

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). <p style="text-align: center;">▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p>	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2012 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2012 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2012</u> and ending <u>12/31/2012</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 EMPLOYEES</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"><u>003</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1985</u></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>003</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1985</u>	
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1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1985</u>					
2a Plan sponsor's name and address; include room or suite number (employer, if for a single-employer plan) <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u> <u>711 HIGH ST</u> <u>DES MOINES, IA 50392-1200</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>42-0127290</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2c Sponsor's telephone number <u>800-986-3343</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>524140</u></td> </tr> </table>	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>	
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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. Signature of plan administrator	10/10/2013 Date	CHRISTOPHER BOWMAN Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. Signature of employer/plan sponsor	10/10/2013 Date	TAMMY DEHAAI Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE
Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address; include room or suite number. (optional)			Preparer's telephone number (optional)

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor Name ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor Address 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
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
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5 14247
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	9813
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....	6b	45
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....	6c	3848
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a , 6b , and 6c	6d	13706
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.....	6e	51
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f	13757
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....	6g	13499
h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6h	263
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 Characteristics 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 Characteristics Codes in the instructions:		
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)		
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ 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) ☒ <u>2</u> A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <hr/> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <hr/> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	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 <hr/> 2012 <hr/> This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2012 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2012** and ending **12/31/2012**

A Name of plan THE PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	003
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	366776	13757	01/01/2012	12/31/2012

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 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).

(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

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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	43351013
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	1227847340

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	47294866
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c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	1697281	
(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)		
(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	736592	
(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)	1689028	
(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	465287	

▶ LOAN PAYMENT, ROLLOVER, CORRECTION

(6) Total additions	7c(6)	4588188
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d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	51883054
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e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	4947618	
(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	34128	
(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)	3040109	
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	401220	

▶ LOAN WITHDRAWAL, CORRECTION

(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	8423075
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f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	43459979
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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 line 9c(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, line 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. ▶

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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
<u>42-0127290</u>	<u>61271</u>	<u>411365</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>01/01/2012</u>	<u>12/31/2012</u>

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 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
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(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	2896
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	1658976

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	2790
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c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)		
(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)		
(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	112	
(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)		
(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)		
▶			

(6) Total additions **7c(6)** 112

d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	2902
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e Deductions:			
(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)		
(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	6	
(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)		
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)		
▶			

(5) Total deductions **7e(5)** 6

f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	2896
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Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received.....	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....	9a(2)		
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(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)		
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(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 line 9c(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, line 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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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)

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)

PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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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 50 64 37	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	313993	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

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:

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

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 2012 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2012 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2012 and ending 12/31/2012

A Name of plan <u>THE PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN)	<u>003</u>
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>91328228</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>25428783</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>0</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>89325303</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>19503613</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>47178406</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN U.S. PROPERTY SA-I5</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-027</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>101678622</u>		

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) 102832077
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) 102279108
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) 154333168
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) 86731215
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) 35881994
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) 38919099
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LARGECAP 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) 24840720
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) 11792234
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) 50732128
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) 66529252

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) 51018794
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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) 33646978
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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) 8958679
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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) 8567119
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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) 16804376
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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) 16948469
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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) 44247951
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS SVF**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-131	d Entity code M	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 66306403
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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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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
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**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 2012 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2012 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2012 and ending 12/31/2012		
A Name of plan THE PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	003
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	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	2214	17358
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	3534	29875
(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)	21503214	21349941
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts.....	1c(10)	1115226879	1229506316
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	66306403
(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)	47258750	43353909
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	64178110	68288524
(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	1248172701	1428852326

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	1248172701	1428852326
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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) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	34492860	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	63702331	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	5112303	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		103307494
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)	1102496	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	736704	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		1839200
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	1973901	
(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)		1973901
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	30644692	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	27560758	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		3083934
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	7343636	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		7343636

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		160331578
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		636739
(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		-70061
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		278446421

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	97208296	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	6675	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		97214971
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		4916
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		32002
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	313993	
(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)		313993
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		97565882

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		180880539
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		349471
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		550385

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 lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

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.).....

