Γ	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan	OMB Nos. 1210-0110				
Form 5500	This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104	1210-0089				
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	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).	2011				
Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	<ul> <li>Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</li> </ul>					
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation		This Form is Open to Public Inspection				
	tification Information					
For calendar plan year 2011 or fiscal	plan year beginning 01/01/2011 and ending 12/31/	2011				
A This return/report is for:	a multiemployer plan; a multiple-employer plan; or					
	x a single-employer plan; a DFE (specify)					
<b>B</b> This return/report is:	the first return/report; the final return/report;					
	an amended return/report; a short plan year return/report (less t	han 12 months).				
<b>C</b> If the plan is a collectively-bargain	ed plan, check here					
<b>D</b> Check box if filing under:	Form 5558; automatic extension;	the DFVC program;				
	special extension (enter description)					
Part II Basic Plan Inform	nation—enter all requested information					
<b>1a</b> Name of plan NANOSTRING TECHNOLOGIES 40 <sup>-</sup>	·	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ►				
		1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2005				
2a Plan sponsor's name and addres	s, including room or suite number (Employer, if for single-employer plan)	<b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-0094687				
		<b>2c</b> Sponsor's telephone number 206-378-6266				
530 FAIRVIEW AVENUE NORTH SUITE 2000 SEATTLE, WA 98109	530 FAIRVIEW AVENUE NORTH SUITE 2000 SEATTLE, WA 98109	2d Business code (see instructions) 339110				

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	12/26/2012	WAYNE BURNS
TIERE	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
NEKE	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
HERE	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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	Plan administrator's name and address (if same as plan sponsor, enter "Same")		<ul> <li>3b Administrator's EIN 20-0094687</li> <li>3c Administrator's telephone number 206-378-6266</li> </ul>				
SL	0 FAIRVIEW AVENUE NORTH ITE 2000 ATTLE, WA 98109						
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 the plan number from the last return/report:	l and	4b EIN				
а	Sponsor's name		<b>4c</b> PN				
5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	91				
6	Number of participants as of the end of the plan year (welfare plans complete only lines 6a, 6b, 6c, and 6d).						
а	Active participants	. 6a	99				
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	. 6b	0				
С	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	. 6c	18				
d	Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b>	. 6d	117				
е	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits	. 6e	0				
f	Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b>	. 6f	117				
g	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	. 6g	71				
h	Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	. 6h	0				
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	· 7					

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

**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 fu	in <u>ding</u>	arrangement (check all that apply)	9b	<b>b</b> 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)	X	Trust		(3)	Х	Trust			
	(4)		General assets of the sponsor		(4)		General assets of the sponsor			
10	0 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)									
а	Pensic	on Scl	hedules	b General Schedules						
	(1)	×	R (Retirement Plan Information)		(1)		H (Financial Information)			
	(2)		MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money		(2)	X	I (Financial Information – Small Plan)			
			Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan		(3)		A (Insurance Information)			
			actuary		(4)		C (Service Provider Information)			
	(3)		SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial		(5)		D (DFE/Participating Plan Information)			
			Information) - signed by the plan actuary		(6)		G (Financial Transaction Schedules)			

