

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 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2021</u> and ending <u>12/31/2021</u>	
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SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	04/12/2022	MICHAEL WILHELM
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.		
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor

- 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
- If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 417666. (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information

7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	4965968	5082422
b Total plan liabilities	7b	0	0
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	4965968	5082422
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions received or receivable from:			
(1) Employers	8a(1)	82847	
(2) Participants	8a(2)	0	
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)	0	
b Other income (loss)	8b	86297	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		169144
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	48966	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions) .	8e	0	
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f	3724	
g Other expenses	8g	0	
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		52690
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		116454
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j	0	

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:
1C 3D 1I
- 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	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		X	
b Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.)	10b		X	
c Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?	10c	X		500000
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		X	
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	X		3724
f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	10f		X	
g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)	10g		X	
h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	10h		X	
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			

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 lines 11a and b below.) If this is a defined contribution pension plan, leave line 12 below..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

a Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40..... **11a** 0

b **PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If the plan is covered by PBGC and the amount reported on line 11a is greater than \$0, has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

- ☐ Yes.
- ☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.
- ☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.
- ☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____

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.) If this is a defined benefit pension plan, leave line 12 blank and complete line 11 above.

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** 0

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)

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**

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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>MERLINOS & ASSOCIATES, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>58-2512336</u>
E Type of plan: ☒ Single ☐ Multiple-A ☐ Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: ☒ 100 or fewer ☐ 101-500 ☐ More than 500

Part I	Basic Information
1 Enter the valuation date: Month <u>12</u> Day <u>31</u> Year <u>2021</u>	
2 Assets:	
a Market value	2a <u>4999575</u>
b Actuarial value	2b <u>4999575</u>
3 Funding target/participant count breakdown	
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment.....	(1) Number of participants <u>0</u> (2) Vested Funding Target <u>0</u> (3) Total Funding Target <u>0</u>
b For terminated vested participants.....	<u>22</u> <u>316434</u> <u>316434</u>
c For active participants	<u>46</u> <u>3818557</u> <u>3818557</u>
d Total.....	<u>68</u> <u>4134991</u> <u>4134991</u>
4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... ☐	
a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor.....	4b
5 Effective interest rate	5 <u>5.58</u> %
6 Target normal cost.....	
a Present value of current plan year accruals.....	6a <u>626621</u>
b Expected plan-related expenses	6b <u>0</u>
c Total (line 6a + line 6b)	6c <u>626621</u>

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE		<u>04/07/2022</u> Date
Signature of actuary		<u>20-07282</u> Most recent enrollment number
<u>JASON CAO</u> Type or print name of actuary		<u>305-595-5500</u> Telephone number (including area code)
<u>PENSION SERVICES, INC.</u> Firm name		
<u>3150 SW 38 AVENUE, SUITE 900</u> <u>MIAMI, FL 33146</u> Address of the firm		

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions ☐

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500 or 5500-SF.

Schedule SB (Form 5500) 2021
v. 201209

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

	(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7 Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8 Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9 Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10 Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>15.74</u> %	0	0
11 Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		372553
b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.43</u> %		0
b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		372553
d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12 Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13 Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages

14 Funding target attainment percentage	14	120.90 %
15 Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	106.71 %
16 Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	136.16 %
17 If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls**18** Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
04/05/2022	82847	0			
Totals ►			18(b)	82847	18(c) 0

19 Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:

a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a	0
b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	81684

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

- a** Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- c** If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost**21** Discount rate:**a** Segment rates:1st segment:
4.75 %2nd segment:
5.36 %3rd segment:
6.11 %☐ N/A, full yield curve used**b** Applicable month (enter code)**21b**

0

22 Weighted average retirement age**22**

65

23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions) ☒ Prescribed - combined☐ Prescribed - separate☐ Substitute**Part VI Miscellaneous Items****24** Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment..... ☐ Yes ☒ No**25** Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment..... ☐ Yes ☒ No**26** Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment..... ☒ Yes ☐ No**27** If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.....**27****Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years****28** Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years..... **28** 0**29** Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a)..... **29** 0**30** Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)..... **30** 0**Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year****31** Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):**a** Target normal cost (line 6c)..... **31a** 626621**b** Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a **31b** 626621**32** Amortization installments:**a** Net shortfall amortization installment Outstanding Balance 0 Installment 0**b** Waiver amortization installment 0 0**33** If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount..... **33****34** Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)..... **34** 0**35** Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement Carryover balance 0 Prefunding balance 0 Total balance 0**36** Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35) **36** 0**37** Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c) **37** 81684**38** Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)**a** Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36) **38a** 81684**b** Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances..... **38b** 0**39** Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37) **39** 0**40** Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years **40** 0**Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under Pension Relief Act of 2010 (See Instructions)****41** If an election was made to use PRA 2010 funding relief for this plan:**a** Schedule elected ☐ 2 plus 7 years ☐ 15 years**b** Eligible plan year(s) for which the election in line 41a was made ☐ 2008 ☐ 2009 ☐ 2010 ☐ 2011