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.).....

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	0
4b		X	0

	Yes	No	Amount
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		50000000
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.			

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 INDIVIDUAL FIELD

5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)
42-0127290	004

Part V Trust Information (optional)

6a Name of trust

6b Trust's EIN

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 2012 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2012 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2012 and ending 12/31/2012

A Name of plan <u>THE PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>003</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 lines 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 lines 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 lines 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 lines 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 lines 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 lines 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 line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	

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

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

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

- 19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (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 line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees
December 31, 2012 and 2011 and for the year ended
December 31, 2012
With Report of Independent Auditors

Ernst & Young LLP

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

December 31, 2012 and 2011

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Report of Independent Auditors

The Benefit Plans Administration Committee
Principal Life Insurance Company

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees, which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2012, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees at December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2012, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Supplemental Schedule

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2012 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 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 additional 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 as a whole.

Ernst & Young LLP

Des Moines, Iowa
June 28, 2013

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31	
	2012	2011
Assets		
Investments at fair value:		
Unallocated investment options:		
Guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 43,353,909	\$ 47,258,750
Separate accounts	1,229,506,316	1,115,226,879
Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP	68,288,524	64,178,110
Plan interest in Principal Select Savings Stable Value Master Trust	66,306,403	—
Total invested assets at fair value	1,407,455,152	1,226,663,739
Receivables:		
Contribution receivable from Principal Life Insurance Company	17,358	2,214
Contributions receivable from participants	29,875	3,534
Notes receivable from participants	21,349,940	21,503,214
Total receivables	21,397,173	21,508,962
Adjustments from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contract	(321,843)	—
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 1,428,530,482</u>	<u>\$ 1,248,172,701</u>

See accompanying notes.

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	For the year ended December 31, 2012
Additions	
Investment income:	
Interest	\$ 736,706
Dividends	1,973,901
Net appreciation of investments	170,689,089
Plan interest in Principal Select Savings Stable Value Master Trust	314,896
Total investment income	<u>173,714,592</u>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	1,102,495
Contributions:	
Principal Life Insurance Company	34,492,860
Employees	68,814,634
Total contributions	<u>103,307,494</u>
Total additions	<u>278,124,581</u>
Deductions	
Benefits paid to participants	97,251,889
Transfers to affiliated and unaffiliated plans, net	200,914
Administrative expenses	313,997
Total deductions	<u>97,766,800</u>
Net increase	180,357,781
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	<u>1,248,172,701</u>
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	<u><u>\$ 1,428,530,482</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees

Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2012

1. Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accounting records of The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees (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, as amended (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 Principal Life's administrative expenses. The separate accounts represent contributions 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 that are slightly below investment grade, all of which are valued at fair value.

The Principal Select Savings Stable Value Master Trust (Master Trust) invests in a Short Term Investment Fund (STIF) and the Morley Stable Income Bond Fund (Bond Fund), which is a collective investment trust that invests in investment-grade fixed-income securities. The Bond fund is maintained by Union Bond & Trust Company, an affiliate of Principal Life. The Master Trust has also entered into a fully benefit-responsive synthetic guaranteed investment contract (i.e., synthetic GIC) with Principal Life (the Contract). The STIF, Bond Fund, and Contract together are the holdings of the Stable Value Fund (Fund). The Fund is valued at contract value as reported to the Plan by Morley Financial Services, the investment manager of the Bond Fund.

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Because the Contract is fully benefit-responsive, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to the Contract.

The Contract provides a crediting rate that amortizes portfolio gains and losses over time and accounts for benefit payments to Plan participants at contract value. Under the Contract, Principal Life agrees to pay any deficiency if the investments in the Bond Fund have been exhausted for benefit payments and the contract value is greater than zero. The objective of the Fund is to preserve capital and smooth the returns credited to Plan participants.

