

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.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089
		2011
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2011 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2011</u> and ending <u>12/31/2011</u>	
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan; ☐ a multiple-employer plan; or ☒ 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:	☒ Form 5558; ☐ automatic extension; ☐ the DFVC program; ☐ special extension (enter description)

Part II	Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information
1a Name of plan <u>THE PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS PLAN FOR INDIVIDUAL FIELD</u>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ► <u>004</u> 1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1985</u>
2a Plan sponsor's name and address, including room or suite number (Employer, if for single-employer plan) <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u> <u>711 HIGH ST</u> <u>DES MOINES, IA 50392-1200</u>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>42-0127290</u> 2c Sponsor's telephone number <u>800-986-3343</u> 2d Business code (see instructions) <u>524140</u>

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	<u>Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.</u>	<u>10/11/2012</u>	<u>CHRISTOPHER BOWMAN</u>
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	<u>Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.</u>	<u>10/11/2012</u>	<u>TAMMY DEHAAI</u>
	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

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3a Plan administrator's name and address (if same as plan sponsor, enter "Same") BENEFIT PLANS ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE 711 HIGH ST DES MOINES, IA 50392	3b Administrator's EIN 27-3605376 3c Administrator's telephone number 866-524-6947
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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	4b EIN 4c PN
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5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	1720
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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	1028
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....	6b	18
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....	6c	477
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a , 6b , and 6c	6d	1523
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.....	6e	25
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f	1548
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....	6g	1514
h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6h	133

7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	
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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 2O 2S 2T 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)	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) ☒ Insurance	(1) ☒ Insurance
(2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) ☒ Trust	(3) ☒ Trust
(4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	(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)** ☒ **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)** ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
(2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3) ☒ 1 **A** (Insurance Information)
(4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
(5) ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
(6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service <hr/> Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration <hr/> Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information 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. ► Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2011
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For calendar plan year 2011 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2011 and ending 12/31/2011		
A Name of plan THE PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS PLAN FOR INDIVIDUAL FIELD	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	004
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 42-0127290	

Part I	Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
42-0127290	61271	366777	1548	01/01/2011	12/31/2011

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in item 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
0	0

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).
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(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	1528265
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	109561477

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity
(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan check here ▶ ☐**7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ FLEXIBLE INVESTMENT ANNUITY

b Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	2073289
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c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	54078	
(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)		
(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	28879	
(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)	92927	
(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	4936	

▶ LOAN PAYMENT, ROLLOVER

(6) Total additions	7c(6)	180820
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d Total of balance and additions (add b and c(6))	7d	2254109
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e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	305622	
(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	1312	
(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)	271518	
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	146520	

▶ LOAN WITHDRAWAL, PLAN TRANSFER, 415 EXCESS DEFERRAL

(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	724972
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f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract e(5) from d)	7f	1529137
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Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
 d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 f ☐ Long-term disability
 g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
 h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
 j ☐ HMO contract
 k ☐ PPO contract
 l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received.....	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve.....	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves.....	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged.....		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions.....	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees.....	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs.....	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses.....	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes.....	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges.....	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention.....		9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.).....		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement.....		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves.....		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves.....		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in c(2).).....		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier.....	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, item 2 above, report amount.	10b	

Specify nature of costs ▶

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information 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.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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A Name of plan THE PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS PLAN FOR INDIVIDUAL FIELD	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	004
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 42-0127290	

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)..... ☒ 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
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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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?
13 37 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	28736	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

IBBOTSON ASSOCIATES INC.

36-2923857

(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?
13 26	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

(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?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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)

(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?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

(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?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

(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?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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
IBBOTSON ASSOCIATES INC.	13 26	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.	
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	8 BASIS POINTS ON ASSETS MANAGED BY IBBOTSON	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(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.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(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.	

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:

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

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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	DFE/Participating Plan Information 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.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2011 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>42-0127290</u>	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN MIDCAP BLEND SEP ACCT-I3</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-020</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>8244157</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN GOVT&HQBND SEP ACCT-I2</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-007</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>3109126</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN MONEY MARKET SA-I3</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-024</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>12730357</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN INTL EM MKT SEP ACCT-I5</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-013</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>7884165</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN LGCAP VALUE SEP ACCT-I2</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-019</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1241695</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN LGCAP BLEND I SEP ACCT-I1</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-017</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN LGCAP GROWTH SEP ACCT-I5</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-018</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>3413526</u>		

