

**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

**2022**

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**Part I Annual Report Identification Information**

For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022

- A** This return/report is for:  a single-employer plan  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  the first return/report  the final return/report  
 an amended return/report  a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
- C** Check box if filing under:  Form 5558  automatic extension  DFVC program  
 special extension (enter description)
- D** If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . . ▶

**Part II Basic Plan Information**—enter all requested information

<b>1a</b> Name of plan <u>APPLIED FINANCIAL RESEARCH, LLC CASH BALANCE PLAN</u>		<b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u>
		<b>1c</b> Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2013</u>
<b>2a</b> 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) <u>APPLIED FINANCIAL RESEARCH, LLC</u>  <u>3630 MERE LANE</u> <u>MARIETTA, GA 30062</u>		<b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>58-2380427</u>
		<b>2c</b> Sponsor's telephone number <u>404-840-0470</u>
		<b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) <u>523900</u>
<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor.		<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN
		<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number
<b>4</b> 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. <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name		<b>4b</b> EIN
		<b>4d</b> PN
<b>5a</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year.....		<b>5a</b> <u>2</u>
<b>b</b> Total number of participants at the end of the plan year .....		<b>5b</b> <u>2</u>
<b>c</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....		<b>5c</b>
<b>d(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....		<b>5d(1)</b> <u>2</u>
<b>d(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year.....		<b>5d(2)</b> <u>2</u>
<b>e</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....		<b>5e</b> <u>0</u>

**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.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	<u>Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.</u>	<u>10/06/2023</u>	<u>HUGH COHEN</u>
	<b>Signature of plan administrator</b>	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	<b>Signature of employer/plan sponsor</b>	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: 465200. (See instructions.)

<b>Part III Financial Information</b>			
<b>7</b> Plan Assets and Liabilities		<b>(a) Beginning of Year</b>	<b>(b) End of Year</b>
<b>a</b> Total plan assets.....	<b>7a</b>	836455	975257
<b>b</b> Total plan liabilities.....	<b>7b</b>		
<b>c</b> Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a).....	<b>7c</b>	836455	975257
<b>8</b> Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		<b>(a) Amount</b>	<b>(b) Total</b>
<b>a</b> Contributions received or receivable from:			
<b>(1)</b> Employers.....	<b>8a(1)</b>	185000	
<b>(2)</b> Participants.....	<b>8a(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>8a(3)</b>		
<b>b</b> Other income (loss).....	<b>8b</b>	-46198	
<b>c</b> Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b).....	<b>8c</b>		138802
<b>d</b> Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits).....	<b>8d</b>		
<b>e</b> Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions).....	<b>8e</b>		
<b>f</b> Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions).....	<b>8f</b>		
<b>g</b> Other expenses.....	<b>8g</b>		
<b>h</b> Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g).....	<b>8h</b>		0
<b>i</b> Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c).....	<b>8i</b>		138802
<b>j</b> Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions).....	<b>8j</b>		

<b>Part IV Plan Characteristics</b>	
<b>9a</b>	If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions: <u>1C 3D</u>
<b>b</b>	If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

<b>Part V Compliance Questions</b>				
<b>10</b> During the plan year:		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>a</b> 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).....	<b>10a</b>		X	
<b>b</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.).....	<b>10b</b>		X	
<b>c</b> Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?.....	<b>10c</b>	X		80000
<b>d</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?.....	<b>10d</b>		X	
<b>e</b> 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.).....	<b>10e</b>		X	
<b>f</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?.....	<b>10f</b>		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.).....	<b>10g</b>		X	
<b>h</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.).....	<b>10h</b>		X	
<b>i</b> 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.....	<b>10i</b>			

**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**

**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.)

<b>13c(1)</b> Name of plan(s):	<b>13c(2)</b> EIN(s)	<b>13c(3)</b> PN(s)

<b>SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2022</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>APPLIED FINANCIAL RESEARCH, LLC</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>58-2380427</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**