As required by Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 962, *Plan Accounting – Defined Contributions Pension Plans*, the statements of net assets available for benefits present the fair value of the investment in the Master Trust, as well as the adjustment of the investment in the Master Trust from fair value to contract value relating to the synthetic GICs. The statements of changes in net assets available for benefits are prepared on a contract value basis.

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.

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.

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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. Adoption of this guidance did not have a material effect on the Plan's net assets available for benefits or its changes in net assets available for benefits.

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 to 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.

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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 employees of Principal Life or its subsidiaries (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, the Company 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 Plan and forgo receipt of the additional benefits offered by amendments to the Plan. The participants who elected to retain the prior benefit provisions are referred to as “Grandfathered Choice Participants.”

Matching contributions for participants other than 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 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.

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

2. Description of the Plan (continued)

Forfeitures

Upon termination of employment, participants forfeit their nonvested balances. Forfeited amounts are used to reduce Company contributions. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, forfeited nonvested account balances totaled \$78,299 and \$43,413, respectively. In 2012 and 2011, employer contributions were reduced by \$1,137,376 and \$1,409,750, 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 shares in the interest paid on the loan or bears 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 2012 and 2011 was 5.25%. The notes receivable balance was reduced by \$1,289,581 and \$1,639,866 in 2012 and 2011, respectively, for terminated participants that received their account balance, net of the outstanding loans, as a benefit distribution.

Plan Termination

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, affected participants will become fully vested in their accounts.

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

3. Income Tax Status

The Plan has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service (the IRS) dated July 9, 2012, 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, 2012, 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 Employees

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

4. Investments

Contributions are invested in unallocated guaranteed interest accounts supported by the general account of Principal Life (a pooled account invested primarily in fixed income securities having a range of maturities); in separate accounts of Principal Life, 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 that are slightly below investment grade, as appropriate for each separate account; The Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP, which consists of common stock of Principal Financial Group, Inc., the ultimate parent of Principal Life; and the Master Trust. 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 2012 and 2011. Principal Life is a party in interest with respect to these investments.

	December 31	
	2012	2011
Large-Cap Stock Index Separate Account	\$ 154,333,168	\$ 137,100,940
Bond and Mortgage Separate Account	102,832,077	93,377,684
Diversified International Separate Account	102,279,108	87,900,476
U.S. Property Separate Account	101,678,622	84,204,454
Medium Company Blend Separate Account	91,328,228	75,486,540
International Emerging Markets Separate Account	89,325,303	74,216,829
Small-Cap Stock Index Separate Account	86,731,215	76,322,736
Money Market Separate Account	*	67,176,915
Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP	*	64,178,110

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

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

4. Investments (continued)

During 2012 and 2011, the Plan's investments that are related to Principal Life appreciated (depreciated) in value by \$170,689,089 and \$(25,265,101), respectively, as follows (excluding plan interest in the Master Trust):

	For the Year Ended December 31	
	2012	2011
Guaranteed interest accounts	\$ (70,060)	\$ 199,283
Separate accounts of insurance company	160,331,583	(6,971,359)
Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP	10,427,566	(18,493,025)
	<u>\$ 170,689,089</u>	<u>\$ (25,265,101)</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 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.

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 2012.

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.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)

Separate Accounts

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. generally accepted accounting principles (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, 2012, 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.

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 and 2012.

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 quoted closing market price on the last business day of the plan year and is reflected in Level 1.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)

Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

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

Assets	As of December 31, 2012			
	Assets Measured at Fair Value	Fair Value Hierarchy Level		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 43,353,909	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 43,353,909
Separate accounts:				
Fixed-income security	145,209,329	—	145,209,329	—
Lifetime balanced asset allocation	222,678,065	—	222,678,065	—
Large U.S. equity	290,103,858	—	290,103,858	—
Small/mid U.S. equity	269,664,912	—	269,664,912	—
International equity	191,604,411	—	191,604,411	—
U.S. real estate	101,678,622	—	101,678,622	—
Other	8,567,119	—	8,567,119	—
Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP	68,288,524	68,288,524	—	—
Total invested assets, excluding plan interest in Principal Select Savings Stable Value Master Trust	<u>\$ 1,341,148,749</u>	<u>\$ 68,288,524</u>	<u>\$ 1,229,506,316</u>	<u>\$ 43,353,909</u>