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN U.S. PROPERTY SA-I5			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-027	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	8152084
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN BOND AND MTGE SA-I5			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-005	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	7077942
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN DIV INTL SA-I5			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-015	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	8383383
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LGCAP S&P 500 INDEX SA-I5			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-016	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	9939483
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SMCAP S&P 600 INDEX SA-I5			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-028	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	5510191
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN MIDCAP GROWTH III SA-I2			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-026	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	4435168
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SMALLCAP GROWTH I SA-I2			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-070	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	3659163
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LARGE CAP GROWTH I SA-I2			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-066	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	2455297
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LARGE CAP VALUE III SA-I2			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-068	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETM 2010 SEP ACCT-I3			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-075	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	1805975

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [PRIN LIFETM 2020 SEP ACCT-I3](#)
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY](#)

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-076	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3625290
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [PRIN LIFETM 2030 SEP ACCT-I3](#)
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY](#)

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-077	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4416787
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [PRIN LIFETM 2040 SEP ACCT-I3](#)
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY](#)

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-078	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1368964
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [PRIN LIFETM 2050 SEP ACCT-I3](#)
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY](#)

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-079	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1680083
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [PRIN LIFETM STR INC SA-I3](#)
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY](#)

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-080	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1705000
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [PRIN FIN GRP, INC. STK SA-I2](#)
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY](#)

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-086	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1296636
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [PRIN SMALLCAP VALUE II SA-I2](#)
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY](#)

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-096	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1588083
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [PRIN INFLATION PROT SA-I2](#)
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY](#)

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-099	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2146737
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [PRIN EQUITY INCOME SA-I3](#)
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY](#)

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-120	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3692182
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 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 <div style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">2011</div> This Form is Open to Public Inspection
For calendar plan year 2011 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2011</u> and ending <u>12/31/2011</u>		
A Name of plan <u>THE PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS PLAN FOR INDIVIDUAL FIELD</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">004</div>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>42-0127290</u>	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
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	Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b	Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
	(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	126678	114470
	(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	244448	211542
	(3) Other.....	1b(3)	0	0
c	General investments:			
	(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
	(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)		
	(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)	3100765	2710618
	(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)		
	(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts.....	1c(10)	134737861	109561477
	(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)		
	(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	2057440	1528265
	(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	20219564	11643226
(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	160486756	125769598

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	
h Operating payables	1h	0	
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	
j Other liabilities	1j	0	
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	160486756	125769598
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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 Contributions:**

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	2525741	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	6011325	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	146544	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		8683610

b Earnings on investments:**(1) Interest:**

(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	137095	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	28879	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		165974
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	327583	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	0	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		327583
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	11435210	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	12271750	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		-836540

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
2b (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	-2599499	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		-2599499
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		-501259
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		0
c Other income.....	2c		17484
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		5257353

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	15694701	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	14885	
(3) Other	2e(3)	791	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		15710377
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		461
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		180888
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	28736	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	0	
(4) Other	2i(4)	0	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		28736
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		15920462

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-10663109
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		2023982
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		26078031

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: ERNST & YOUNG, LLP

(2) EIN: 34-6565596

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.).....		X	0
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.).....		X	0
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.)		X	0
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.).....		X	0
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?.....	X		25000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		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?		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?		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.).....	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.).....		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?.....		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.).....	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.	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)

THE PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES

5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)
42-0127290	003

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

A Name of plan <u>THE PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS PLAN FOR INDIVIDUAL FIELD</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>004</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>42-0127290</u>

Part I	Distributions
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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	<u>0</u>
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): <u>42-0127290</u> 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 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part)
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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
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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
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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.
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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): _____

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): _____

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): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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a Name of contributing employer

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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. ☐

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- 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): _____

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Individual Field
Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010
With Report of Independent Registered Public
Accounting Firm

Ernst & Young LLP



The Principal Select Savings Plan for Individual Field

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010

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Report of Independent Auditors

The Benefit Plans Administration Committee
Principal Life Insurance Company

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of The Principal Select Savings Plan for Individual Field as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan at December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2011, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Such information is the responsibility of the Plan's management, and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements, and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Ernst & Young LLP

Des Moines, Iowa
June 27, 2012

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Individual Field

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31,	
	2011	2010
Assets		
Investments at fair value:		
Unallocated investment options:		
Guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 1,528,265	\$ 2,057,440
Separate accounts of insurance company	109,561,477	134,737,861
Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP	11,643,226	20,219,564
Total invested assets at fair value	122,732,968	157,014,865
Receivables:		
Contribution receivable from Principal Life Insurance Company	114,470	126,678
Contributions receivable from participants	211,542	244,448
Notes receivable from participants	2,710,618	3,100,765
Total receivables	3,036,630	3,471,891
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 125,769,598</u>	<u>\$ 160,486,756</u>

See accompanying notes.

