

<div>Form 5500-SF</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>		<div>Short Form Annual Return/Report of Small Employee Benefit Plan</div> <div>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).</div> <div>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500-SF.</div>		<div>OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</div> <div>2021</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div>	
Part I Annual Report Identification Information					
For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021					
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.)					
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 5558 <input type="checkbox"/> automatic extension <input type="checkbox"/> DFVC program <input type="checkbox"/> special extension (enter description)					
D If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. <input type="checkbox"/>					
Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information					
1a Name of plan R & S ASSOCIATES, LLC DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN				1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
				1c Effective date of plan	01/01/2013
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) R & S ASSOCIATES, LLC 275 MADISON AVE. SUITE 2110 NEW YORK, NY 10016				2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)	32-0350244
				2c Sponsor's telephone number	212-867-0003
				2d Business code (see instructions)	523900
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 or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report. a Sponsor's name c Plan Name				4b EIN	
				4d PN	
5a Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year				5a	4
b Total number of participants at the end of the plan year				5b	4
c Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)				5c	
d(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year				5d(1)	4
d(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year				5d(2)	4
e Number of participants who 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.	10/17/2022	BRUCE RAYNOR		
	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		
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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 424562. (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information

7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	1858929	1300080
b Total plan liabilities	7b	0	0
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	1858929	1300080
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions received or receivable from:			
(1) Employers	8a(1)	300000	
(2) Participants	8a(2)	0	
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)	0	
b Other income (loss)	8b	251548	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		551548
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	1109168	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions) .	8e	0	
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f	1229	
g Other expenses	8g	0	
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		1110397
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		-558849
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:
1A 3B 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	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	
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**

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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► **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 <u>R & S ASSOCIATES, LLC DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>R & S ASSOCIATES, LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>32-0350244</u>	
E Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B		
F Prior year plan size: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500		

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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>SCOTT ROSENBERG, ASA, EA</u> Type or print name of actuary <u>THE BENEFIT PRACTICE</u> Firm name <u>1055 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD</u> <u>6TH FLOOR</u> <u>STAMFORD, CT 06901</u> Address of the firm	<u>10/10/2022</u> Date <u>20-06937</u> Most recent enrollment number <u>203-517-3519</u> Telephone number (including area code)
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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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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>20.89</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)		195327
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>5.51</u> %		10763
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		206090
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	431.01 %
15 Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	431.01 %
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	254.63 %
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
03/15/2021	100000	0			
07/26/2021	100000	0			
12/14/2021	100000	0			
Totals ▶			18(b)	300000	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	290348

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 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code)				21b 0
22 Weighted average retirement age				22 69
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
26 Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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	312693	
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	312693	
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	290348	
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	38a	290348	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 plus 7 years <input type="checkbox"/> 15 years
b Eligible plan year(s) for which the election in line 41a was made	<input type="checkbox"/> 2008 <input type="checkbox"/> 2009 <input type="checkbox"/> 2010 <input type="checkbox"/> 2011

R&S Associates, LLC Defined Benefit Plan**EIN: 32-0350244 PN: 001****Schedule SB, Line 26 – Schedule of Active Participant Data****Attained Years of Credited Service**

Age	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 & up	Total
Under 25											
25 to 29											
30 to 34											
35 to 39		1	1								2
40 to 44											
45 to 49											
50 to 54											
55 to 59											
60 to 64											
65 to 69											
70 & up			2								2
Total		1	3								4

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Schedule SB, Part V – Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Actuarial Basis

A. Funding Method

The valuation method is the actuarial cost method prescribed under Section 430 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Under this method, the following terms are used:

The Funding Target is the sum of the present value of all benefits accrued or earned under the plan as of the beginning of the plan year.

The Applicable Funding Target is equal to the Funding Target multiplied by the applicable transition percentage under the Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act of 2008.

The Target Normal Cost is the sum of the present value of all benefits which are expected to accrue or be earned under the plan during the plan year.

