

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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ 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: ☐ 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 B1BANK EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/2006
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) B1BANK 500 LAUREL STREET BATON ROUGE, LA 70801
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-3977125
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 225-932-8908
2d	Business code (see instructions) 522110

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.	07/15/2024	MIKE PELLETIER
	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	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 873
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 a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 738 6a(2) 748 6b 7 6c 139 6d 894 6e 0 6f 894 6g(1) 829 6g(2) 871 6h 6
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 3D 2S 3H 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
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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
- (4)** ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5)** ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2)** ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3)** ☒ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 1
- (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 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 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 A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information 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. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan	B Three-digit plan number (PN)	001
B1BANK EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST		
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	D Employer Identification Number (EIN)	
B1BANK	20-3977125	

Part I	Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions	Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
GREAT-WEST LIFE & ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
84-0467907	68322	51086101	151	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end **4** 2634863**5** Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end **5****6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier **6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
Specify nature of costs ▶**e** Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ **GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT****b** Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 3005078**c** Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year **7c(1)** 290372
(2) Dividends and credits **7c(2)** 0
(3) Interest credited during the year **7c(3)** 32488
(4) Transferred from separate account **7c(4)** 459085
(5) Other (specify below) **7c(5)** 14457▶ **LOAN REPAYMENTS AND FORFEITURES**(6) Total additions **7c(6)** 796402**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) **7d** 3801480**e** Deductions:(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year **7e(1)** 831114(2) Administration charge made by carrier **7e(2)** 30216(3) Transferred to separate account **7e(3)** 305287(4) Other (specify below) **7e(4)**(5) Total deductions **7e(5)** 1166617**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**) **7f** 2634863

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
 d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 f ☐ Long-term disability
 g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
 h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
 j ☐ HMO contract
 k ☐ PPO contract
 l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)	0
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		9b(3)	0
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	0
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.).....		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves.....		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information 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.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan B1BANK EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 B1BANK	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-3977125

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.

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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).....

No

Yes

X
- 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)

SENTINEL PENSION AND PAYROLL

6811 JEFFERSON HWY
BATON ROUGE, LA 70806

(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?
13	TPA	54111	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES

1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE STE 1700
CLEVELAND, OH 44114

(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?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	35000	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE CO OF AM.

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(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?
64	RECORDKEEPER	31666	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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)

EMPOWER ADVISED GROUP, LLC

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

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28	INVESTMENT MANAGER	9948	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 ☐

(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.	
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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:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information 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.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 B1BANK	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-3977125
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Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MY RETIREMENT PATH MODERATE 2025 R

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): AST WILMINGTON TRUST

c EIN-PN 38-4097347-495	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 5832308
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MY RETIREMENT PATH MODERATE RETIREM

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): AST WILMINGTON TRUST

c EIN-PN 38-4097346-494	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1314900
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MY RETIREMENT PATH MODERATE 2055 R

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): AST WILMINGTON TRUST

c EIN-PN 38-4116824-498	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2159367
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MY RETIREMENT PATH MODERATE 2045 R

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): AST WILMINGTON TRUST

c EIN-PN 38-4116823-497	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3675265
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MY RETIREMENT PATH MODERATE 2035 R

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): AST WILMINGTON TRUST

c EIN-PN 38-4116822-496	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2422093
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
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code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN

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.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan B1BANK EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 B1BANK	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-3977125	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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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		
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)		
(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)		
(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)	853789	867264
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	12107724	15403933
(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)	30665057	37647111
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	3005078	2634863
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	4190865	5297203
(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	50822513	61850374
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 through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	50822513	61850374

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)	2418406	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	4356416	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	511944	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		7286766
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(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)	63274	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		63274
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	1479085	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		1479085
(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)		7780562
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		16609687

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	5418551	
(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)		5418551
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		29333
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	39767	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	94175	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		133942
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		5581826

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		11027861
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) ☐ 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) ☒ 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: **EISNERAMPER LLP**

(2) EIN: **87-1363769**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG 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. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒		10000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
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?		☒	
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?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
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.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	☒		
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.	☒		

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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan B1BANK EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 B1BANK		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-3977125
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): 84-0467907		
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		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230707		

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): _____

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): _____

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): _____

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): _____

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): _____

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
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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) and (b):	
a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%	
b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: ☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more	
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: _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).	
☒ Design-based safe harbor method	
☐ "Prior year" ADP test	
☐ "Current year" ADP test	
☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q703912A</u> .	

b1BANK EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

DECEMBER 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator, Participants and Beneficiaries
of the b1BANK Employee Retirement Plan and Trust

Opinion on the 2023 Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the b1BANK Employee Retirement Plan and Trust (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion on the 2023 Financial Statements

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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2023 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 audit opinion on the 2023 financial statements.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2023 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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.