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Individual Field

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	For the year ended December 31,	
	2011	2010
Additions		
Investment income:		
Interest	\$ 28,880	\$ 47,382
Dividends	327,583	326,898
Net (depreciation) appreciation of investments	<u>(3,919,815)</u>	23,875,530
Total investment (loss) income	<u>(3,563,352)</u>	24,249,810
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	137,095	171,306
Contributions:		
Principal Life Insurance Company	2,525,741	3,337,802
Employees	6,157,868	8,097,279
Transfers from affiliated and unaffiliated plans, net	-	1,171,071
Total contributions	<u>8,683,609</u>	12,606,152
Total additions	<u>5,257,352</u>	37,027,268
Deductions		
Benefits paid to participants	15,891,725	17,191,049
Transfers to affiliated and unaffiliated plans, net	24,054,049	-
Administrative expenses	<u>28,736</u>	34,194
Total deductions	<u>39,974,510</u>	17,225,243
Net (decrease) increase	<u>(34,717,158)</u>	19,802,025
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	<u>160,486,756</u>	140,684,731
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	<u><u>\$ 125,769,598</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 160,486,756</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Individual Field

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2011

1. Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accounting records of The Principal Select Savings Plan for Individual Field (the Plan) are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting.

Valuation of Investments

The unallocated investment options consist of guaranteed interest accounts under a guaranteed benefit policy (described in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA 401(b)) and separate accounts (described in ERISA 3(17)) of Principal Life Insurance Company (Principal Life). The guaranteed interest accounts and separate accounts are reported at fair value as determined by Principal Life. The Principal Financial Group Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP), which consists of common stock of Principal Financial Group, Inc., the ultimate parent of Principal Life, is reported at fair value based on the quoted closing market price of the stock on the last business day of the Plan year.

These unallocated investment options are non-benefit-responsive and are valued at fair value. The guaranteed interest accounts' fair value is the amount Plan participants would receive currently if they were to withdraw or transfer funds within the Plan prior to their maturity for an event other than death, disability, termination, or retirement. This fair value represents guaranteed interest account values adjusted to reflect current market interest rates only to the extent such market rates exceed contract crediting rates. This value represents contributions allocated to the guaranteed interest accounts, plus interest at the contractually guaranteed rate, less funds used to pay plan benefits and the insurance company's administrative expenses. The separate accounts of insurance company represent contributions invested in pools of domestic and international common stocks, high-quality short-term debt securities, real estate, private market bonds and mortgages, and high-yield fixed-income securities which are slightly below investment grade, all of which are valued at fair value.

Notes Receivable from Participants

The notes receivable from participants are reported at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when earned.

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Individual Field

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market volatility and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes and supplemental schedule. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued authoritative guidance that clarifies and changes fair value measurement and disclosure requirements. This guidance expands existing disclosure requirements for fair value measurements and makes other amendments but does not require additional fair value measurements. The amendments are to be applied prospectively and are effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011. Adoption of the guidance is not expected to have a material effect on the Plan's net assets available for benefits or its changes in net assets available for benefits.

In September 2010, the FASB issued authoritative guidance that requires participant loans to be measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest and classified as notes receivable from participants. Previously loans were measured at fair value and classified as investments. The guidance was effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2010, and was required to be applied retrospectively.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

In January 2010, the FASB issued authoritative guidance to clarify certain existing fair value disclosures and require a number of additional disclosures. The guidance clarified that disclosures should be presented separately for each “class” of assets and liabilities measured at fair value and provided guidance on how to determine the appropriate classes of assets and liabilities to be presented. The guidance also clarified the requirement for entities to disclose information about both the valuation techniques and inputs used in estimating Level 2 and Level 3 fair value measurements. In addition, the guidance introduced new requirements to disclose the amounts (on a gross basis) and reasons for any significant transfers between Levels 1, 2 and 3 of the fair value hierarchy and present information regarding the purchases, sales, issuances and settlements of Level 3 assets and liabilities on a gross basis. This guidance was effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the requirement to present changes in Level 3 measurements on a gross basis, which was effective on January 1, 2011. Since the guidance only affects fair value measurement disclosures, adoption of the guidance did not affect the Plan’s net assets available for benefits or its changes in net assets available for benefits.