Schedule SB, line 26 - Schedule of Active Participant Data

YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE

Attained Age	Under 1 Avg. No. Comp		1 To 4 Avg. No. Comp		5 To 9 Avg. No. Comp		10 To 14 Avg. No. Comp		15 To 19 Avg. No. Comp		20 To 24 Avg. No. Comp		25 To 29 Avg. No. Comp		30 To 34 Avg. No. Comp		35 To 39 Avg. No. Comp		40 & Up Avg. No. Comp	
Under 25	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 to 39	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 44	1	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 to 49	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50 to 54	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55 to 59	0	0	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60 to 64	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 to 69	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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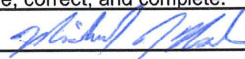
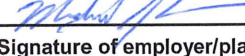
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d(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	5d(2)	46
e Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	5e	0

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SIGN HERE		<u>4/10/22</u>	Michael Wilhelm
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE		<u>4/12/22</u>	Michael Wilhelm
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor

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- 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
- If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 417666. (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information

7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	4,965,968	5,082,422
b Total plan liabilities	7b	0	0
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	4,965,968	5,082,422
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions received or receivable from:			
(1) Employers	8a(1)	82,847	
(2) Participants	8a(2)	0	
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)	0	
b Other income (loss)	8b	86,297	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		169,144
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	48,966	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions) .	8e	0	
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f	3,724	
g Other expenses	8g	0	
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		52,690
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		116,454
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j	0	

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:
1C 3D 1I
- 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	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		X	
b Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.)	10b		X	
c Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?	10c	X		500,000
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		X	
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	X		3,724
f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	10f		X	
g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)	10g		X	
h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	10h		X	
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			

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 lines 11a and b below.) If this is a defined contribution pension plan, leave line 11 blank and complete line 12 below. ☒ Yes ☐ No

a Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 **11a** 0

b PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If the plan is covered by PBGC and the amount reported on line 11a is greater than \$0, has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

- ☐ Yes.
- ☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.
- ☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.
- ☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____

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.) If this is a defined benefit pension plan, leave line 12 blank and complete line 11 above.

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** 0

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)

SCHEDULE SB (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>	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021

► **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**

► **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan Merlinos & Associates, Inc. Cash Balance Plan	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF Merlinos & Associates, Inc.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-2512336	
E Type of plan: ☒ Single ☐ Multiple-A ☐ Multiple-B		
F Prior year plan size: ☒ 100 or fewer ☐ 101-500 ☐ More than 500		

Part I Basic Information			
1	Enter the valuation date: Month <u>12</u> Day <u>31</u> Year <u>2021</u>		
2	Assets:		
	a Market value	2a	4,999,575
	b Actuarial value	2b	4,999,575
3	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target
	a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment.....	0	0
	b For terminated vested participants.....	22	316,434
	c For active participants	46	3,818,557
	d Total.....	68	4,134,991
4	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b). ☐		
	a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a	
	b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b	
5	Effective interest rate	5	5.58%
6	Target normal cost.....		
	a Present value of current plan year accruals.....	6a	626,621
	b Expected plan-related expenses	6b	0
	c Total (line 6a + line 6b)	6c	626,621

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE	 Signature of actuary	<u>04/07/2022</u> Date
	Jason Cao Type or print name of actuary	2007282 Most recent enrollment number
	Pension Services, Inc. Firm name	305-595-5500 Telephone number (including area code)
	3150 SW 38 Avenue, Suite 900 Miami FL 33146 Address of the firm	

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions ☐

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Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>15.74</u> %	0	0
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		372,553
	b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.43</u> %		0
	b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
	c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		372,553
	d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages			
14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	120.90%
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	106.71%
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	136.16%
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls					
18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:					
(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
04/05/2022	82,847	0			
Totals ▶			18(b)	82,847	18(c)
					0