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 that the financial statements are 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.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements

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 auditors' 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.

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 Matters

2023 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is 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 has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2023 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.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including the form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.



In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Auditors' Report on the 2022 Financial Statements

The 2022 financial statements of the Plan were audited by predecessor auditors whose report dated June 27, 2023, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements.

EisnerAmper LLP

EISNERAMPER LLP
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
June 21, 2024

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b1BANK EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>ASSETS</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Investments:		
Investments, at Fair Value	\$ 58,348,247	\$ 46,963,646
Investments, at Contract Value	<u>2,634,863</u>	<u>3,005,078</u>
Total Investments	60,983,110	49,968,724
Receivables:		
Notes Receivable from Participants	<u>867,264</u>	<u>853,789</u>
Total Receivables	<u>867,264</u>	<u>853,789</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u><u>\$ 61,850,374</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 50,822,513</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

b1BANK EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Additions to Net Assets Attributed to:

Net Investment Gains	\$	7,780,562
Interest Income on Notes Receivable from Participants		63,274
Dividend and Interest Income on Investments		1,479,085
Contributions:		
Participants		4,356,416
Employer		2,418,406
Rollovers		511,944
Total Contributions		<u>7,286,766</u>
Total Additions		<u>16,609,687</u>

Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to:

Benefits Paid to Participants		5,418,551
Participant Loan Distributions		29,333
Administrative Expenses		133,942
Total Deductions		<u>5,581,826</u>
Net Increase		<u>11,027,861</u>

Transfers In - Plan Merger

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Net Assets Available for Benefits:

Beginning of Year		<u>50,822,513</u>
End of Year	\$	<u><u>61,850,374</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

Note 1 – Description of Plan –

The following brief description of b1BANK Employee Retirement Plan and Trust (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for more complete information.

Description of Plan

The Plan is a defined contribution plan which covers all eligible employees of b1BANK (the “Bank”) who are at least 21 years of age and meet the service requirements as defined in the Plan. The Plan includes an automatic enrollment and deferral provision in which, upon meeting the eligibility requirements, an employee is automatically enrolled in the Plan to defer 4% of compensation. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”).

Management and the Investment Committee of b1BANK oversee governance of the Plan, determine the appropriateness of the Plan’s investment offerings, and monitor investment performance.

Contributions

Participants may contribute an amount equal to a percentage of their compensation earned during the plan year not to exceed the limits imposed by Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. 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 contribution plans.

The Bank will make a safe harbor matching contribution to participants of the Plan equal to 100% of the participant’s elective deferral that does not exceed 4% of the participant’s compensation. The Bank may also make discretionary matching and profit-sharing contributions to all eligible participants of the Plan. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Bank made safe harbor matching contributions which totaled \$2,418,406. No discretionary matching or profit-sharing contributions were made for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Participant Accounts

Each participant’s account is charged or credited with the participant’s contribution and the allocation of the Bank’s contribution, the Plan’s investment earnings or losses and charged with certain Plan administrative expenses. Allocations are based upon participant earnings or account balances, as defined by the Plan document. 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 voluntary contributions plus actual earnings thereon and in the Bank’s safe harbor matching contributions. Additionally, participants who transfer contributions from a prior employee’s plan, retain the vesting schedule of their prior plan.

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Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of \$50,000, or 50%, of their vested account balance, whichever is less. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The loan interest rate is determined at two percent above the prime rate, as defined. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

Upon retirement or termination of service, participants are entitled to receive a lump sum payment equal to the value of their vested account balance. Benefits are recorded when paid.