2. Description of the Plan

The Plan is a defined contribution plan (401(k) plan) that was established January 1, 1985. The Plan is available to substantially all field management and agents holding a Career Agent Contract from Principal Life (the Company).

Information about the Plan agreement, eligibility, and benefit provisions is contained in the Summary Plan Description. Copies of the Summary Plan Description are available from the Benefit Administration Department or the Intranet. The Plan is subject to the provisions of ERISA.

Contributions

On January 1, 2006, Principal Life made several changes to the retirement program. Participants who were age 47 or older with at least ten years of service on December 31, 2005, could elect to retain the prior benefit provisions under the qualified defined benefit retirement Plan and the 401(k) Plan and forgo receipt of the additional benefits offered by amendments to Principal Life’s 401(k). The participants who elected to retain the prior benefit provisions are referred to as “Grandfathered Choice Participants.”

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

2. Description of the Plan (continued)

Matching contributions for participants other than the Grandfathered Choice Participants were increased from 50% to 75% of deferrals, with the maximum matching deferral increasing from 6% to 8%.

Vesting

Participants are eligible for immediate entry into the Plan with vesting at 100% after three years. The funds accumulate along with interest and investment return and are available for withdrawal by participants at retirement, termination, or when certain hardship withdrawal specifications are met. The participants may also obtain loans of their vested accrued benefit, subject to certain limitations described in the Plan document. The federal and state income taxes of the participant are deferred (except in the case of Roth deferrals) on the contributions until the funds are withdrawn from the Plan.

Forfeitures

Upon termination of employment participants forfeit their nonvested balances. Forfeited balances of terminated participants' nonvested accounts are used to reduce Company contributions. At December 31, 2011 and 2010, forfeited nonvested account balances totaled \$5,795 and \$10,665, respectively. In 2011 and 2010, employer contributions were reduced by \$354,772 and \$364,643, respectively, from forfeited nonvested accounts.

Participant Loans

The Plan document provides for loans to active participants, which are considered a participant-directed investment of his/her account. The loan is a Plan asset, but only the borrowing participant's account shall share in the interest paid on the loan or bear any expense or loss incurred because of the loan. The rate of interest is 2% higher than the Federal Reserve "Bank Prime Loan" rate at the time of the loan. The rate is set the day a loan is approved. The rate for the loans issued in 2011 and 2010 was 5.25%. The notes receivable balance was reduced by \$99,001 and \$246,458 in 2011 and 2010, respectively, for terminated participants that received their account balance, net of the outstanding loans, as a benefit distribution.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

2. Description of the Plan (continued)

Plan Terminations

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event the Plan terminates, participants will become fully vested in their accounts.

3. Income Tax Status

The Plan has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service (the IRS) dated February 28, 2003, stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Subsequent to this determination by the IRS, the Plan was amended and restated. The Plan is required to operate in conformity with the terms of the Plan document and the Code to maintain its qualification. The Benefit Plans Administration Committee (BPAC) and the Plan sponsor intend to operate the Plan in conformity with the provisions of the Plan document and the Code. BPAC and the Plan sponsor acknowledge that inadvertent errors may occur in the operation of the Plan. If such inadvertent errors occur, BPAC and the Plan sponsor represent that they will take the necessary steps to bring the Plan's operations into compliance with the Code, including voluntarily and timely correcting such errors in accordance with procedures established by the IRS.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States require plan management to evaluate uncertain tax positions taken by the Plan. The financial statement effects of a tax position are recognized when the position is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, to be sustained upon examination by the IRS. 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. The Plan has recognized no interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions. The IRS commenced examination of the Plan for 2008 in August 2010. The plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2008.

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Individual Field

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

4. Investments

Contributions are invested in unallocated guaranteed interest accounts supported by the general account of insurance company (a pooled account invested primarily in fixed income securities having a range of maturities); in separate accounts of insurance company, the portfolios of which are primarily invested in domestic and international common stocks, high-quality short-term debt securities, real estate, private market bonds and mortgages, and high-yield fixed-income securities which are slightly below investment grade, as appropriate for each separate account; and The Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP, which consists of common stock of Principal Financial Group, Inc., the ultimate parent of Principal Life. Participants elect the investment(s) in which to have their contributions invested.

The following presents individual investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets available for benefits in 2011 and 2010. Principal Life is a party in interest with respect to these investments.