Assets	As of December 31, 2011			
	Assets Measured at Fair Value	Fair Value Hierarchy Level		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 47,258,750	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 47,258,750
Separate accounts:				
Fixed-income security	124,687,109	—	124,687,109	—
Lifetime balanced asset allocation	179,567,565	—	179,567,565	—
Large U.S. equity	251,562,353	—	251,562,353	—
Small/mid U.S. equity	237,842,809	—	237,842,809	—
International equity	162,117,305	—	162,117,305	—
Short-term fixed income	67,176,915	—	67,176,915	—
U.S. real estate	84,204,454	—	84,204,454	—
Other	8,068,369	—	8,068,369	—
Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP	64,178,110	64,178,110	—	—
Total invested assets	<u>\$ 1,226,663,739</u>	<u>\$ 64,178,110</u>	<u>\$ 1,115,226,879</u>	<u>\$ 47,258,750</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)

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, 2012 and 2011, are as follows:

For the year ended December 31, 2012							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, 2012	Interest	Purchases**	Sales**	Transfers in (Out) of Level 3	Ending Asset Balance as of December 31, 2012		
Assets							
Guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 47,258,750	\$ 666,644	\$ 13,408,315	\$ (17,979,800)	\$ –	\$ 43,353,909	
Total	\$ 47,258,750	\$ 666,644	\$ 13,408,315	\$ (17,979,800)	\$ –	\$ 43,353,909	

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	Interest	Purchases**	Sales**	Transfers in (Out) of Level 3	Ending Asset Balance as of December 31, 2011		
Assets							
Guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 49,394,988	\$ 1,157,794	\$ 15,425,612	\$ (18,719,644)	\$ –	\$ 47,258,750	
U.S. real estate	68,032,089	–	–	–	(68,032,089)	–	
Total	\$ 117,427,077	\$ 1,157,794	\$ 15,425,612	\$ (18,719,644)	\$ (68,032,089)	\$ 47,258,750	

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

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)

Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

The following table provides quantitative information about the significant unobservable inputs used for recurring fair value measurements categorized within Level 3.

	As of December 31, 2012			
	Assets measured at fair value	Valuation technique(s)	Unobservable input description	Input/range of inputs
Assets				
Guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 43,353,909	See note (1)	Interest rate on account Applicable interest rate	0.05% - 4.57% 0.64% - 1.45%
			Maturity date	12/31/2012 – 12/31/2018

- (1) If the applicable interest rate is equal to or less than the interest rate on the account, the fair market value is equal to the contract value.

If the applicable interest rate is greater than the interest rate on the account, the fair market value is the contract value reduced by a percentage. This percentage is equal to:

1. The difference between the applicable interest rate and the interest rate on the account, multiplied by
2. The number of years (including fractional parts of a year) until the maturity date.

6. Interest in Principal Select Savings Stable Value Master Trust

A portion of the Plan's investments are in the Master Trust, which was established for the investment of assets of the Plan and the Company's other defined contribution plan, The Principal Select Savings Plan for Individual Field. Each participating retirement plan has an undivided interest in the Master Trust. The value of the Plan's interest in the Master Trust is based on the STIF balance, principal balance of the Contract, plus accrued interest at the stated contract rate, less payments received and contract changes by Principal Life. At December 31, 2012, the Plan's interest in the net assets of the Master Trust was approximately 82%. Investment income and administrative expenses relating to the Master Trust are allocated to the individual Plans based upon the Plan's interest in the Master Trust.