19 Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:	
a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years.	19a 0
b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b 0
c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c 81,684
20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:	
a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year?	☐ Yes ☒ No
b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner?	☐ Yes ☐ No
c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:	
Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year	
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd
(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:			
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.36 %	3rd segment: 6.11 %
			☐ N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code)			21b 0
22 Weighted average retirement age			22 65
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions) ☒ Prescribed - combined ☐ Prescribed - separate ☐ Substitute			

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.	☐ Yes ☒ No
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.	☐ Yes ☒ No
26 Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.	☒ Yes ☐ No
27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.	27

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years	28	0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a)	29	0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)	30	0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):			
a Target normal cost (line 6c)	31a	626,621	
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	626,621	
32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment	
a Net shortfall amortization installment	0	0	
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0	
33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount	33		
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)	34	0	
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	36	0	
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	37	81,684	
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	38a	81,684	
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	38b	0	
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	39	0	
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	40	0	

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under Pension Relief Act of 2010 (See Instructions)

41 If an election was made to use PRA 2010 funding relief for this plan:	
a Schedule elected	☐ 2 plus 7 years ☐ 15 years
b Eligible plan year(s) for which the election in line 41a was made	☐ 2008 ☐ 2009 ☐ 2010 ☐ 2011

Schedule SB, line 26 - Schedule of Active Participant Data

YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE

Attained Age	Under 1 Avg. No. Comp	1 To 4 Avg. No. Comp	5 To 9 Avg. No. Comp	10 To 14 Avg. No. Comp	15 To 19 Avg. No. Comp	20 To 24 Avg. No. Comp	25 To 29 Avg. No. Comp	30 To 34 Avg. No. Comp	35 To 39 Avg. No. Comp	40 & Up Avg. No. Comp
Under 25	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 to 39	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 44	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 to 49	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50 to 54	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55 to 59	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60 to 64	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 to 69	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
70 & Up	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Name of plan: Merlino & Associates, Inc. Cash Balance Plan
Plan sponsor's name: Merlino & Associates, Inc.

Plan number: 002
EIN: 58-2512336

Schedule SB, Part V - Statement of Actuarial Assumptions

Target Assumptions:

Male Nonannuitant: 2021 Nonannuitant Male
Female Nonannuitant: 2021 Nonannuitant Female
Male Annuitant: 2021 Annuitant Male
Female Annuitant: 2021 Annuitant Female
Applicable months from valuation month: 0
Probability of lump sum: 100.00%
Use pre-retirement mortality: No

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Segment rates:	0.92	2.62	3.29
High Quality Bond rates:	N/A	N/A	N/A
Final rates:	4.75	5.36	6.11
Override:	0.00	0.00	0.00

Salary Scale

Male: 0.00%
Female: 0.00%

Withdrawal

Male: N/A
Female: N/A

Withdrawal-Select

Male: N/A
Female: N/A

Early Retirement Rates

Male: N/A
Female: N/A

Subsidized Early Retirement Rates

Male: N/A
Female: N/A

Options:

Use optional combined mortality table for small plans: No
Use discount rate transition: No
Lump sums use proposed regulations: Yes

Actuarial Equivalent Floor

Stability period: plan year
Lookback months: 1
Nonannuitant: N/A
Annuitant: 2021 Applicable

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Current:	0.51	2.26	3.01
Override:	0.00	0.00	0.00

Late Retirement Rates

Male: N/A
Female: N/A

Marriage Probability

Male: 0.00%
Female: 0.00%
Expense loading: 0.00%

Disability Rates

Male: N/A
Female: N/A

	<u>Mortality</u>	<u>Setback</u>
Male:	N/A	0
Female:	N/A	0

Name of Plan: Merlinos & Associates, Inc. Cash
Plan Sponsor's EIN: 58-2512336
Plan Number: 002

Schedule SB, line 19 - Discounted Employer Contributions

Interest Rates for Contribution Year End Date: 12/31/2021

Effective: 5.58%

Late Quarterly: 10.58%

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Effective Interest</u>	<u>Quarterly Interest</u>	<u>Discounted</u>
04/05/2022	\$82,847	-1,163	0	\$81,684
	<u>\$82,847</u>			<u>\$81,684</u>

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Plan Sponsor's EIN: 58-2512336
Plan Number: 002
Plan Sponsor's Name: Merlinos & Associates, Inc.

