, 2012

ARES Holding Corporation (Holdco) 401(k) Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31, 2011	December 31, 2010
Assets		
Investments, at fair value:		
Mutual funds	$ 32,373,214	$ 31,976,510
Participant managed retirement accounts	4,234,407	4,585,884
Money market fund	3,193,182	2,835,877
Total investments	39,800,803	39,398,271
Employer contribution receivable	1,091,147	-
Notes receivable from participants	1,078,842	1,026,429
Net Assets Available for Benefits	$ 41,970,792	$ 40,424,700

See Independent Auditors' Report and Notes to Financial Statements

ARES Holding Corporation (Holdco) 401(k) Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2011

Additions to Net Assets	
Investment income (loss):	
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	$ (1,958,351)
Interest and dividends	852,223
Net investment loss	(1,106,128)
Contributions:	
Participant	4,354,412
Employer	1,091,147
Participant rollover	645,652
Total contributions	6,091,211
Total additions	4,985,083
Deductions from Net Assets	
Benefits paid to participants	3,425,990
Transaction fees	13,001
Total deductions	3,438,991
Net Increase	1,546,092
Net Assets Available for Benefits	
Beginning of year	40,424,700
End of year	$ 41,970,792

See Independent Auditors' Report and Notes to Financial Statements

1. Description of Plan

The ARES Holding Corporation (Holdco) 401(k) Plan (the Plan) (formerly ARES Corporation 401(k) Plan) was established on January 1, 1996, and has been subsequently amended. The Plan is a defined contribution plan designed to provide retirement benefits to eligible employees of ARES Holding Corporation (Holdco) and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (the Company). The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General:

The Plan is designed to qualify under appropriate provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Company is the Plan sponsor and Plan administrator. The Plan is administered by Company employees. Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity) is the Plan trustee. A Plan Committee comprised of Company employees and others appointed by the Company's Board of Directors is responsible for the Plan's investment policies.

Eligible Participants:

Company employees aged 21 years and older are eligible to participate in the Plan on the first day of the month after being hired by the Company.

Participant Accounts:

Participant accounts are credited with participant contributions, discretionary Company contributions and an allocation of Plan earnings (less any losses) thereon. Participant accounts may also be allocated forfeitures of the non-vested portion of terminated participant account balances. The benefits to which a participant is entitled are the benefits that can be provided from the participant's vested account balance.

Participants may elect to invest their accounts in a variety of participant directed investment fund options offered by the Plan that are designed to provide participants with a wide range of investment options. A participant may authorize transfers among investment options at any time.

In addition, participants can choose to invest in and manage a broader range of investments through Fidelity BrokerageLink Accounts. Investment choices offered to participants in participant managed retirement accounts include most equity securities listed on major stock exchanges in the United States, additional mutual funds and over-the-counter stocks, bonds and other fixed-income securities.

1. Description of Plan (continued)

Contributions:

Participants are permitted to make voluntary salary deferral contributions up to 80% of eligible compensation, as defined by the Plan. Participants that have reached the age of 50 are eligible to make additional catch-up contributions under the Code. In addition, participants may make certain tax-free transfers (rollovers) of lump sum distributions received from other tax-qualified plans, subject to Code regulations.

The Company may make matching and other discretionary contributions to the Plan, at the discretion of the Company's Board of Directors. At December 31, 2011, the Company accrued $1,091,000 of discretionary cash contributions to the Plan, representing 3% of participants' eligible compensation, net of forfeited accounts. No Company contributions were made to the Plan during 2010. The discretionary cash accrued was subsequently remitted to the Plan in May 2012.

Contributions are subject to certain limitations under the Code.

Notes Receivable from Participants:

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant notes are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan agreement.

Participants may borrow up to one-half of their vested account balance, up to $50,000, for a period not to exceed five years, except for notes used to purchase a primary residence for which a longer term may be granted. Notes must be evidenced by a promissory note for a fixed term and bear interest at a reasonable rate, as determined by the Plan administrator. Interest rates on notes outstanding as of December 31, 2011 range from 3.25% to 8.25%. Repayment of principal and interest is made through payroll deductions.

Vesting:

Participants are immediately vested in their salary deferral and rollover contributions, plus actual earnings (less any losses) thereon. Company contributions, plus earnings (less any losses) thereon, become 33.33% vested after one year of service and 33.33% per year thereafter and are fully vested after three years of service, or upon normal retirement, disability or death.

1. Description of Plan (continued)

Payment of Benefits:

Benefits are recorded when paid. Upon termination of service, permanent disability, death, or termination, a participant may elect to receive a lump sum payment equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account or in regular installments. Distributions may be in cash or as payment in-kind of a participant managed Fidelity BrokerageLink Account.

Forfeitures:

A terminated participant's forfeited non-vested account can first be used to pay Plan administrative expenses or to restore previously forfeited accounts and then to reduce Company contributions. As of December 31, 2011, forfeited accounts totaled $191,500 ($107,500 as of December 31, 2010). Forfeitures of $206,000 were used in 2012 to reduce the Company's 2011 accrued contribution, which include forfeitures through the contribution date.

Administrative Expenses:

Expenses to administer the Plan are generally paid by the Company and are not reflected in the Plan's financial statements.

Plan Termination:

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right to discontinue contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan, subject to ERISA provisions. In the event of Plan termination, participants would become fully vested in their account balances and distributions will be made to participants as described in the Plan agreement.

2. Summary of Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation:

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual method of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

2. Summary of Accounting Policies (continued)

Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Investments and Income Recognition:

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fidelity holds the Plan's investments, which are comprised of mutual funds, a money market fund and participant managed retirement accounts and are accounted for as follows:

Mutual Funds and Money Market Fund: These funds are valued at the net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the Plan at year end based on quoted prices in an active market. It is not probable that the funds will be sold at amounts that differ materially from the NAV of shares held.