	December 31,	
	2011	2010
Money Market Separate Account	\$ 12,730,357	\$ 12,300,927
Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP	11,643,226	20,219,564
Large-Cap Stock Index Separate Account	9,939,483	13,087,429
Diversified International Separate Account	8,383,383	12,176,973
Mid-Cap Blend Separate Account	8,244,157	8,762,768
U.S. Property Separate Account	8,152,084	*
International Emerging Markets Separate Account	7,884,165	13,278,081
Bond and Mortgage Separate Account	7,077,942	*

*Less than 5% of the fair value of net assets available for benefits at respective date.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

4. Investments (continued)

During 2011 and 2010, the Plan's investments that are related to Principal Life (depreciated) appreciated in value by \$(3,919,815) and \$23,875,530, respectively, as follows:

	For the year ended December 31,	
	2011	2010
Guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 14,976	\$ (5,396)
Separate accounts of insurance company	(498,752)	18,262,651
Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP	(3,436,039)	5,618,275
	<u>\$ (3,919,815)</u>	<u>\$ 23,875,530</u>

5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Valuation Hierarchy

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (an exit price). The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels.

- Level 1 – Fair values are based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Our Level 1 assets include the Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP.
- Level 2 – Fair values are based on inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable for the asset, either directly or indirectly. Our Level 2 assets are separate accounts of insurance company and are reflected at the net asset value (NAV) price.
- Level 3 – Fair values are based on significant unobservable inputs for the asset. Our Level 3 assets are guaranteed interest accounts of the insurance company.

Transfers between fair value hierarchy levels are recognized at the beginning of the reporting period.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)

Determination of Fair Value

The following discussion describes the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis. The techniques utilized in estimating the fair values of financial instruments are reliant on the assumptions used. Care should be exercised in deriving conclusions based on the fair value information of financial instruments presented below.

Fair value estimates are made at a specific point in time, based on available market information and judgments about the financial instrument. Such estimates do not consider the tax impact of the realization of unrealized gains or losses. In addition, the disclosed fair value may not be realized in the immediate settlement of the financial instrument. There were no significant changes to the valuation processes during 2011.

Guaranteed Interest Accounts

The guaranteed interest accounts cannot be sold to a third-party, thus, the only option to exit the guaranteed interest accounts is to withdraw the funds prior to maturity. The fair value of the account is the value paid when funds are withdrawn prior to their maturity. The fair value of the guaranteed interest accounts is reflected in Level 3 and the valuation is based on the applicable interest rate. If the applicable interest rate is greater than the interest rate on the account, the fair value is the contract value reduced by a percentage. This percentage is equal to the difference between the applicable interest rate and the interest rate on the account, multiplied by the number of years (including fractional parts of a year) until the maturity date. If the applicable interest rate is equal to or less than the interest rate on the account, the fair value is equal to the contract value.

Separate Accounts of Insurance Company

This category is designed to deliver safety and stability by preserving principal and accumulating earnings. The NAV of each of the separate accounts is calculated in a manner consistent with U.S. GAAP for investment companies and is determinative of their fair value and represents the price at which the Plan would be able to initiate a transaction. As of December 31, 2011 all separate accounts are reflected in Level 2. Several of the separate accounts invest in publicly quoted mutual funds or actively managed stocks. Some of the separate accounts also invest in fixed income securities. The fair value of the underlying mutual funds or stock and of the underlying securities, which is based on quoted prices of similar assets, is used to determine the NAV of the separate account which is not publicly quoted. There are currently no redemption restrictions on these investments.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)

One separate account invests in real estate. The fair value of the underlying real estate is estimated using discounted cash flow valuation models that utilize public real estate market data inputs such as transaction prices, market rents, vacancy levels, leasing absorption, market cap rates and discount rates. In addition, each property is appraised annually by an independent appraiser. In 2010, this was categorized as Level 3, as the fund had restrictions on redemption of NAV at the measurement date. In 2011, the withdrawal limitations associated with this separate account were removed and the investments were being redeemed at NAV at the measurement date. Therefore, the fair value of the separate account is based on NAV and is considered a Level 2 asset in 2011.

Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP

The Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP, which consists of common stock of Principal Financial Group, Inc., the ultimate parent of Principal Life, is reported at the closing quoted market price on the last business day of the Plan year and is reflected in Level 1.

Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below.

