Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

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 multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report
- [ ] the final return/report
- [ ] an amended return/report
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] Form 5558
- [ ] automatic extension
- [ ] the DFVC program
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
ARIAS & ASSOCIATES, INC. 401K PLAN AND TRUST

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2011

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
ARIAS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

ROBERT ARIAS

142 CHULA VISTA
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
74-2771839

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
210-308-5884

2d Business code (see instructions)
541380

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/09/2023	ROBERT ARIAS
	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
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor

ARIAS & ASSOCIATES, INC.
ROBERT ARIAS
142 CHULA VISTA
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232

3b Administrator's EIN: 74-2771839

3c Administrator's telephone number: 210-308-5884

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

5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	123
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	113
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	114
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	18
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	132
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**	**6f**	132
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	53
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	5
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2R 3D 2T

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

(1)	☐	Insurance
(2)	☐	Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	☒	Trust
(4)	☐	General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

(1)	☐	Insurance
(2)	☐	Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	☒	Trust
(4)	☐	General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

(1)	☒	**R** (Retirement Plan Information)
(2)	☐	**MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
(3)	☐	**SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

(1)	☒	**H** (Financial Information)
(2)	☐	**I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3)	☐	**A** (Insurance Information)
(4)	☒	**C** (Service Provider Information)
(5)	☐	**D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
(6)	☐	**G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2022 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2022 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2022** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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

A Name of plan	**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶
ARIAS & ASSOCIATES, INC. 401K PLAN AND TRUST	001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
ARIAS & ASSOCIATES, INC.	74-2771839

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

WELLINGTON CONSULTING SERVICES

14325 WILLARD ROAD SUIT 104
CHANTILLY, VA 20151

54-1620949

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
26 27 28 51	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	9585	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

EVERINGTON CONSULTING INC

14325 WILLARD ROAD SUIT 104
CHANTILLY, VA 20151

20-2554266

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15	TPA FEES	1115	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST BANK

82-3967259

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
33	CUSTODIAN	0	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [X]	565	Yes [ ] No [X]

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.

94-1737782

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
33	CUSTODIAN	0	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [X]	0	Yes [ ] No [X]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes [ ] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes [ ] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received $1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

a Name:	**b** EIN:
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Explanation:

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

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A Name of plan
ARIAS & ASSOCIATES, INC. 401K PLAN AND TRUST

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ARIAS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
74-2771839

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	67316	75610
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	326822	366255
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	7750	12419
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	6808	18551
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	757818	707209
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
	(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	1166514	1180044
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g		
h	Operating payables	1h		
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j	Other liabilities	1j		
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k		
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	1166514	1180044

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

	Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a	**Contributions:**			
	(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)	86294	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	142981	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	3408	
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		232683
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	2274	
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	70	
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		2344
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	281	
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	20150	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		20431
	(3) Rents	2b(3)		
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		-158479
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		96979
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	72749	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		72749
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	1115	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	9585	
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		10700
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		83449
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		13530
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) [ ] Unmodified **(2)** [ ] Qualified **(3)** [X] Disclaimer **(4)** [ ] Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) [ ] DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 **(2)** [ ] DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) **(3)** [X] neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: TYSON GAENZEL CPA **(2)** EIN: 74-2606559

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) [ ] This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. **(2)** [ ] It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

		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? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a		X	

		Yes	No	Amount
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	4b		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	4n			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2022

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

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

A Name of plan
ARIAS & ASSOCIATES, INC. 401K PLAN AND TRUST

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ARIAS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
74-2771839

Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1** 0

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 27-1023486

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 **a** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

11 **a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
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a Name of contributing employer

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

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

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

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

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

20 **PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," 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_____

ARIAS & ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(k) PLAN & TRUST

Audited Financial Statements

December 31, 2022

ADKF P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

ARIAS & ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(k) PLAN & TRUST
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees, Plan Committee & Plan Sponsor
Arias & Associates, Inc. 401(k) Plan & Trust
San Antonio, Texas

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit
We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Arias & Associates, Inc. 401(k) Plan & Trust, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the Arias & Associates, Inc. 401(k) Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution, Charles Schwab Trust Bank, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note C to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion
In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

