

Form 5500-SF Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation		Short Form Annual Return/Report of Small Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500-SF.		OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2015 This Form is Open to Public Inspection	
Part I Annual Report Identification Information					
For calendar plan year 2015 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2015 and ending 12/31/2015					
A This return/report is for:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a single-employer plan <input type="checkbox"/> a multiple-employer plan (not multiemployer) (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> a one-participant plan <input type="checkbox"/> a foreign plan			
B This return/report is		<input type="checkbox"/> the first return/report <input type="checkbox"/> the final return/report <input type="checkbox"/> an amended return/report <input type="checkbox"/> a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)			
C Check box if filing under:		<input type="checkbox"/> Form 5558 <input type="checkbox"/> automatic extension <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DFVC program <input type="checkbox"/> special extension (enter description)			
Part II Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information					
1a Name of plan STERLING GROUP 401(K) PLAN		1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶		001	
		1c Effective date of plan		01/01/2011	
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) THE STERLING GROUP, INC. 926 96TH STREET EAST TACOMA, WA 98445		2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)		03-0477099	
		2c Sponsor's telephone number		253-537-3177	
		2d Business code (see instructions)		238900	
3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor.		3b Administrator's EIN			
		3c Administrator's telephone number			
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			
5a Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5a		15	
b Total number of participants at the end of the plan year		5b		14	
c Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (defined benefit plans do not complete this item)		5c		7	
d(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year		5d(1)		12	
d(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		5d(2)		12	
e Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		5e		0	
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, if applicable, a Schedule SB or Schedule MB completed and signed by an enrolled actuary, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.					
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	12/28/2017	MICHELE OFFEN		
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator		
SIGN HERE					
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor		
Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address (include room or suite number)				Preparer's telephone number	

- 6a** Were all of the plan's assets during the plan year invested in eligible assets? (See instructions.) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b** Are you claiming a waiver of the annual examination and report of an independent qualified public accountant (IQPA) under 29 CFR 2520.104-46? (See instructions on waiver eligibility and conditions.) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If you answered "No" to either line 6a or line 6b, the plan cannot use Form 5500-SF and must instead use Form 5500.**
- c** If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

Part III Financial Information

7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets.....	7a	130426	148410
b Total plan liabilities	7b	27	27
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	130399	148383
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions received or receivable from:			
(1) Employers	8a(1)	18515	
(2) Participants	8a(2)	33200	
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)		
b Other income (loss)	8b	-296	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		51419
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	33369	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions)	8e		
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions).....	8f	66	
g Other expenses	8g		
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g).....	8h		33435
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		17984
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j		

Part IV Plan Characteristics

9a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:
2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D

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

Part V Compliance Questions

10 During the plan year:		Yes	No	N/A	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program)	10a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1051
b Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.)	10b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?	10c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	15000
d Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	10d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
e Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.)	10e	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	628
f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	10f	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year end.)	10g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	10h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
i If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.....	10i	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
j Did the plan trust incur unrelated business taxable income?	10j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Part VI Pension Funding Compliance

11 Is this a defined benefit plan subject to minimum funding requirements? (If "Yes," see instructions and complete Schedule SB (Form 5500) and line 11a below)..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11a Enter the unpaid minimum required contribution for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40..... **11a**

12 Is this a defined contribution plan subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Code or section 302 of ERISA?... ☐ Yes ☒ No

(If "Yes," complete line 12a or lines 12b, 12c, 12d, and 12e below, as applicable.)

- a** 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 letter ruling granting the waiver. Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 12a, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB (Form 5500), and skip to line 13.

- b** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year **12b** _____
- c** Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **12c** _____
- d** Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **12d** _____
- e** Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets

- 13a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year **13a** _____
- b** Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- c** 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.)
- | 13c(1) Name of plan(s): | 13c(2) EIN(s) | 13c(3) PN(s) |
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Part VIII Trust Information

- 14a** Name of trust **14b** Trust's EIN _____
- 14c** Name of trustee or custodian **14d** Trustee's or custodian's telephone number _____

Part IX IRS Compliance Questions

- 15a** Is the plan a 401(k) plan? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 15b** If "Yes," how does the 401(k) plan satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2)? ☐ Design-based safe harbor method ☐ ADP/ACP test
- 15c** If the ADP/ACP test is used, did the 401(k) plan perform ADP/ACP testing for the plan year using the "current year testing method" for nonhighly compensated employees (Treas. Reg sections 1.401(k)-2(a)(2)(ii) and 1.401(m)-2(a)(2)(ii))? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 16a** Check the box to indicate the method used by the plan to satisfy the coverage requirements under section 410(b): ☐ Ratio percentage test ☐ Average benefit test
- 16b** Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 17a** Has the plan been timely amended for all required tax law changes? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
- 17b** Date the last plan amendment/restatement for the required tax law changes was adopted ____/____/____. Enter the applicable code ____ (See instructions for tax law changes and codes).
- 17c** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved master and prototype (M&P) or volume submitter plan that is subject to a favorable IRS opinion or advisory letter, enter the date of that favorable letter ____/____/____ and the letter's serial number _____.
- 17d** If the plan is an individually-designed plan and received a favorable determination letter from the IRS, enter the date of the plan's last favorable determination letter ____/____/____.
- 18** Is the Plan maintained in a U.S. territory (i.e., Puerto Rico (if no election under ERISA section 1022(i)(2) has been made), American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or the U.S. Virgin Islands)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 19** Were in-service distributions made during the plan year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If "Yes," enter amount **19** _____
- 20** Were required minimum distributions made to 5% owners who have attained age 70 ½ (regardless of whether or not retired), as required under section 401(a)(9)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A