The crediting interest rate is based on a formula agreed upon with Principal Life, but it may not be less than 0%. Such interest rates are reviewed on a monthly basis for resetting.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

6. Interest in Principal Select Savings Stable Value Master Trust (continued)

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with Principal Life when material events withdrawals are greater than 25% of the Contract as of the start of each contract year. These events include (1) certain termination of employment of a group of participants (including through layoffs or early retirement incentive programs instituted by the Company), (2) a certain spin-off or sale of the Company's business entity or location, (3) certain adoptions of an amendments to the Plan, any change in practice, or any change in participant withdrawal rights under the Plan. The Plan administrator does not believe that the occurrence of any such value event, which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants, is probable.

The average yields earned by the guaranteed investment contract are as follows:

Average yields:	<u>2012</u>
Based on actual earnings	0.54%
Based on interest rate credited to participants	0.46%

The net assets, including investments, of the Master Trust are as follows:

	December 31	
	2012	2011
STIF	\$ 4,662,240	\$ –
Bond Fund	77,079,255	–
Total assets	81,741,495	–
Payables	(506,630)	–
Net assets at fair value	81,234,865	–
Adjustments from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contract	(394,304)	–
Total net assets at contract value	\$ 80,840,561	\$ –
Plan interest in Principal Select Savings Stable Value Master Trust at contract value	\$ 65,984,560	\$ –

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

6. Interest in Principal Select Savings Stable Value Master Trust (continued)

Investment income for the Master Trust is as follows:

	For the year ended December 31	
	2012	2011
Interest income	\$ 434,951	\$ –
Total investment income	<u>\$ 434,951</u>	<u>\$ –</u>

The NAV of each of the investments is calculated in a manner consistent with U.S. GAAP for investment companies and is determinative of their fair value. As of December, 31, 2012, the Bond Fund is reflected as Level 2 and the STIF is reflected as Level 1. The Bond Fund generally invests in fixed maturity securities. When available, the fair value of the fixed maturities is based on quoted prices of identical assets in active markets. When quoted prices are not available, the first priority is to obtain prices from third-party pricing methodologies and to confirm they are utilizing observable market information. The STIF is a money market fund.

Master Trust assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below.

	As of December 31, 2012			
	Assets Measured at Fair Value	Fair Value Hierarchy Level		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets				
STIF	\$ 4,662,240	\$ 4,662,240	\$ –	\$ –
Bond Fund	77,079,255	–	77,079,255	–
Total invested assets	<u>\$ 81,741,495</u>	<u>\$ 4,662,240</u>	<u>\$ 77,079,255</u>	<u>\$ –</u>

Within the Master Trust, the Plan holds a wrapper contract with an inconsequential value for the 2012 Plan year.

The investments that represent 5% or more of the Master Trust's net assets are as follows:

	December 31	
	2012	2011
Bond Fund	\$ 77,079,255	\$ –

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7. 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.

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.

8. Related-Party Transactions

In addition to the transactions with parties-in-interest discussed herein, 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. The Company may pay other Plan expenses from time to time.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

9. Form 5500

The following table reconciles net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

	December 31	
	2012	2011
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$1,428,530,482	\$1,248,172,701
Adjustments from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive investment contract	321,843	–
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	<u>\$1,428,852,325</u>	<u>\$1,248,172,701</u>

The following table reconciles the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

	December 31	
	2012	2011
Net change from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	\$ 321,843	\$ –
Master trust investment income	314,896	–
Net investment gain from master trust investment accounts per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 636,739</u>	<u>\$ –</u>

Financial statements are required to report interest in fully benefit-responsive contracts at contract value, while the Form 5500 is required to report these investments at fair value.