<b>1</b> Enter the valuation date: Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2022</u>			
<b>2</b> Assets:			
a Market value.....	<b>2a</b>	<u>836455</u>	
b Actuarial value.....	<b>2b</b>	<u>836455</u>	
<b>3</b> 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 .....	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
b For terminated vested participants.....	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
c For active participants.....	<u>2</u>	<u>851449</u>	<u>851449</u>
d Total .....	<u>2</u>	<u>851449</u>	<u>851449</u>
<b>4</b> 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.....	<b>4a</b>		
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.....	<b>4b</b>		
<b>5</b> Effective interest rate.....	<b>5</b>	<u>5.19 %</u>	
<b>6</b> Target normal cost .....			
a Present value of current plan year accruals.....	<b>6a</b>	<u>72157</u>	
b Expected plan-related expenses .....	<b>6b</b>	<u>0</u>	
c Total (line 6a + line 6b) .....	<b>6c</b>	<u>72157</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.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>		
	Signature of actuary	<u>08/14/2023</u> Date
	<u>LORRAINE DORSA</u> Type or print name of actuary	<u>23-04253</u> Most recent enrollment number
	<u>AEGIS PENSION SERVICES, INC.</u> Firm name	<u>904-686-1835</u> Telephone number (including area code)
	<u>150 PROFESSIONAL DRIVE SUITE 200 PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL 32082</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

<b>Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances</b>		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
<b>7</b>	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year).....	0	0
<b>8</b>	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year) .....	0	0
<b>9</b>	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8) .....	0	0
<b>10</b>	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>-0.85</u> % .....	0	0
<b>11</b>	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
<b>a</b>	Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year).....		25585
<b>b(1)</b>	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>4.80</u> %.....		1228
<b>b(2)</b>	Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return .....		0
<b>c</b>	Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance.....		26813
<b>d</b>	Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance.....		0
<b>12</b>	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections.....	0	0
<b>13</b>	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d - line 12).....	0	0

<b>Part III Funding Percentages</b>			
<b>14</b>	Funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>14</b>	98.23 %
<b>15</b>	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>15</b>	98.23 %
<b>16</b>	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement.....	<b>16</b>	85.58 %
<b>17</b>	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage. ....	<b>17</b>	%

<b>Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls</b>		<b>18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:</b>					
(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		
05/01/2023	100000	0					
			<b>Totals ▶</b>	<b>18(b)</b>	100000	<b>18(c)</b>	0

<b>19</b>	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:	
<b>a</b>	Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years.....	<b>19a</b> 0
<b>b</b>	Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date. ....	<b>19b</b> 0
<b>c</b>	Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date. ....	<b>19c</b> 91613
<b>20</b>	Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:	
<b>a</b>	Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>b</b>	If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>c</b>	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:

<b>a</b> Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.18 %	3rd segment: 5.92 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
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**b** Applicable month (enter code)..... **21b** 0

**22** Weighted average retirement age ..... **22** 62

**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** Demographic and benefit information

**a** Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ....  Yes  No

**b** Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? 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**

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

**Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year**

**31** Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):

<b>a</b> Target normal cost (line 6c).....	<b>31a</b>	72157
<b>b</b> Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a .....	<b>31b</b>	0

<b>32</b> Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment
<b>a</b> Net shortfall amortization installment .....	14994	1386
<b>b</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** 73543

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
<b>35</b> Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement.....	0	0	0

**36** Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)..... **36** 73543

**37** Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)..... **37** 91613

**38** Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)

<b>a</b> Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	<b>38a</b>	18070
<b>b</b> Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances .....	<b>38b</b>	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 the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)**

**41** If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies.  2019  2020  2021



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

**Applied Financial Research, LLC Cash Balance Plan  
58-2380427 / 002**

**For the plan year 01/01/2022 through 12/31/2022**

**Valuation Date:** 01/01/2022

**Funding Method:** As prescribed in IRC Section 430  
Age - Eligibility age at last birthday and other ages at nearest birthday  
New participants are not included in current year's valuation

Retrospective Compensation - Current compensation

Form of Payment - Assumed form of payment for funding is 1% Life Annuity and 99% lump sum which is the Hypothetical Account Balance. Funding Target for lump sum is the current Hypothetical Account Balance projected to the assumed retirement date using the Interest Credit Rate discounted using appropriate segment rate. Lump sum on plan actuarial equivalence rates will not exceed 415 maximum allowable distribution, which is the lesser amount computed using a) 5.5% interest and the Applicable Mortality Table or b) plan actuarial equivalence interest and mortality

Interest Rates -

Segment rates for the Valuation Date as permitted under IRC 430(h)(2)(C)		
Segment #	Year	Rate %
Segment 1	0 - 5	0.88
Segment 2	6 - 20	2.61
Segment 3	> 20	3.27