	As of December 31, 2011			
	Assets Measured at Fair Value	Fair Value Hierarchy Level		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets				
Guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 1,528,265	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 1,528,265
Separate accounts of insurance company:				
Fixed income security	12,333,805	–	12,333,805	–
Lifetime balanced asset allocation	14,602,100	–	14,602,100	–
Large U.S. equity	20,742,184	–	20,742,184	–
Small/Mid U.S. equity	23,436,762	–	23,436,762	–
International equity	16,267,548	–	16,267,548	–
Short-term fixed income	12,730,357	–	12,730,357	–
U.S. real estate	8,152,084	–	8,152,084	–
Other	1,296,637	–	1,296,637	–
Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP	11,643,226	11,643,226	–	–
Total invested assets	\$ 122,732,968	\$ 11,643,226	\$ 109,561,477	\$ 1,528,265

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)

	As of December 31, 2010			
	Assets Measured at		Fair Value Hierarchy Level	
	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets				
Guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 2,057,440	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,057,440
Separate accounts of insurance company:				
Fixed income security	11,342,041	—	11,342,041	—
Lifetime balanced asset allocation	18,932,254	—	18,932,254	—
Large U.S. equity	26,374,194	—	26,374,194	—
Small/Mid U.S. equity	30,542,215	—	30,542,215	—
International equity	25,455,054	—	25,455,054	—
Short-term fixed income	12,300,927	—	12,300,927	—
U.S. real estate	7,758,549	—	—	7,758,549
Other	2,032,627	—	2,032,627	—
Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP	20,219,564	20,219,564	—	—
Total invested assets	\$ 157,014,865	\$ 20,219,564	\$ 126,979,312	\$ 9,815,989

Changes in Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

The reconciliation for all assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, are as follows:

	For the year ended December 31, 2011						Changes in Unrealized Gains (Losses) Included in Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits Relating to Positions Still Held
	Beginning Asset Balance as of January 1, 2011	Total Realized/Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	Purchases **	Sales**	Transfers in (Out) of Level 3	Ending Asset Balance as of December 31, 2011	
Assets							
Guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 2,057,440	\$ 43,857	\$ 655,694	\$(1,228,726)	\$ —	\$ 1,528,265	\$ 14,976
U.S. real estate	7,758,549	—	—	—	(7,758,549)	—	—
Total	\$ 9,815,989	\$ 43,857	\$ 655,694	\$(1,228,726)	\$(7,758,549)	\$ 1,528,265	\$ 14,976

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)

	For the year ended December 31, 2010						Changes in Unrealized Gains (Losses) Included in Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits Relating to Positions Still Held
	Beginning Asset Balance as of January 1, 2010	Total Realized/ Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	Purchases **	Sales**	Transfers in (Out) of Level 3	Ending Asset Balance as of December 31, 2010	
Assets							
Guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 2,915,965	\$ 41,985	\$ 1,112,948	\$(2,013,458)	\$ –	\$ 2,057,440	\$ (5,396)
U.S. real estate	8,133,174	1,173,728	1,734,387	(3,282,740)	–	7,758,549	1,424,248
Total	\$ 11,049,139	\$ 1,215,713	\$ 2,847,335	\$(5,296,198)	\$ –	\$ 9,815,989	\$ 1,418,852

** Includes contributions, transfers from affiliated and unaffiliated plans, transfers to other investments via participant direction, benefits paid to participants, and administrative expenses.

6. Contingencies

Until March 25, 2011, the real estate separate account had a temporary withdrawal limitation related to past turmoil in the credit markets that resulted in a sharp slowdown in the sale of commercial real estate assets over the last several years. The uncertain environment led to significantly increased requests for withdrawals. To allow for orderly administration and management benefiting all separate account investors, Principal Life implemented a pre-existing contractual limitation to delay withdrawal requests for the real estate separate account. Certain high need payments, such as death, disability, certain eligible retirements, and hardship withdrawals, were not subject to the withdrawal limitation. Other withdrawal requests were subject to the limitation until certain liquidity levels were achieved, mainly via proceeds from sales of underlying properties, rents from tenants and new investor contributions. With the inception of the withdrawal limitation, all sources of cash were first used to satisfy cash requirements at the properties, meet debt maturities, maintain compliance with debt covenants and meet upcoming separate account obligations. Outstanding withdrawal requests were paid in multiple payments. Except for certain de minimis payments, payments were made proportionately among all other outstanding withdrawal requests, based upon available liquidity. All withdrawals are being transacted at the NAV price at the date of distribution. The restriction had been in place since September 26, 2008, and ended on March 25, 2011.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

6. Contingencies (continued)

While the outcome of any future litigation or regulatory matter cannot be predicted, management does not believe that any future litigation or regulatory matter will have a material adverse effect on our net assets available for benefits. The outcome of such matters is always uncertain, and unforeseen results can occur. It is possible that such outcomes could materially affect net assets available for benefits in a particular year.