Supplemental Schedule

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees

EIN: 42-0127290 Plan Number: 003

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

December 31, 2012

Identity of Issue	Description of Investment	Current Value
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 43,353,909
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Small-Cap Value II Separate Account	16,804,376
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Large Company Growth Separate Account	47,178,406
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company U.S. Property Separate Account	101,678,622
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Bond and Mortgage Separate Account	102,832,077
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Diversified International Separate Account	102,279,108
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Large-Cap Stock Index Separate Account	154,333,168
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Government and High Quality Bond Separate Account	25,428,783
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Medium Company Blend Separate Account	91,328,228

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EIN: 42-0127290 Plan Number: 003

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

Identity of Issue	Description of Investment	Current Value
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company International Emerging Markets Separate Account	\$ 89,325,303
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Large Company Value Separate Account	19,503,613
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Inflation Protection Separate Account	16,948,469
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Partner Large-Cap Growth I Separate Account	24,840,720
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Lifetime Strategic Income Separate Account	8,958,679
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Partner Mid-Cap Growth Separate Account	35,881,994
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Partner Small-Cap Growth I Separate Account	38,919,099
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Small-Cap Stock Index Separate Account	86,731,215
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Equity Income Separate Account	44,247,951
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Principal Financial Group, Inc. Stock Separate Account	8,567,119

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EIN: 42-0127290 Plan Number: 003

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

Identity of Issue	Description of Investment	Current Value
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Lifetime 2010 Separate Account	\$ 11,792,234
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Lifetime 2020 Separate Account	50,732,128
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Lifetime 2030 Separate Account	66,529,252
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Lifetime 2040 Separate Account	51,018,794
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Lifetime 2050 Separate Account	33,646,978
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Principal Select Savings Stable Value Fund	66,306,403
Principal Financial Group, Inc.*	2,394,408 shares of Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP	68,288,524
Loans to participants*	Notes receivable from participants with interest rates ranging from 5.25% to 10.50%	21,349,940
		<u>\$1,428,805,092</u>

*Indicates party in interest to the Plan.

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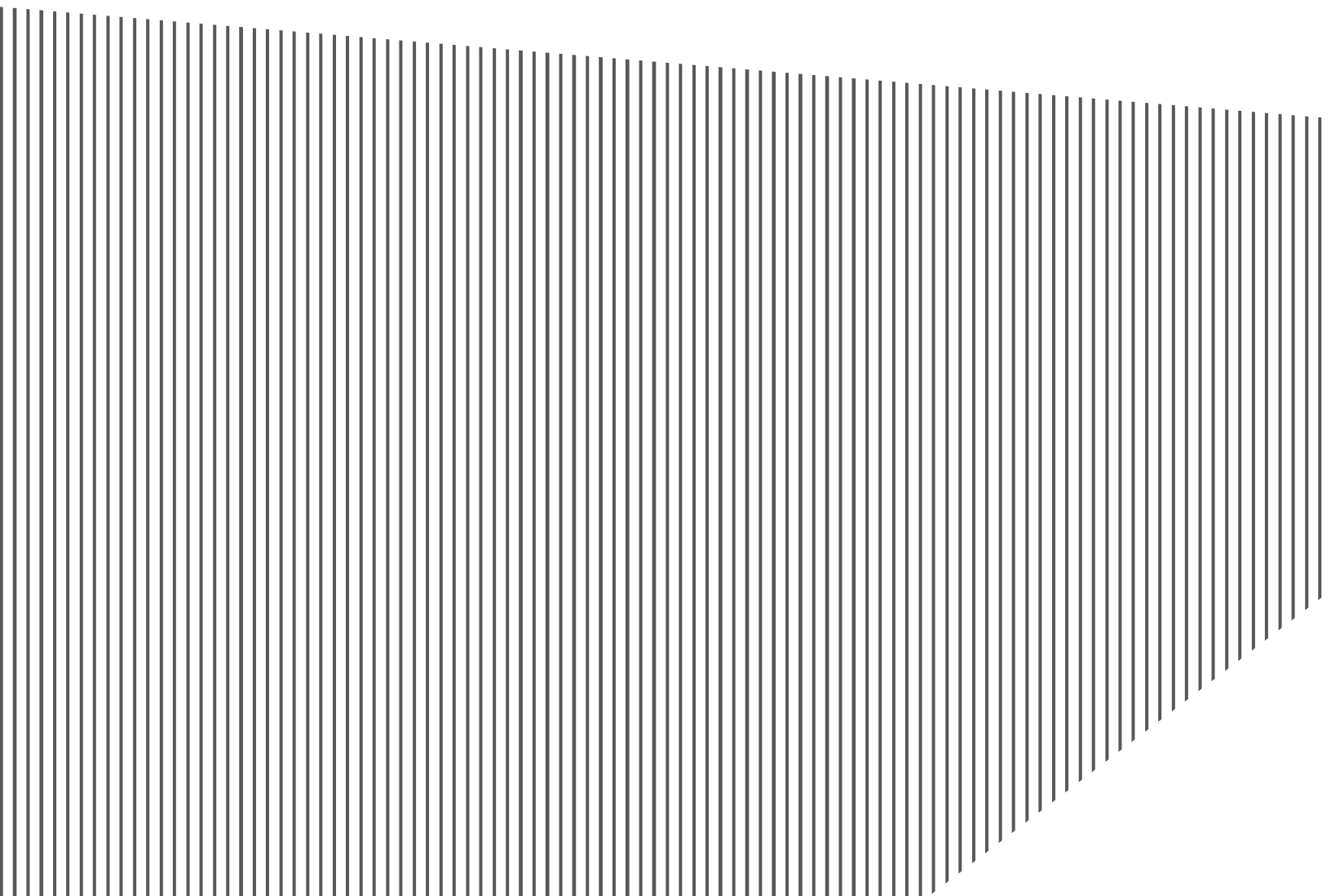
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SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)**SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)**