The Carryover Balance maintained by the plan was set equal to the Credit Balance, if any, in the Funding Standard Account as of the final day of the 2007 plan year. It is decreased when used to reduce the minimum required contribution in succeeding plan years. The unused portion is adjusted to reflect the rate of return on plan assets in those succeeding plan years.

The Prefunding Balance is the accumulation of discounted contributions in excess of the minimum funding requirement for 2008 and later plan years. It is decreased when used, and adjusted for return on plan assets, similarly to the Carryover Balance.

The Funding Shortfall is equal to the Funding Target, less the Actuarial Value of Assets, reduced by the Prefunding Balance and the Carryover Balance.

The Adjusted Funding Shortfall is equal to the Applicable Funding Target, less the Actuarial Value of Assets, reduced by the Prefunding Balance and the Carryover Balance.

A Shortfall Amortization Base is established for a plan year equal to the Adjusted Funding Shortfall less the present value of the existing Shortfall Amortization Installments and Waiver Amortization Installments, if any. Under some circumstances, no Shortfall Amortization Base may need to be established and/or prior Shortfall Amortization Bases may be eliminated.

A Shortfall Amortization Installment is the amount necessary to amortize the Shortfall Amortization Base over the 7-plan-year period beginning with the plan year it is established. Under the Preservation of Access to Care for Medicare Beneficiaries and Pension Relief Act of 2010, an extended amortization period may be elected by the plan sponsor for certain plan years. Effective with the 2021 plan year, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allows the plan sponsor to

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eliminate all prior amortization installments and reamortize the Funding Shortfall over a period of 15 years. A 15-year period will then be used for any new Shortfall Amortization Installments established in future plan years. The sponsor may choose to reamortize in the 2020 or 2021 plan years but must do so by the 2022 plan year.

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B. Actuarial Assumptions

Interest:

For minimum funding:

Segment rates prescribed under ARPA for plan years beginning in 2021.

<u>Discount period</u>	<u>Segment rate</u>
0 to 5 years	4.75%
5 to 20 years	5.36%
20 years or longer	6.11%

For maximum deductible:

Segment rates prescribed by the IRS in Section 430(h)(2)(C) for the month of January 2021.

<u>Discount period</u>	<u>Segment rate</u>
0 to 5 years	1.75%
5 to 20 years	3.04%
20 years or longer	3.65%

For recommended maximum:

Segment rates prescribed by the IRS in Section 417(e) for the month of November 2020 as limited by Section 415(b) if applicable.

<u>Discount period</u>	<u>Segment rate</u>
0 to 5 years	0.53%
5 to 20 years	2.31%
20 years or longer	3.09%

For ASC 960:

6.00% per annum.

Mortality:

For funding:

Pre-retirement: 2021 Mortality Tables prescribed by the IRS under Section 430(h)(3) for Non-Annuity, Males and Females, respectively.

Post-retirement (Annuity Distributions): 2021 Mortality Tables prescribed by the IRS under Section 430(h)(3) for Annuity, Males and Females, respectively.

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Post-retirement (Lump Sum Distributions): 2021 Mortality Tables prescribed by the IRS under Section 430(h)(3) for Lump Sum Distributions.

For ASC 960:

Pre-retirement: None presumed.

Post-retirement: 2021 Mortality Tables prescribed by the IRS under Section 430(h)(3) for Lump Sum Distributions.

Turnover:	None.
Retirement:	The later of attained age or normal retirement age.
Salary:	3.00% per annum.
Lump Sum Election Percentage:	100.00%
Compensation Limit Indexation:	0.00% per annum.
Social Security:	N/A.
Spouse's Benefit:	Based on actual data. When actual data is not available, it is assumed that male (female) participants are 3 years older (younger) than their spouses, and that spouses are of the opposite sex.
Married Percentage:	100% of participants are assumed to be married.
Disability:	None assumed.
Expenses:	\$0.

C. Valuation of Assets: The actuarial value of assets is the market value.

**SCHEDULE SB
(Form 5500)**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceDepartment 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.**

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2021**This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

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.