Participant Managed Retirement Accounts: These accounts consist of shares in various mutual funds, money market funds, and equity securities, and are valued based on quoted prices in active markets.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net depreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought, sold or held during the year.

Risks and Uncertainties:

The Plan provides participants with the ability to invest their account balances in a variety of investment options. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market fluctuations and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment options offered by the Plan, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risk in the near term could materially affect participants' account balances and amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits at December 31, 2011.

Subsequent Events:

Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date of the independent auditors' report, which is the date the financial statements were approved by the Plan and available to be issued.

3. Information Prepared and Certified by Fidelity

Fidelity, as the Plan's trustee, has certified the fair value of the following assets held at December 31, 2011 and 2010, and net investment income for the year ended December 31, 2011, that were used in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule. The following table separately presents the fair value of investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets at December 31:

	2011	2010
Fidelity Contra Fund	$ 4,258,503	$ 4,783,268
Fidelity Retirement Money Market Fund	3,193,182	2,835,877
Thornburg International Value Fund Class R5	2,763,936	-
Artisan Mid Cap Investment Fund	2,532,175	2,311,934
Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund	2,282,547	2,487,642
Fidelity Small Cap Stock Fund	-	2,220,167
Fidelity Diversified International Fund	-	3,183,951
Other investments individually less than 5% of net assets	24,770,460	21,575,432
	39,800,803	39,398,271
Notes receivable from participants	1,078,842	1,026,429
Certified assets	$ 40,879,645	$ 40,424,700

	Year Ended December 31, 2011
Certified net investment loss December 31, 2011	$ (1,106,128)

The Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought, sold and held during the year) depreciated in value by $1,958,351 for the year ended December 31, 2011.

4. Fair Value Measurements

The Plan uses a three-level hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used in valuation techniques for the fair value measurement of Plan investments. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

4. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under fair value measurements are as follows:

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical investments, unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for similar investments, quoted prices in markets that are not considered to be active or financial instruments without quoted market prices, but for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs, including the Plan's own assumptions, in determining the fair value of investments.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. If available, quoted market prices are used to value investments.

Plan investments at December 31, 2011 and 2010 classified as Level 1 within the fair value hierarchy are summarized as follows:

	2011	2010
Mutual funds:		
Growth funds	$ 11,388,430	$ 9,059,886
Target date funds	9,703,276	9,855,126
Bond funds	4,313,759	2,799,065
Value funds	3,532,635	3,269,265
Blend funds	3,219,189	6,823,387
Fixed income funds	215,925	169,781
Total mutual funds	32,373,214	31,976,510
Participant managed retirement accounts	4,234,407	4,585,884
Money market fund	3,193,182	2,835,877
Total investments at fair value	$ 39,800,803	$ 39,398,271

5. Tax Status

The Plan is a prototype plan offered by Fidelity, which has obtained an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service stating that the plan submitted for review qualifies under applicable provisions of the Code. The Company believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and related state statutes, and that the trust, which forms a part of the Plan, is exempt from federal and state income taxes.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2011, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes the Plan is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2008.

6. Party-In-Interest Transactions

Plan investments include investment options managed by Fidelity. As Fidelity is the Plan trustee, purchases and sales of these investments by the Plan qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Note receivable transactions with participants also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

7. Participant Managed Investments

The Plan allows participants to invest in and manage a broader range of investments through Fidelity BrokerageLink accounts. Activity in participant managed retirement accounts is as follows:

Balances, December 31, 2010	$ 4,585,884
Net transfers from BrokerageLink accounts	(182,183)
Net investment loss	(169,294)
Balances, December 31, 2011	$ 4,234,407

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	Fidelity Management Trust Company:		
*	Fidelity Contra Fund	$ **	$ 4,258,503
*	Fidelity Capital Appreciation Fund	**	1,031,722
*	Fidelity Small Cap Stock Fund	**	1,642,208
*	Fidelity Freedom Income Fund	**	215,925
*	Fidelity Freedom 2000 Fund	**	49,982
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*	Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund	**	834,910
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*	Fidelity Freedom 2045 Fund	**	141,003
*	Fidelity Freedom 2050 Fund	**	229,452
*	Fidelity Retirement Money Market Fund	**	3,193,182
	Pimco Total Return Admin Fund	**	2,068,386
	Artisan Mid Cap Investment Fund	**	2,532,175
	Artisan Mid Cap Value Fund	**	2,089,973
	Morgan Stanley Institutional Funds Mid Cap Growth Portfolio	**	635,778
	Reliance Steel Emerging Markets A Fund	**	287,617
	Allianz NFJ Small Cap Value AD Fund	**	405,916
	Eaton Vance Large Cap Value A Fund	**	847,193
*	Spartan International Index Fund	**	100,760
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*	Spartan 500 Index Fund	**	1,072,753
*	Spartan US Bond Index Investment Fund	**	1,250,045
	Oakmark International I Fund	**	189,553
	Pimco Real Return Fund	**	995,328
	Columbia Acorn International Fund Class Z	**	129,612
	Thornburg International Value Fund Class R5	**	2,763,936
	TCW Small Cap Growth Fund Class N	**	36,704
	BrokerageLink Accounts:		
	Mutual Funds:		
*	Fidelity funds	**	180,458
	Other funds	**	1,062,248
	Equity securities	**	1,787,375
	Cash equivalents	**	1,204,326
*	Notes Receivable from Participants – 122 notes outstanding with interest rates of 3.25% to 8.25%	-	1,078,842
	Total assets held at end of year		$ 40,879,645

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