THE PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS PLAN FOR EMPLOYEE

EIN 42 0127290
 PLAN NUMBER 003
 PLAN YEAR 01/01/2012 TO 12/31/2012

(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	\$ 43,353,909.47
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Bond and Mtge SA-I5	\$ 0.00	\$102,832,076.98
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Div Intl SA-I5	\$ 0.00	\$102,279,108.19
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Equity Income SA-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 44,247,950.63
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Fin Grp, Inc. Stk SA-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,567,118.72
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Govt&HBnd Sep Acct-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 25,428,783.10
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Inflation Prot SA-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,948,468.92
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Intl Em Mkt Sep Acct-I5	\$ 0.00	\$ 89,325,302.63
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LargeCap Growth I SA-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 24,840,719.67
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LgCap Growth Sep Acct-I5	\$ 0.00	\$ 47,178,405.94
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LgCap S&P 500 Index SA-I5	\$ 0.00	\$154,333,168.20
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LgCap Value Sep Acct-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 19,503,612.67
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeTm Str Inc SA-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,958,679.46
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeTm 2010 Sep Acct-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,792,233.98
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeTm 2020 Sep Acct-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 50,732,128.17

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

THE PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS PLAN FOR EMPLOYEE

EIN 42 0127290
PLAN NUMBER 003
PLAN YEAR 01/01/2012 TO 12/31/2012

(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 LifeIm 2030 Sep Acct-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 66,529,252.48
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeIm 2040 Sep Acct-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 51,018,794.28
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeIm 2050 Sep Acct-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 33,646,977.81
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin MidCap Blend Sep Acct-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 91,328,228.43
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin MidCap Growth III SA-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 35,881,994.13
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin SmallCap Growth I SA-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 38,919,098.73
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin SmallCap Value II SA-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,804,376.45
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin SmCap S&P 600 Index SA-I5	\$ 0.00	\$ 86,731,214.57
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin U.S. Property SA-I5	\$ 0.00	\$101,678,622.04
*	Principal Financial Group, Inc.	Employer Security Principal Financial Group ESOP	\$ 0.00	\$ 68,288,524.09
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Master Trusts PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS SVF	\$ 0.00	\$ 66,306,402.72
	Participant Loans	Range of Interest Rates Rates Range From 5.25% To 11.50%	\$ 0.00	\$ 21,349,941.00