Schedule SB, Part V - Summary of Plan Provisions

Eligibility Requirements

Age (yrs) : 21
 Age (months) : 0
 Wait (months) : 6
 Two year eligibility : No

Service/Participation Requirements

Definition of years: Hours worked
 Continuing hours: 500
 Excluded classes: Union Members
 Non-resident alien

Earnings

Total compensation excluding : None

<u>Retirement</u>	<u>Normal</u>	<u>Early</u>	<u>Subsidized Early</u>	<u>Disability</u>	<u>Death</u>
Age:	65				
Service:	0				
Participation:	5				
Defined:	Date of event				

Interest Crediting Rules

Plan Year Rate

Past: 5.00% Current: 5.00% Future: 5.00% Interest credited to: End of plan year

Benefit Reduction / Mortality table & setback

Male:	Actuarial Equivalence	Actuarial Equivalence	N/A	0
Female:	Actuarial Equivalence	Actuarial Equivalence	N/A	0
Rates - Male:	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Rates - Female:	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Use Social Security Retirement Age:	No	REACT Benefits Percentage:	50.00%
Vesting Schedule:	Immediate	Pre-retirement death benefit	
Vesting Definition:	Hours Worked	Percentage of accrued benefit:	100.00%
		Death Benefit Payment method:	PVAB

	<u>Annuity</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Years</u>
Normal:	Life only	0.00%	0
QJSA:	Joint and contingent	50.00%	0

Significant Changes in Plan Provisions Since Last Valuation

Name of Plan: Merlinos & Associates, Inc. Cash Balance Plan
 Plan Sponsor's EIN: 58-2512336
 Plan Number: 002

Schedule SB, Part V - Summary of Plan Provisions

Benefit Formula

The formulas with the employer contribution credits are defined in the plan document.

Name of Plan: Merlinos & Associates, Inc. Cash Balance Plan
Plan Sponsor's EIN: 58-2512336
Plan Number: 002

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF Merlinos & Associates, Inc.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-2512336
E Type of plan: ☒ Single ☐ Multiple-A ☐ Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: ☒ 100 or fewer ☐ 101-500 ☐ More than 500

Part I	Basic Information
1 Enter the valuation date: Month <u>12</u> Day <u>31</u> Year <u>2021</u>	
2 Assets:	
a Market value	2a 4,999,575
b Actuarial value	2b 4,999,575
3 Funding target/participant count breakdown	
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment.....	(1) Number of participants 0 (2) Vested Funding Target 0 (3) Total Funding Target 0
b For terminated vested participants.....	22 316,434 316,434
c For active participants	46 3,818,557 3,818,557
d Total.....	68 4,134,991 4,134,991
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b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b
5 Effective interest rate	5 5.58%
6 Target normal cost.....	
a Present value of current plan year accruals.....	6a 626,621
b Expected plan-related expenses	6b 0
c Total (line 6a + line 6b)	6c 626,621

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

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SIGN HERE		04/07/2022
	Signature of actuary	Date
Jason Cao	Type or print name of actuary	2007282
Pension Services, Inc.	Firm name	Most recent enrollment number
3150 SW 38 Avenue, Suite 900		305-595-5500
Miami FL 33146	Address of the firm	Telephone number (including area code)

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions ☐

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Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:			
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.36 %	3rd segment: 6.11 %
			☐ N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code)			21b 0
22 Weighted average retirement age			22 65
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions) ☒ Prescribed - combined ☐ Prescribed - separate ☐ Substitute			

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

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Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):			
a Target normal cost (line 6c).....		31a	626,621
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a		31b	626,621
32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment	
a Net shortfall amortization installment	0	0	
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0	
33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount		33	
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33).....		34	0
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)		36	0
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)		37	81,684
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)		38a	81,684
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances		38b	0
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)		39	0
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years		40	0

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under Pension Relief Act of 2010 (See Instructions)

41 If an election was made to use PRA 2010 funding relief for this plan:	
a Schedule elected	☐ 2 plus 7 years ☐ 15 years
b Eligible plan year(s) for which the election in line 41a was made	☐ 2008 ☐ 2009 ☐ 2010 ☐ 2011

Attachment to 2021 Form 5500
Schedule SB, line 22 – Description of weighted average Retirement Age

Plan Name: **Merlinos & Associates, Inc. Cash Balance Plan**

Plan Sponsor's Name: **Merlinos & Associates, Inc.**

The weighted average retirement age is equal to the normal retirement age of 65

List the rate of retirement at each age and describe the methodology used to compute the weighted average retirement age, including a description of the weight applied at each potential retirement age.