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Responsibilities of Management
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current Plan instrument, including all Plan amendments; administering the Plan; and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements
Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)
We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA
The supplemental schedules, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- the form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Other Matter – Compilation of 2021 Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits
The statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021 was compiled by us in accordance with *Statements of Standards for Accounting and Review Services* issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We did not audit or review the 2021 statement of net assets available for benefits and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the 2021 statement is in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

ADKF, PC

ADKF, P.C.
San Antonio, Texas
October 6, 2023

ARIAS & ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(k) PLAN & TRUST
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2022 and 2021

	2022 *(Audited)*	2021 *(Compiled)*
ASSETS		
Cash	$ 75,610	$ 67,316
Investments, at fair value	1,085,883	1,092,390
Participants' notes receivable	18,551	6,808
Net Assets Available for Benefits	$ 1,180,044	$ 1,166,514

See notes to audited financial statements.

ARIAS & ASSOCIATES, INC. 401(k) PLAN & TRUST
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2022

Additions	
Investment earnings:	
Net (depreciation) in fair value of investments	$ (158,479)
Dividends and interest	22,705
Interest from participants' notes receivable	70
Contributions:	
Participants	142,981
Employer	86,294
Rollovers	3,408
Total additions	96,979
Deductions	
Benefit payments	72,749
Administrative expenses	10,700
Total deductions	83,449
Net change in net assets available for benefits	13,530
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	1,166,514
Net Assets Available for Benefits at End of Year	$ 1,180,044

See notes to audited financial statements.

NOTE A – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting: The financial statements of the Arias & Associates, Inc. 401(k) Plan & Trust (the Plan) are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Income Recognition: The basis of investments held by the Plan are adjusted daily to closing market value and unrealized gains and losses are recorded as part of this adjustment. Realized gains and losses on investments are computed using adjusted basis (beginning of year market value) on the first-in, first-out method. Security transaction expenses are considered in computing realized gains and losses on investments.

Investments: Investments in mutual funds and money markets are carried at fair value (net asset value), as determined by the net asset value of the accounts. Investments in self-directed brokerage accounts are reported at quoted prices at year end (net asset value). Self-directed brokerage accounts include cash, certificates of deposit, common stocks, mutual funds, exchange trade funds, government and corporate bonds and alternative investments. Gains and losses (realized and unrealized) are included the net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of assets in the statement of changes in net assets available for plan benefits.

Participants' Notes Receivable: Participants' notes receivable are stated at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued interest. Interest is recognized as accrued. An allowance was not required at either year end. If a participant ceases to make a loan payment and the Plan Administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment to the participant is recorded.

Benefit Payments: Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses: Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by Arias & Associates, Inc. (Plan Sponsor) and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments.

Subsequent Events: Subsequent events have been evaluated by management through the date of the independent auditor's report. Material subsequent events, if any, are disclosed in a separate footnote to these financial statements.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with U. S. generally accepted accounting principles requires the Plan Administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

NOTE B – DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General: The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees of Arias & Associates, Inc. 401(k) Plan & Trust. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

Plan Amendment: The Plan has operationally implemented certain changes permitted by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the CARES Act) and the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 (the SECURE Act), which laws changed the Plan to, among others, allowed certain eligible individuals to receive coronavirus-related distributions, suspended required minimum distributions, and delayed the commencement date for required minimum distributions. Written amendments to the Plan to reflect these operational changes will be adopted at a later date in accordance with applicable law and IRS guidance.

Contributions: Each year participants may elect to contribute up to 100% of pretax and after tax annual compensation, subject to IRS limitations, as defined in the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). Participants direct the investment of their contributions to various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan Sponsor may elect to contribute matching contributions, the amount of which is determined by the Board of Directors and allocated based on each participants contribution. Additional profit sharing amounts may be contributed at the option of the Plan Sponsor.

Participant Accounts: Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of the Plan Sponsor's contributions and Plan earnings and charged with an allocation of investment related expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant contributions or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting: Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus earnings thereon. If employment is terminated prior to normal retirement age for any reason other than death or disability, then the employee's interest in employer contributions becomes 100% vested following 5 years of employment in accordance with specific vesting schedules based on years of service as required by the Department of Labor Rules and Regulations. A participant's account becomes 100% vested upon attaining the Plan's normal retirement age or if employment is terminated due to death or disability.