7. Related Party Transactions

In addition to the transactions with parties-in-interest discussed in Notes 2, 4 and 5, Principal Life provides recordkeeping services to the Plan and receives fees, which are paid through revenue generated by Plan investments, for those services. These transactions are exempt from the prohibited transactions rules of ERISA. Principal Life may pay other Plan expenses from time to time.

8. Form 5500

Certain line items of net asset additions and deductions in the 2011 and 2010 Forms 5500 differ from similar classifications in the accompanying financial statements. However, such differences are not considered material and create no differences in net asset balances at December 31, 2011 and 2010.

Supplemental Schedule

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Individual Field

EIN: 42-0127290 Plan Number: 004

Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets
(Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2011

Identity of Issue	Description of Investment	Current Value
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 1,528,265
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Small-Cap Value II Separate Account	1,588,083
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Money Market Separate Account	12,730,357
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company U.S. Property Separate Account	8,152,084
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Bond and Mortgage Separate Account	7,077,942
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Diversified International Separate Account	8,383,383
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Governmental and High Quality Bond Separate Account	3,109,126
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Mid-Cap Blend Separate Account	8,244,157
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Large-Cap Stock Index Separate Account	9,939,483
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Inflation Protection Separate Account	2,146,737

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Individual Field

EIN: 42-0127290 Plan Number: 004

Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (continued)
(Held at End of Year)

Identity of Issue	Description of Investment	Current Value
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Partner Mid-Cap Growth Separate Account	\$ 4,435,168
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Small-Cap Stock Index Separate Account	5,510,191
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Large Company Growth Separate Account	3,413,526
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposit in insurance company International Emerging Markets Separate Account	7,884,165
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposit in insurance company Principal Financial Group, Inc. Stock Separate Account	1,296,637
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Equity Income Separate Account	3,692,182
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Lifetime2010 Separate Account	1,805,975
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Lifetime2020 Separate Account	3,625,290
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Lifetime2030 Separate Account	4,416,787
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Lifetime2040 Separate Account	1,368,965

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Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (continued)
(Held at End of Year)

Identity of Issue	Description of Investment	Current Value
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Lifetime2050 Separate Account	\$ 1,680,083
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Large Company Value Stock Separate Account	1,241,696
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Partner Large-Cap Growth I Separate Account	2,455,297
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Lifetime Strategic Income Separate Account	1,705,000
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Partner Small-Cap Growth I Separate Account	3,659,163
Principal Financial Group, Inc.*	473,302 shares of Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP	11,643,226
Loans to participants*	Notes receivable from participants with interest rates ranging from 5.25% to 10.50%	2,710,618
		<u>\$ 125,443,586</u>