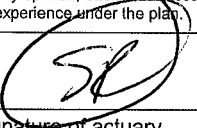
A Name of plan R & S ASSOCIATES, LLC DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF R & S ASSOCIATES, LLC		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 32-0350244	
E Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B		F Prior year plan size: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information

1	Enter the valuation date: Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2021</u>			
2	Assets:			
	a Market value	2a	1,858,929	
	b Actuarial value	2b	1,858,929	
3	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
	a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	0	0	0
	b For terminated vested participants	0	0	0
	c For active participants	4	421,760	431,287
	d Total	4	421,760	431,287
4	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... <input type="checkbox"/>			
	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	5.92%	
6	Target normal cost			
	a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	312,693	
	b Expected plan-related expenses	6b	0	
	c Total (line 6a + line 6b)	6c	312,693	

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	Scott Rosenberg 	10/10/2022
Signature of actuary		Date
Scott Rosenberg, ASA, EA		2006937
Type or print name of actuary		Most recent enrollment number
THE BENEFIT PRACTICE		203-517-3519
Firm name		Telephone number (including area code)
1055 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD		
6th Floor		
STAMFORD CT 06901		
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>20.89%</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)		195,327
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>5.51%</u>		10,763
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		206,090
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	431.01%
15 Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	431.01%
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	254.63%
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

(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
03/15/2021	100,000	0			
07/26/2021	100,000	0			
12/14/2021	100,000	0			
Totals ►			18(b)	300,000	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	290,348

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 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code)				21b 0
22 Weighted average retirement age				22 69
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate <input type="checkbox"/> 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.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
26 Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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	312,693	
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	312,693	
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	290,348	
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	38a	290,348	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 plus 7 years <input type="checkbox"/> 15 years
b Eligible plan year(s) for which the election in line 41a was made	<input type="checkbox"/> 2008 <input type="checkbox"/> 2009 <input type="checkbox"/> 2010 <input type="checkbox"/> 2011

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Schedule SB, Line 19 – Discounted Employer Contributions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Plan Year</u> <u>Applied</u>	<u>Applicable</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Discounted</u> <u>Amount</u>
3/15/2021	100,000	2021	5.92%	98,857
7/26/2021	100,000	2021	5.92%	96,808
12/14/2021	100,000	2021	5.92%	94,683

Total: 300,000

Total: 290,348

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Schedule SB, Line 22 – Description of Weighted Average Retirement Age

Each participant is assumed to retire at the latest of the following:

- (A) Age 65
- (B) Valuation Date

The Weighted Average Retirement Age is obtained by averaging the assumed retirement age of each active participant. Such Weighted Average Retirement Age for the 2021 Plan Year is 69.

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Schedule SB, Part V – Summary of Plan Provisions

Summary of Plan Provisions

DEFINITIONS:

Compensation:	Participant's Wages for each Year of Service, as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 3401(a).
Years of Service:	All years of participation with the employer from date of participation to termination of employment, or Normal Retirement Date, based on 1,000 hours equaling one year of service. For accrual purposes, only years of service while a plan participant are included.
Normal Form of Annuity:	Life annuity.
Normal Retirement Date:	The first day of the month coinciding with or following the attainment of age 65.

PENSION BENEFITS:

Eligibility for Plan Participation:	Age 21 and One (1) Year of Service. Interns are excluded from the plan. Effective June 30, 2014 only family members may become participants. Also, the service requirement was removed and monthly entry dates were added.
Benefit Formula:	10% of Compensation for each Year of Service. Actives who have attained Normal Retirement Age shall still accrue benefits
Early Retirement:	
Eligibility:	N/A
Benefit formula:	None.

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Vesting:

Eligibility:	A participant shall become fully vested upon entry into the plan.
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Benefit Formula:	Same as normal retirement benefit, based on service and compensation at date of termination, actuarially reduced for commencement prior to normal retirement age.
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Pre-Retirement Death Benefit:

Eligibility:	All participants.
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Benefit Formula:	Same as normal retirement benefit, based on service and compensation at date of death, actuarially reduced for commencement prior to normal retirement age and the age of the beneficiary.
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