Benefits: Benefits are paid in a lump sum. The participant or beneficiary is entitled to a benefit equal to the vested balance and non-forfeitable interest in his account as of the distribution date.

Forfeitures: The balance of forfeited accounts is $9,117 at December 31, 2022 and $7,926 at December 31, 2021. Forfeitures may be used to reduce future employer contributions and pay the expenses of the Plan. Forfeitures totaling $0 in 2022 and $0 in 2021 were used to offset employer contributions to the Plan and $0 in 2022 and $0 in 2021 were used to offset plan expenses.

Termination of Plan: Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Plan Sponsor has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants become 100% vested.

NOTE B – DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN – continued

Participant Loans: Participant loans are available to all eligible actively employed participants. Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum amount equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The loans are collateralized by the vested balance in the participant's account, and bear interest between 6.00% and 8.25%. Principal and interest are repaid through salary reductions each pay period according to an amortization schedule based on the life of the note.

NOTE C – INVESTMENTS CERTIFIED BY THIRD PARTY (unaudited)

As permitted by Department of Labor CFR 2520.103-8, cash, investments and participants' notes receivable at December 31, 2022 and the related net appreciation in fair value of investments and interest on participants' notes for the year then ended, were certified and held by Charles Schwab Trust Bank, the custodian, and were not audited by the independent auditor.

NOTE D – TRANSACTIONS WITH PARTIES-IN-INTEREST

The Plan includes certain investments managed by Charles Schwab Trust Bank, the custodian, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The Plan's administrative expenses are paid either by the Plan or the Plan Sponsor as allowed for in the Plan document.

NOTE E – INCOME TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service has ruled that the Plan qualifies under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and is not subject to tax. The Plan has been amended since its determination; however, the Plan's administrator believes it is operating in accordance with applicable IRC regulations. Management is not aware of any tax positions that would have a significant impact on its financial position. Its federal tax returns for the last four years remain subject to examination.

NOTE F – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

In accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the Plan utilizes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs for the valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets
- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability
- inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means
- if the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability

Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

NOTE F – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS – continued

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, investments measured at fair value:

	Fair Value Measurements Using			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
December 31, 2022 (Audited):				
Mutual Funds	$ 666,514	$ -	$ -	$ 666,514
Common Stock	12,418	-	-	12,418
Exchange Traded Funds	40,484	-	-	40,484
Money Market Accounts	366,467	-	-	366,467
Total investments at fair value	$ 1,085,883	$ -	$ -	$ 1,085,883
December 31, 2021 (Compiled):				
Mutual Funds	$ 717,733	$ -	$ -	$ 717,733
Common Stock	7,750	-	-	7,750
Exchange Traded Funds	40,085	-	-	40,085
Money Market Accounts	326,822	-	-	326,822
Total investments at fair value	$ 1,092,390	$ -	$ -	$ 1,092,390

There have been no changes in methodologies used to estimate fair value, nor transfers between levels. Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for various types of assets measured at fair value:

Mutual Funds: Valued at net asset value (NAV).

Common Stock and Exchange Traded Funds: Valued using active markets at the latest quoted sales price on the last business day of the year.

Money Market Accounts: Valued at principal plus accrued interest.

The preceding method described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

NOTE G – RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Market risks include global events which could impact the value of investment securities, such as a pandemic or international conflict. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

NOTE H –SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The Securing a Strong Retirement Act (SECURE 2.0 Act) was signed into law on December 29, 2022, and includes mandatory and optional provisions with varying effective dates in 2023 and later years.