	SCHEDULE I	Financial In	form	ation—Sr	nall	Plan			OMB No. 1210-0110			
	(Form 5500)											
	Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service 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								2011			
	Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration			e Code (the Cod	,			Thio	Form is Open to Public			
	Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	File as a	an attac	hment to Form	5500.			1115	Form is Open to Public Inspection			
	calendar plan year 2011 or fiscal pla	an year beginning 01/01/201	11		a	nd ending	12/3	31/2011				
<b>A</b> NAN	Name of plan OSTRING TECHNOLOGIES 401(K)	PLAN				Three-digit plan numb		•	001			
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NANOSTRING TECHNOLOGIES						mployer Id 0094687	entificatio	on Numbe	er (EIN)			
	nplete Schedule I if the plan covered all plan under the 80-120 participant re							ete Scheo	dule I if you are filing as a			
	rt I Small Plan Financial											
ass ben	port below the current value of assets ets held in more than one trust. Do r efit at a future date. Include all incor urance carriers. <b>Round off amounts</b>	ot enter the value of the portion ne and expenses of the plan inc	of an ir	surance contrac	t that g	uarantees	during th	is plan ye	ear to pay a specific dollar			
1	Plan Assets and Liabilities:			<b>(a)</b> Be	ginning	g of Year			(b) End of Year			
а	Total plan assets		. 1a			15	10965		2136509			
b	Total plan liabilities		. 1b									
С	Net plan assets (subtract line 1b fro	om line 1a)	_ 1c			15	10965	2136509				
2	Income, Expenses, and Transfer	s for this Plan Year:		(	<b>a)</b> Amo	ount			<b>(b)</b> Total			
а	Contributions received or receivabl	e:										
	(1) Employers		. 2a(1)									
	(2) Participants		2a(2)			5	10800					
	(3) Others (including rollovers)		. 2a(3)			2	86284					
b	Noncash contributions		. 2b									
С	Other income		2c			-	87026					
d	Total income (add lines 2a(1), 2a(2	), 2a(3), 2b, and 2c)	. 2d					710058				
е	Benefits paid (including direct rollow	vers)	. 2e				82491					
f	Corrective distributions (see instruc											
g	Certain deemed distributions of particle (see instructions)	•	. 2g									
h	Administrative service providers (sa	alaries, fees, and commissions)					2023					
i	Other expenses		. 2i									
j	Total expenses (add lines 2e, 2f, 2	g, 2h, and 2i)	. 2j						84514			
k	Net income (loss) (subtract line 2j f	rom line 2d)	. 2k						625544			
Т	Transfers to (from) the plan (see in	structions)	. 21									
3	<b>Specific Assets:</b> If the plan held as remaining in the plan as of the end of by-line basis unless the trust meets of	the plan year. Allocate the value of	of the pla	n's interest in a co								
				г		Yes	No		Amount			
а	Partnership/joint venture interests				3a		X					
b	Employer real property				3b		Х					
С	Real estate (other than employer re	eal property)			3c		Х					
d	Employer securities				3d		Х					
е									13932			
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			Yes	No	Amount
3f	Loans (other than to participants)	3f		Х	
g	Tangible personal property	3g		Х	

Pa	art II Com	pliance Questions				
4	During the p	an year:		Yes	No	Amount
а	described in 29	lure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period 0 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully e instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a		X	
b	year or classifi	s by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of plan ed during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by the count balance	4b		X	
С		es to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as	4c		X	
d		v nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions e 4a.)	4d		Х	
е	Was the plan of	overed by a fidelity bond?	4e	Х		1000000
f		ve a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by esty?	4f		Х	
g	•	ld any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		Х	
h		ceive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an rket nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X	
i	•	any time hold 20% or more of its assets in any single security, debt, mortgage, parcel or partnership/joint venture interest?	4i		X	
j		an assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, er the control of the PBGC?	4j		X	
k	accountant (IQI	g a waiver of the annual examination and report of an independent qualified public PA) under 29 CFR 2520.104-46? If "No," attach an IQPA's report or 2520.104-50 instructions on waiver eligibility and conditions.)	4k	X		
I	Has the plan fa	iled to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	41		X	
m		vidual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR	4m		X	
n		vered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	4n		X	
5a	Has a resolutio	n to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?				

s X No Amount:

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

5b(1) Name of plan(s)

 5b(2) EIN(s)
 5b(3) PN(s)