The weighted average retirement age is 65.

Schedule SB, line 26 - Schedule of Active Participant Data

YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE

Attained Age	Under 1 Avg. No. Comp		1 To 4 Avg. No. Comp		5 To 9 Avg. No. Comp		10 To 14 Avg. No. Comp		15 To 19 Avg. No. Comp		20 To 24 Avg. No. Comp		25 To 29 Avg. No. Comp		30 To 34 Avg. No. Comp		35 To 39 Avg. No. Comp		40 & Up Avg. No. Comp	
Under 25	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 to 39	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 44	1	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 to 49	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50 to 54	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55 to 59	0	0	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60 to 64	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 to 69	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70 & Up	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Schedule SB, Part V - Statement of Actuarial Assumptions

Target Assumptions:

Male Nonannuitant: 2021 Nonannuitant Male
Female Nonannuitant: 2021 Nonannuitant Female
Male Annuitant: 2021 Annuitant Male
Female Annuitant: 2021 Annuitant Female

Applicable months from valuation month: 0
Probability of lump sum: 100.00%
Use pre-retirement mortality: No

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Segment rates:	0.92	2.62	3.29
High Quality Bond rates:	N/A	N/A	N/A
Final rates:	4.75	5.36	6.11
Override:	0.00	0.00	0.00

Salary Scale

Male: 0.00%
Female: 0.00%

Withdrawal

Male: N/A
Female: N/A

Withdrawal-Select

Male: N/A
Female: N/A

Early Retirement Rates

Male: N/A
Female: N/A

Subsidized Early Retirement Rates

Male: N/A
Female: N/A

Options:

Use optional combined mortality table for small plans: No
Use discount rate transition: No
Lump sums use proposed regulations: Yes

Actuarial Equivalent Floor

Stability period: plan year
Lookback months: 1
Nonannuitant: N/A
Annuitant: 2021 Applicable

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Current:	0.51	2.26	3.01
Override:	0.00	0.00	0.00

Late Retirement Rates

Male: N/A
Female: N/A

Marriage Probability

Male: 0.00%
Female: 0.00%
Expense loading: 0.00%

Disability Rates

Male: N/A
Female: N/A

	<u>Mortality</u>	<u>Setback</u>
Male:	N/A	0
Female:	N/A	0

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Schedule SB, line 19 - Discounted Employer Contributions

Interest Rates for Contribution Year End Date: 12/31/2021

Effective: 5.58%

Late Quarterly: 10.58%

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Effective Interest</u>	<u>Quarterly Interest</u>	<u>Discounted</u>
04/05/2022	\$82,847	-1,163	0	\$81,684
	<u>\$82,847</u>			<u>\$81,684</u>

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Schedule SB, Part V - Summary of Plan Provisions

Eligibility Requirements

Age (yrs) : 21
 Age (months) : 0
 Wait (months) : 6
 Two year eligibility : No

Service/Participation Requirements

Definition of years: Hours worked
 Continuing hours: 500
 Excluded classes: Union Members
 Non-resident alien

Earnings

Total compensation excluding : None

<u>Retirement</u>	<u>Normal</u>	<u>Early</u>	<u>Subsidized Early</u>	<u>Disability</u>	<u>Death</u>
Age:	65				
Service:	0				
Participation:	5				
Defined:	Date of event				

Interest Crediting Rules

Plan Year Rate

Past: 5.00% Current: 5.00% Future: 5.00% Interest credited to: End of plan year

Benefit Reduction / Mortality table & setback

Male:	Actuarial Equivalence	Actuarial Equivalence	N/A	0
Female:	Actuarial Equivalence	Actuarial Equivalence	N/A	0

Rates - Male:	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rates - Female:	N/A	N/A	N/A

Use Social Security Retirement Age:	No	REACT Benefits Percentage:	50.00%
Vesting Schedule:	Immediate	Pre-retirement death benefit	
Vesting Definition:	Hours Worked	Percentage of accrued benefit:	100.00%
		Death Benefit Payment method:	PVAB

	<u>Annuity</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Years</u>
Normal:	Life only	0.00%	0
QJSA:	Joint and contingent	50.00%	0

Significant Changes in Plan Provisions Since Last Valuation

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