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Supplemental Schedules

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	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Cost	Fair Value
	Dfa Real Estate Securities Port Inst	Mutual Funds	**	$ 46,488
	Invesco Oppen Gold & Spec Mineral	Mutual Funds	**	70,456
	Ishares Us Aggregate Bd Index Fd K	Mutual Funds	**	8,980
*	Schwab Intl Index Ed	Mutual Funds	**	20,319
*	Schwab S&P 500 Index Fund	Mutual Funds	**	103,531
*	Schwab Small Cap Index Select	Mutual Funds	**	14,175
*	Schwab Target 2030 Index	Mutual Funds	**	36
*	Schwab Target 2040 Index Fund	Mutual Funds	**	3,311
*	Schwab Target 2060 Index Fund	Mutual Funds	**	1,660
*	Schwab Total Stk Mkt Index	Mutual Funds	**	4,918
*	Schwab Treas Inflat Prot Sec Idx Fd	Mutual Funds	**	109,858
	Tiaa Cref Large Cap Value Indx Instl	Mutual Funds	**	51,590
	Tiaa-Cref Large-Cap Gr Idx Instl	Mutual Funds	**	1,275
	Vanguard Balanced Index Fd Admiral	Mutual Funds	**	1,206
	Vanguard Emrg Mkts Stk Index Fd Adm	Mutual Funds	**	1,100
	Vanguard Energy Index Adm	Mutual Funds	**	106
	Vanguard Financials Index Fd Adm Shr	Mutual Funds	**	1,491
	Vanguard Health Care Ind Fd Adm	Mutual Funds	**	7,696
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	Vanguard Materialsindex Fd Adm	Mutual Funds	**	47,637
	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund Admiral	Mutual Funds	**	19,025
	Vanguard Short Trm Corp Bd Idx Admrl	Mutual Funds	**	1,131
	Vanguard Small Cap Growth Index Admi	Mutual Funds	**	140
	Vanguard Small Cap Value Index Admir	Mutual Funds	**	48,303
	Vanguard Total World Stk Index Adm	Mutual Funds	**	5,132
	Impax Global Opport Inv	Mutual Funds	**	416
*	Schwab S&P 500 Index Fund - Select S	Mutual Funds	**	9,832
*	Schwab Total Stk Mkt Index	Mutual Funds	**	7,663
	Sprott Phys Silver T	Mutual Funds	**	4,565
	Sprott Physical Gold & S	Mutual Funds	**	12,336
	Sprott Physical Gold Etv	Mutual Funds	**	27,763
	Cf Industries Holdings	Common Stock	**	426
	Civitas Res Inc	Common Stock	**	521
	Commerce Bancshares Inc	Common Stock	**	885
	Digital World Acquis	Common Stock	**	450

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	Goldmining Incorpora	Common Stock	**	2,137
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	Johnson & Johnson	Common Stock	**	353
	Rayonier Inc	Common Stock	**	132
	Southern Co	Common Stock	**	1,071
	Square Inc	Common Stock	**	1,005
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	Tyson Foods Inc Class A	Common Stock	**	311
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	Ark Fintech Innovation Etf	Exchange Traded Funds	**	371
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	Gold Miners Etf	Exchange Traded Funds	**	5,769
	Invesco Qqq Trust	Exchange Traded Funds	**	1,897
	Ishares Core S&P Small-Cap Etf	Exchange Traded Funds	**	1,987
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	Jr Gold Miners Etf	Exchange Traded Funds	**	3,870
*	Schwab International Equity Etf	Exchange Traded Funds	**	1,031
*	Schwab Us Broad Market Etf	Exchange Traded Funds	**	9,743
*	Schwab Us Large Cap Etf	Exchange Traded Funds	**	2,690
*	Schwab Us Small Cap Etf	Exchange Traded Funds	**	2,710
	Spdr Fund Consumer Discre Select Etf	Exchange Traded Funds	**	1,466
	Sprott Phy Plat&Pal	Exchange Traded Funds	**	2,491
	Technology Select Sector Spdr Etf	Exchange Traded Funds	**	2,956
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*	Schwab Bank Savings	MMKT	**	366,467
	Total Investments per Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits			1,085,883
*	Participant Loans	Participant Loans (6.00%-8.25%)	-0-	18,551
	Total Investments per Form 5500			$ 1,104,434

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Schedule of Reportable Transactions
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(a) Identity of Party Involved	(b) Description of Assets	(c) Purchase Price	(d) Selling or Maturity Price	(e) Lease Rental	(f) Expenses Incurred with Transaction	(g) Cost of Asset	(h) Current Value on Transaction Date	(i) Net Gain

There were no reportable transactions during the current year.

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