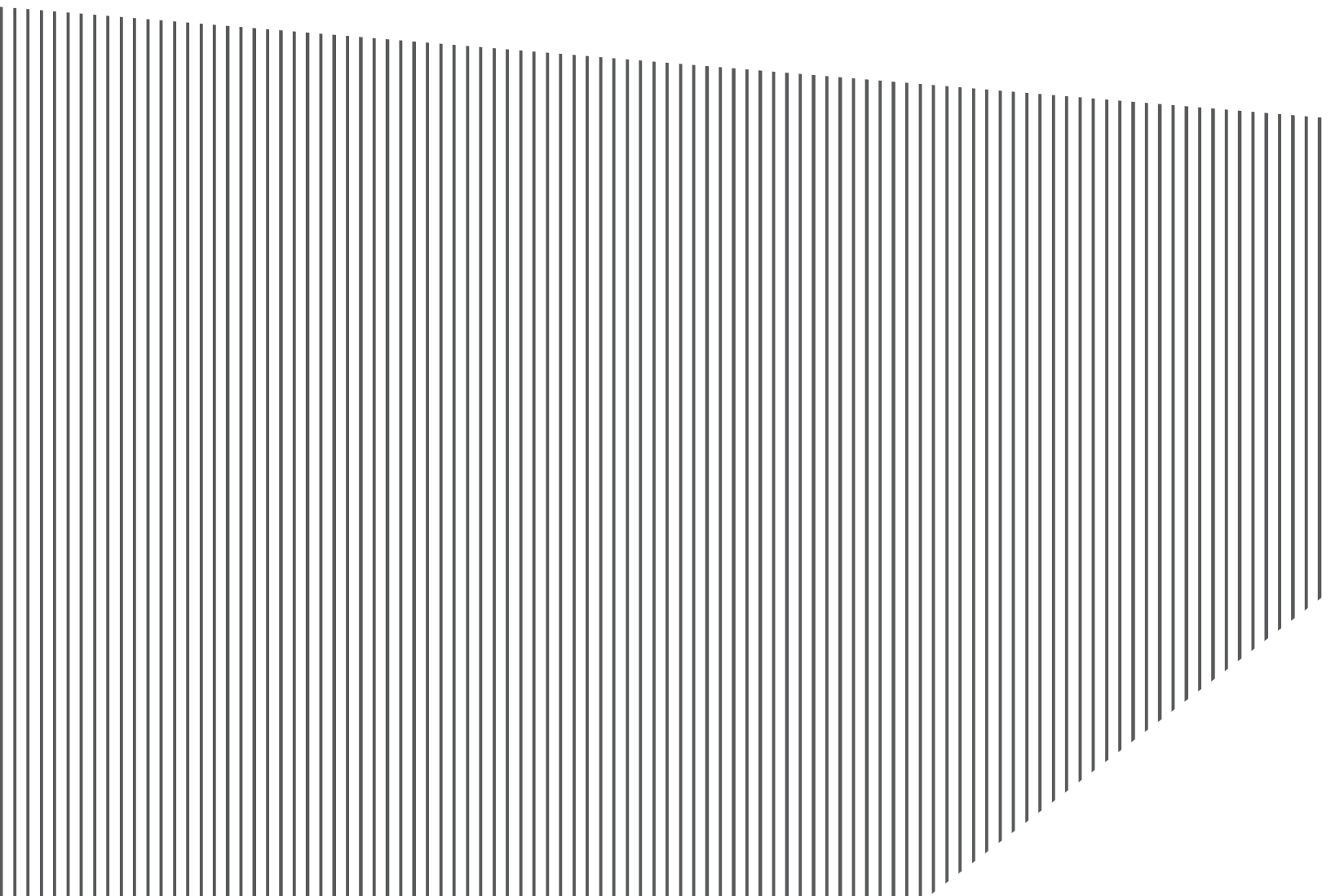
*Indicates party in interest to the Plan.

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SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)**SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)**

THE PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS PLAN FOR INDIVID

EIN 42 0127290
 PLAN NUMBER 004
 PLAN YEAR 01/01/2011 TO 12/31/2011

(A)	(B) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party.	(C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	(D) Cost	(E) Current Value
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Insurance Company General Guaranteed Interest	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,528,265.18
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Bond and Mtge SA-I5	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,077,942.19
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Div Intl SA-I5	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,383,382.88
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Fin Grp, Inc. Stk SA-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,296,636.42
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Govt&HBnd Sep Acct-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,109,126.18
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Inflation Prot SA-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,146,737.33
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Intl Em Mkt Sep Acct-I5	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,884,165.26
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LargeCap Growth I SA-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,455,296.81
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LgCap Growth Sep Acct-I5	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,413,525.74
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LgCap S&P 500 Index SA-I5	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,939,482.60
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LgCap Value Sep Acct-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,241,695.26
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeTm Str Inc SA-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,705,000.46
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeTm 2010 Sep Acct-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,805,975.17
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeTm 2020 Sep Acct-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,625,290.28
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeTm 2030 Sep Acct-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,416,787.17

SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

THE PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS PLAN FOR INDIVID

EIN 42 0127290
PLAN NUMBER 004
PLAN YEAR 01/01/2011 TO 12/31/2011

(A)	(B) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party.	(C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	(D) Cost	(E) Current Value
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeIn 2040 Sep Acct-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,368,964.00
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeIn 2050 Sep Acct-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,680,082.83
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin MidCap Blend Sep Acct-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,244,157.34
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin MidCap Growth III SA-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,435,167.89
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Money Market SA-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,730,357.21
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin SmallCap Growth I SA-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,659,163.28
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin SmallCap Value II SA-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,588,083.19
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin SmCap S&P 600 Index SA-I5	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,510,191.40
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin U.S. Property SA-I5	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,152,084.11
*	Principal Financial Group, Inc.	Employer Security Principal Financial Group ESOP	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,643,225.53
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN EQUITY INCOME SA-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,692,182.36
	Participant Loans	Range of Interest Rates Rates Range From 5.25% To 10.25%	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,710,618.00