Segment rates as of September 30, 2021 As permitted under IRC 430(h)(2)(C)(iv)(II) - HATFA		
Segment #	Year	Rate %
Segment 1	0 - 5	4.75
Segment 2	6 - 20	5.18
Segment 3	> 20	5.92

Pre-Retirement - Mortality Table - None  
 Early Retirement Table - None  
 Turnover Table - None  
 Disability Table - None  
 Salary Scale - None  
 Interest Credit Rate - Current Yr - 5%    Projected Yrs - 5%  
 Expense Load - None  
 Ancillary Ben Load - None

Post-Retirement - Mortality Table - 22C - 2022 Combined  
 Cost of Living - None

**Asset Valuation Method:** Fair market value of assets adjusted for contributions under IRC 430(g)(4)

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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>Applied Financial Research, LLC</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>58-2380427</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 01 Day 01 Year 2022

<b>2</b> Assets:		
<b>a</b> Market value .....	<b>2a</b>	836,455
<b>b</b> Actuarial value .....	<b>2b</b>	836,455

<b>3</b> Funding target/participant count breakdown:	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
<b>a</b> For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment ....	0	0	0
<b>b</b> For terminated vested participants .....	0	0	0
<b>c</b> For active participants .....	2	851,449	851,449
<b>d</b> Total .....	2	851,449	851,449

**4** If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)

<b>a</b> Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions .....	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</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 .....	<b>4b</b>	

**5** Effective interest rate ..... **5** 5.19 %

<b>6</b> Target normal cost .....		
<b>a</b> Present value of current plan year accruals .....	<b>6a</b>	72,157
<b>b</b> Expected plan-related expenses .....	<b>6b</b>	0
<b>c</b> Total (line 6a + line 6b) .....	<b>6c</b>	72,157

**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.

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-bottom: 10px;"><b>SIGN HERE</b></div> <hr/> Signature of actuary  <u>Lorraine Dorsa</u> Type or print name of actuary  <u>Aegis Pension Services, Inc</u> Firm name  <u>150 Professional Drive</u> <u>Suite 200</u> <u>US Ponte Vedra FL 32082</u> Address of the firm	<hr/> <u>08/14/2023</u> Date  <u>23-04253</u> Most recent enrollment number  <u>(904) 686-1835</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

<b>Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances</b>		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
<b>7</b>	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year) .....	0	0
<b>8</b>	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year) .....	0	0
<b>9</b>	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8) .....	0	0
<b>10</b>	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>-0.85</u> % .....	0	0
<b>11</b>	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
<b>a</b>	Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year) .....		25,585
<b>b(1)</b>	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>4.80</u> % ...		1,228
<b>b(2)</b>	Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return .....		0
<b>c</b>	Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		26,813
<b>d</b>	Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance .....		0
<b>12</b>	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections .....	0	0
<b>13</b>	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d - line 12) ...	0	0

<b>Part III Funding Percentages</b>			
<b>14</b>	Funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>14</b>	98.23 %
<b>15</b>	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>15</b>	98.23 %
<b>16</b>	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement .....	<b>16</b>	85.58 %
<b>17</b>	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage .....	<b>17</b>	%

<b>Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls</b>						
<b>18</b> 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	
05/01/2023	100,000	0				
<b>Totals ▶</b>			<b>18(b)</b>	100,000	<b>18(c)</b>	0

<b>19</b> Discounted employer contributions -- see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:			
<b>a</b>	Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years .....	<b>19a</b>	0
<b>b</b>	Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date .....	<b>19b</b>	0
<b>c</b>	Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date .....	<b>19c</b>	91,613
<b>20</b> Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:			
<b>a</b>	Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>b</b>	If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>c</b>	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**

<b>21</b> Discount rate:				
<b>a</b> Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.18 %	3rd segment: 5.92 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
<b>b</b> Applicable month (enter code)				<b>21b</b> 0
<b>22</b> Weighted average retirement age				<b>22</b> 62
<b>23</b> Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined <input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute			

**Part VI Miscellaneous items**

<b>24</b> 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
<b>25</b> 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
<b>26</b> Demographic and benefit information	
<b>a</b> 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
<b>b</b> Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>27</b> If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment	<b>27</b>

**Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years**

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

**Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year**

<b>31</b> Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):			
<b>a</b> Target normal cost (line 6c)	<b>31a</b>	72,157	
<b>b</b> Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	<b>31b</b>	0	
<b>32</b> Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment	
<b>a</b> Net shortfall amortization installment	14,994	1,386	
<b>b</b> Waiver amortization installment	0	0	
<b>33</b> 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	<b>33</b>		
<b>34</b> Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)	<b>34</b>	73,543	
	Carryover balance	Prefunding Balance	Total balance
<b>35</b> Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0
<b>36</b> Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	<b>36</b>	73,543	
<b>37</b> Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	<b>37</b>	91,613	
<b>38</b> Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
<b>a</b> Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	<b>38a</b>	18,070	
<b>b</b> Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	<b>38b</b>	0	
<b>39</b> Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	<b>39</b>	0	
<b>40</b> Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	<b>40</b>	0	

**Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)**

<b>41</b> If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies.	<input type="checkbox"/> 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2021
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## Schedule SB, Part V Summary of Plan Provisions

### Applied Financial Research, LLC Cash Balance Plan 58-2380427 / 002

For the plan year 01/01/2022 through 12/31/2022

<b><u>Employer:</u></b>	Applied Financial Research, LLC		
	Type of Entity -	S Corporation	
	EIN: 58-2380427	TIN:	Plan #: 002 Plan Type: Cash Balance
<b><u>Dates:</u></b>	Effective - 01/01/2013		Valuation - 01/01/2022
	Top Heavy Years - 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022		
<b><u>Eligibility:</u></b>	All employees excluding non-resident aliens, members of an excluded class, union, and excluding members of Cls - "LEASED"		
	Minimum age - 21	Months of service - 12	
	Hours Required for -	Eligibility - 1000	Benefit accrual - 1000 Vesting - 1000
	Plan Entry - First day of 1st or 7th month of plan year on or next following eligibility satisfaction		
<b><u>Retirement:</u></b>	Normal -	First of month coincident with or next following attainment of age 62 and completion of 5 years of participation	
	Early -	Not provided	
<b><u>Average Compensation:</u></b>	Current compensation		
	Top Heavy Minimum Benefit -	Highest 5 consecutive top heavy years of participation	
<b><u>Plan Benefits:</u></b>	Retirement -	Actuarial equivalent of the hypothetical account balance derived from annual Pay Credits and Interest Credits	
	Pay Credits -	Classification	Pay Credit Formula
		001	51% of compensation
		002	2% of compensation
	Interest Credit Rate -	Current Yr - 5%	Projected Yrs - 5%
	Accrued Benefit -	Hypothetical Account Balance	
		Minimum Benefit - None	
		Maximum Benefit - None	
		Maximum allowable distribution is lump sum equivalent of normal form not to exceed 415 maximum allowable distribution, which is the lesser amount computed using a) 5.5% interest and the Applicable Mortality Table or b) plan actuarial equivalence interest and mortality	
	Early Retirement -	None	
	Death Benefit -	Present Value of Vested Accrued Benefit	
	Disability Benefit -	None	
<b><u>Top Heavy Minimum:</u></b>	Provided in another plan		
<b><u>IRS Limitations:</u></b>	415 Limits -	Percent: 100	Dollar: \$245,000
	Maximum 401(a)(17) compensation - \$305,000		
<b><u>PBGC:</u></b>	Plan is covered by Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation		
<b><u>Normal Form:</u></b>	Life Annuity		
<b><u>Optional Forms:</u></b>	Lump Sum		
	Joint with 50%, 66.67%, 75% or 100% Survivor Benefit		
<b><u>Vesting Schedule:</u></b>	100% vested in 3 years.		
	Service is calculated using all years of service		
<b><u>Present Value of Accrued Benefit:</u></b>	Based on the Hypothetical Account Balance.		

## Schedule SB, Part V Summary of Plan Provisions

**Applied Financial Research, LLC Cash Balance Plan**

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For the plan year 01/01/2022 through 12/31/2022

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**Actuarial Equivalence:**

Pre-Retirement - Interest -	5%
Mortality Table -	None
Post-Retirement - Interest -	5%
Mortality Table -	G94 - 1994 Group Annuity Reserving Proj 2002, Scale AA (unisex)

**Schedule SB, line 32 -  
Schedule of Amortization Bases**  
**Applied Financial Research, LLC Cash Balance Plan**  
**58-2380427 / 002**  
**For the plan year 01/01/2022 through 12/31/2022**

Date Base Established	Original Base Amount	Type of Base	Present Value of Remaining Installments	Years Remaining Amortization Period	Amortization Installment
01/01/2022	14,994	Shortfall	14,994	15	1,386
Totals:			\$14,994		\$1,386