Forfeited Accounts

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$22,150 and \$46,284, respectively, and are included in Investments, at Contract Value in the Statements of Net Assets. These accounts may be used to reduce employer contributions or to pay plan expenses. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the forfeited non-vested accounts of \$25,400 were used to pay plan expenses.

Revenue Sharing

At December 31, 2023 and 2022 there were \$10,611 and \$12,060 of revenue sharing account balances available, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2023, \$1,613 was used to pay plan expenses. Revenue sharing accounts are used to pay plan expenses or are reallocated to participant's accounts.

Note 2 – Summary of Accounting Policies –

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, all assets of the Plan are participant directed.

Investment Contracts

Investments held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value, except fully benefit-responsive investment contracts which are reported at contract value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Management of the Plan sponsor determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the Plan custodian. See Note 5 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on the trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis of accounting. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net investment income (loss) includes gains and losses on investments sold during the year as well as appreciation and depreciation of the investments held at the end of the year.

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Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are charged directly to the borrowing participant's account and are included in administrative expenses when incurred. Participant loans as of December 31, 2023 mature between 2024 and 2028, depending on the individual participant loan agreement. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, no allowance for credit losses has been recorded. If a participant does not make loan repayments and the plan administrator considers the participant loan to be in default, the loan balance is reduced, and the delinquent participant note receivable is recorded as a benefit payment based on the terms of the Plan document. For the year ended December 31, 2023, deemed distributions totaled \$29,333.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan provides for various investment options in any combination of selected funds and Company stock held by the custodian. These funds are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with these funds, it is a least reasonably possible that changes in the values of these funds will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participant's account balances and the amounts reported in the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Expenses

The Bank may pay certain administrative expenses (i.e., custodian fees, fund fees, loan fees, recordkeeping fees, and other similar expenses) of the Plan. If such expenses are not paid by the Bank, they are paid out of Plan assets. Fees for certain transactions, such as withdrawals and loan processing, are charged directly to the account of the participant reporting such a transaction and included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in Net Investment Gains in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits..

Note 3 – Plan Termination –

Although they have not expressed any intent to do so, the Bank has the right 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 fully vested in their accounts.

Note 4 – Tax Status –

The Plan sponsor has adopted a non-standardized pre-approved profit sharing plan with CODA which received a favorable determination from the Internal Revenue Service on June 30, 2020. The Plan itself has not separately applied for recognition of tax-exempt status. However, the Plan sponsor believes the plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

GAAP requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. With few exceptions, the Plan is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

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Note 5 – Fair Value Measurements –

The fair value measurement accounting literature provides a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that provides the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy consists of three broad levels. Level 1 inputs to the valuation methodology are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access. Level 2 inputs are based primarily on quoted prices for similar assets in active or inactive markets and/or based on inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. Level 3 inputs are unobservable and are based on assumptions market participants would utilize in pricing the asset.

The Plan uses appropriate valuation techniques based on the available inputs to measure the fair value of its investments. The asset'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 maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the valuation methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Registered Investment Company Accounts: The registered investment company accounts ("RIAs") are valued at the net asset value ("NAV") of shares held by the Plan at year-end, based upon quoted market prices.

Common and Collective Trusts: The Common and Collective Trust accounts ("CCTs") are valued at the NAV held by the Plan at year-end, based upon quoted market prices, when available. Due to the unique investments that may be allowed in these funds, use of the NAV is a practical expedient for measuring these funds at fair value and the accounts are excluded from the Fair Value disclosure table below.

Employer Stock: The employer stock is an account comprised of common stock of Business First Bancshares, Inc and short term investments. The fair value of the fund is derived from the fair value of the common stock based on quoted market prices in an active market.

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.

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The following table sets forth the level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered Investment Companies	\$ 37,647,111	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,647,111
Unitized Employer Stock Accounts	5,297,203	-	-	5,297,203
Total Assets in the Fair Value Hierarchy	\$ 42,944,314	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,944,314
Investments in Common & Collective Trusts Measured Using NAV Per Share Practical Expedient*				15,403,933
Total Investments at Fair Value				\$ 58,348,247

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered Investment Companies	\$ 30,665,057	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,665,057
Unitized Employer Stock Accounts	4,190,865	-	-	4,190,865
Total Assets in the Fair Value Hierarchy	\$ 34,855,922	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,855,922
Investments in Common & Collective Trusts Measured Using NAV Per Share Practical Expedient*				12,107,724
Total Investments at Fair Value				\$ 46,963,646

*Certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share ("NAV") practical expedient of the fund have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

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The following tables summarize investments measured at fair value based on NAV per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

		December 31, 2023			
		Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Common & Collective Trusts:					
Balanced Funds	(a)	\$ 15,403,933	N/A	Daily	None
Total Accounts at NAV		<u>\$ 15,403,933</u>			
		December 31, 2022			
		Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Common & Collective Trusts:					
Balanced Funds	(a)	\$ 12,107,724	N/A	Daily	None
Total Accounts at NAV		<u>\$ 12,107,724</u>			

(a) These investments seek to provide high total investment return. The funds invest in a portfolio of equity, debt and money market securities.

NOTE 6 - Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contract

In October 2020, the Plan entered into a benefit-responsive investment contract with Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company (GWI), specifically the Group Unallocated Fixed Deferred Annuity contract (the “Contract”). The Contract, a traditional guaranteed investment contract, maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The contract is included in the financial statements at contract value as reported to the Plan by GWI. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

The guaranteed interest contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and interest earned at a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan.

The guaranteed investment contract is fully benefit-responsive, and as such contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to the guaranteed interest contract. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise.

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The fair value of the investment contract was \$2,602,091 and \$2,946,734 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The average crediting interest rate is calculated by dividing the annual interest credited to the participants during the plan year by the average annual fair value of the investment. The separate account guaranteed interest contract does not allow the crediting interest rate below zero percent.

<u>Average Yields</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Based on actual earnings	1.15%	1.05%
Based on interest rate credited to participants	1.30%	1.05%

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include the following: (1) complete or partial termination of the Plan, (2) the establishment or activation of, or material change in, any Plan investment fund, or an amendment to the Plan or a change in the administration or operation of the Plan, including offering a competing fund (a fund with similar investment strategies and assets as the Contract) without the approval of GWI. The guaranteed interest contract permits contract termination with sufficient notice or with other violations of the contractual terms. The Plan administrator does not believe that any events have occurred which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract.

Note 7 – Party-In-Interest Transactions –

A portion of the Plan's assets are invested in Business First Bancshares, Inc. stock, the parent company of the Plan Sponsor, for which Reliance Trust serves as the independent fiduciary for the common stock fund. The Plan also holds notes receivable representing participant loans. Empower Advised Group, LLC ("Empower") serves as investment manager for the Plan and Empower is also the plan's recordkeeper. Gallagher Benefits Services serves as investment advisor for the Plan. Sentinel Pension and Payroll provides administration and accounting services to the Plan. The Plan Sponsor also pays directly, certain administrative expenses of the Plan. All of these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The Plan Sponsor believes that all of these party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

Note 8 – Subsequent Events –

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through June 21, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and have determined that no additional disclosures are required.

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EIN: 20-3977125 PN: 001

FORM 5500 SCHEDULE H LINE 4(i) – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

Identity of Issuer	Investment Description	Cost	Current Value
<u>Registered Investment Companies</u>			
AllianceBernstein	AB Small Cap Growth	*	\$ 527,569
American Funds	American Funds New Prspctv R6	*	11,948,656
Fidelity Investments	Fidelity 500 Index	*	4,621,682
Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Mid Cap Index	*	1,996,688
Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Small Cap Index	*	975,634
Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Total International Index	*	3,240,016
Fidelity Investments	Fidelity US Bond Index	*	2,781,433
Franklin Templeton Investments	Franklin Small Cap Value R6	*	687,434
JP Morgan Investment Mgmt, Inc.	JPMorgan Equity Income R6	*	2,237,243
JP Morgan Investment Mgmt, Inc.	JPMorgan Mid Cap Growth R6	*	682,143
MFS	MFS Mid Cap Value R6	*	749,127
PIMCO	PIMCO Income Inst	*	2,453,709
T. Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth I	*	4,745,777
			37,647,111
<u>Common & Collective Trusts</u>			
Wilmington Trust	My Retirement Path Moderate Retirement R	*	1,314,900
Wilmington Trust	My Retirement Path Moderate Retirement 2025 R	*	5,832,308
Wilmington Trust	My Retirement Path Moderate Retirement 2035 R	*	2,422,093
Wilmington Trust	My Retirement Path Moderate Retirement 2045 R	*	3,675,265
Wilmington Trust	My Retirement Path Moderate Retirement 2055 R	*	2,159,367
			15,403,933
<u>Guaranteed Interest Accounts</u>			
** Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company	Fixed Group Unallocated Deferred Annuity Contract	*	2,634,863
<u>Employer Stock</u>			
** Parent Company of Plan Sponsor	Business First Bancshares, Inc. (BFST) unitized stock fund	*	5,297,203
<u>Notes Receivable from Participants</u>			
** Plan Sponsor	Interest Rates Ranging from 4.25-10.25%		867,264
			\$ 61,850,374

