

**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**

**This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

**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 ENGINEERED WITH LAYTON, PLC 401(K) PLAN		<b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
		<b>1c</b> Effective date of plan	01/01/2017
<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) ENGINEERED WITH LAYTON, PLC  PO BOX 1571 QUEEN CREEK, AZ 85142		<b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)	26-0727561
		<b>2c</b> Sponsor's telephone number	928-379-2033
		<b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions)	541330
<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>	6
<b>b</b> Total number of participants at the end of the plan year .....		<b>5b</b>	5
<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>	4
<b>d(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....		<b>5d(1)</b>	5
<b>d(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year.....		<b>5d(2)</b>	4
<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>	0

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

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including, if applicable, a Schedule SB or Schedule MB completed and signed by an enrolled actuary, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	11/15/2023	NATHAN LAYTON
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor

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- 6a** Were all of the plan's assets during the plan year invested in eligible assets? (See instructions.) .....  Yes  No
- b** Are you claiming a waiver of the annual examination and report of an independent qualified public accountant (IQPA) under 29 CFR 2520.104-46? (See instructions on waiver eligibility and conditions.) .....  Yes  No
- If you answered "No" to either line 6a or line 6b, the plan cannot use Form 5500-SF and must instead use Form 5500.**
- c** If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? .....  Yes  No  Not determined
- If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year \_\_\_\_\_ (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>	226139	188626
<b>b</b> Total plan liabilities.....	<b>7b</b>		
<b>c</b> Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a).....	<b>7c</b>	226139	188626
<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>	1604	
<b>(2)</b> Participants.....	<b>8a(2)</b>	3208	
<b>(3)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>8a(3)</b>		
<b>b</b> Other income (loss).....	<b>8b</b>	-42325	
<b>c</b> Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b).....	<b>8c</b>		-37513
<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>		-37513
<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: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D
<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		23000
<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**

**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)

**ADP  
401k Team  
Attn: Tax Compliance Form 5500**



9 November 2023

**SUBJECT: Reasonable Cause Letter – 5500 Form Filing**

To whom it may concern,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing on behalf of Engineered With Layton, P.L.C. (EIN# 26-0727561, DUNS #808153378) to provide an explanation for the late filing of our 5500 Form.

The primary reason for the delay in filing stems from a series of unexpected and challenging events that transpired during the relevant period. In July 2022, I experienced a sudden and unexpected demand for separation and divorce from my spouse, Jennifer Layton. This tumultuous situation was further exacerbated by her role as the Office Manager, Accounting Department, HR Manager, and 401k plan administrator for EWL.

Over the course of 2021-2022, Jennifer had been neglecting her professional duties, and her refusal to transfer responsibilities and corporate assets created a significant void in our organization. Her termination in late August 2022 only added to the complexity, as she failed to return company property, files, and refused to hand over any responsibilities, including vital account credentials.

The lack of support, guidance, and assistance from our 3rd party CPA, who was closely associated with Mrs. Layton, further hindered our ability to manage the necessary business tasks. The subsequent responsibilities fell on me, and with the added challenges of a custody battle, relocation, closing of the firm office, and numerous doctor appointments, my focus and energy were understandably diverted.

Only recently have I been able to address the outstanding corporate responsibilities, including the discovery of the missed 5500 Form filing. The physical, mental, and emotional toll of these unforeseen circumstances has been overwhelming, and I am actively working to rectify the situation by liquidating the 401k plan to meet financial obligations.

I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience caused by this delay and assure you that steps are being taken to rectify the situation promptly. If you require any additional information or have questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 928.379.2033.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

Let me know if you have any questions by contacting me by email at [emery@engwlayton.com](mailto:emery@engwlayton.com) or [emery.layton@proton.me](mailto:emery.layton@proton.me). I can also be contacted by cell phone at 928.379.2033.

My DOB is 21 May 1973 and the last 4 of my SSN is -5867.

Sincerely,

**Engineered With Layton, P.L.C.**

N. Emery Layton, P.E.  
Owner