	SCHEDULE R	Retirement Plan Information				(	OMB No.	1210-01	10			
(Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section						2011						
E	Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	<ul> <li>6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</li> <li>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</li> </ul>	This Form is Op Inspect						9 Pub	lic		
For	Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation calendar plan year 2011 or fisca	al plan year beginning 01/01/2011 and e	ending		12/31/2	011	mope					
AN	Name of plan IOSTRING TECHNOLOGIES 40		B	Thre	e-digit n numbe			001				
	Plan sponsor's name as shown o IOSTRING TECHNOLOGIES	on line 2a of Form 5500	D	•	loyer Id 0-00946		tion Nur	nber (E	IN)			
Pa	art I Distributions		•									
All	references to distributions rel	ate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.										
1	•	d in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the								0		
•				ļ	1							
2	Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) when payors who paid the greatest of	no paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries du dollar amounts of benefits):	ring th	ne yea	r (if mor	e than	two, ent	er EINs	of the	e two		
	EIN(s): 04-6568107											
		, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.										
3	Number of participants (living	or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during th	•		3							
P		ation (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements			•	the Int	ernal Re	evenue	Code	or		
4	· · · · · ·	an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?				Yes		No		N/A		
	If the plan is a defined benef	it plan, go to line 8.								-		
5		ding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this I enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. <b>Date:</b> Mor	nth		Da	ay		Year _				
	If you completed line 5, com	plete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the re	emain	der of	this so	hedule	Э.					
6		d contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated fur	-		6a							
	<b>b</b> Enter the amount contribut	ed by the employer to the plan for this plan year			6b							
		6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result eft of a negative amount)			6c							
	If you completed line 6c, ski	p lines 8 and 9.				1						
7	Will the minimum funding amo	unt reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?				Yes		No		N/A		
8	authority providing automatic a	ethod was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor o hange?	r plan		Π	Yes	Π	No		N/A		
Pa	art III Amendments											
9		ion plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan										
5	year that increased or decreas	ed the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate	ease	[	Decre	ease	В	oth		No		
Ра	ITT IV ESOPS (see in skip this Part.	structions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975	ō(e)(7)	of the	Interna	Reve	nue Cod	e,				
10	Were unallocated employer se	curities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to rep	ay an	y exer	npt loan	?		Yes	;	No		
11	•	preferred stock?						Yes	; [	No		
		anding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a ition of "back-to-back" loan.)						Yes	; [	No		
12		k that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?			·····			Yes	-	No		
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Pa	irt V		Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans							
13			llowing information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in ee instructions. Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.							
	а	Name of contributing employer								
	b	EIN	C Dollar amount contributed by employer							
	d		ollective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box e instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month Day Year							
	е	Contr	pution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise,							
			ete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents)							
		(2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify):								
	а	Name	of contributing employer							
	b	EIN	C Dollar amount contributed by employer							
	d		ollective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box we instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month Day Year							
	е		oution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ] and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise,							
			ete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents)							
		• •	Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify):							
	а	Name	of contributing employer							
	b	EIN	C Dollar amount contributed by employer							
	d		ollective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box							
	е	<i>comp</i> (1)	bution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, etc items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)							
		(2)	Base unit measure:       Hourly       Weekly       Unit of production       Other (specify):							
	<u>a</u>		of contributing employer							
	b	EIN	C Dollar amount contributed by employer							
	d		ollective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box							
	е		oution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, ete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)							
		. ,	Contribution rate (in dollars and cents)							
		(2)	Base unit measure:     Hourly     Weekly     Unit of production     Other (specify):							
	а	Name	of contributing employer							
	b	EIN	C Dollar amount contributed by employer							
	d		ollective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box							
	e	Contribution rate information ( <i>If more than one rate applies, check this box</i> and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, <i>complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)</i> (1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) (2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify):								
	~	Nem								
	a b	Name EIN	of contributing employer C Dollar amount contributed by employer							
	d d									
	u	and s	ollective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box							
	е	<i>comp</i> (1)	bution rate information ( <i>If more than one rate applies, check this box</i> and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, ate items 13e(1) and 13e(2).) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify):							

14	Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no co	ontributions were made by an	employer as an employer of the
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	participant for:						
	a The current year	14a					
	<b>b</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 ma employer contribution during the current plan year to:	ike an					
	a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a					
	<b>b</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>b</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, c supplemental information to be included as an attachment.						
Ρ	art VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benef	it Pens	ion Plans				
18	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)						
	<ul> <li>a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Stock:% Investment-Grade Debt:% High-Yield Debt:% Real Estate:% Other:%</li> <li>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</li> <li>c What duration measure was used to calculate item 19(b)?</li> </ul>						
	Effective duration         Macaulay duration         Modified duration         Other (specify):						