* Cost information omitted for participant directed investments.

** Denotes party-in-interest.

See Independent Auditor's Report.

July 11, 2024

**IMPORTANT RETIREMENT PLAN INFORMATION FOR
b1BANK EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST**

Mike Pelletier
b1BANK
500 Laurel St
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Dear Mike,

Attached is a copy of the **December 31, 2023**, Form 5500 and Form 6811 electronic filing authorization. You must print, sign, date and return to our office the following:

- Form 6811 E-file authorization
- Form 5500 Page one, two and three - sign page one
- Form 8955-SSA (if applicable)

This return must be electronically filed by **July 31, 2024**. Therefore, we need the signed paperwork in our office as soon as possible, either by fax or email.

Also attached is the Summary Annual Report, and Executive Summary Report for the **b1BANK Employee Retirement Plan and Trust**. Please review the attached reports. If there are any questions about this report or the plan, please call.

In addition to returning the signed paperwork, you will need to provide a copy of the Summary Annual Report to each participant and verify that your Fidelity Bond is at least 10% of plan assets on December 31, 2023.

We would like to thank you for working with Sentinel Pension. We appreciate your confidence in us. It has been a pleasure working with you, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Your Sentinel Pension Team

401k@sp-tpa.com

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P: 225.300.8478 | F: 225.932.0000 | www.sp-tpa.com

July 11, 2024

**IMPORTANT RETIREMENT PLAN INFORMATION FOR
BIBANK EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST
FORM 6811 E-File Authorization for Form 5500 / Form 5500-SF**

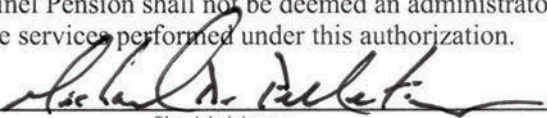
Plan Year Ending: December 31, 2023

PART I Authorization of Practitioner to Electronically Sign and File

I hereby authorize Sentinel Pension to electronically sign and file the above-named return/report through EFAST2.

I understand that in granting this authority:

- I/we must manually sign and date page 1 of either Form 5500 or Form 5500-SF and provide a scanned copy of that signature page to Sentinel Pension before the electronic filing can be initiated.
- Sentinel Pension will retain a copy of this written authorization in its records.
- Sentinel Pension will notify the individual(s) signing below as plan administrator/employer about any inquiries and information it receives from EFAST2, DOL, IRS, or PBGC regarding this annual return/report; and
- A copy of my signature, as it appears on page 1 of either Form 5500 or Form 5500-SF, will be included with the return/report posted by the Department of Labor on the Internet for public disclosure.
- Sentinel Pension shall not be deemed an administrator or other fiduciary with respect to any Plan solely on account of the services performed under this authorization.

 _____ Plan Administrator	/	<u>7/15/24</u> _____ Date
_____ Employer/Plan Sponsor (if not the Plan Administrator)	/	_____ Date

PART II Acknowledgement of Receipt of Authorization

On behalf of Sentinel Pension, I hereby certify that the firm will use the authority granted only for the express purposes described above; that the firm will not disclose confidential information to any parties other than the DOL, as required for EFAST filing; and that the firm will take reasonable steps to assure that confidential information provided by the Plan Administrator or Plan Sponsor is:

 _____ Sentinel Pension	/	<u>July 11, 2024</u> _____ Date
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Return signed copy to: **Sentinel Pension**
6811 Jefferson Hwy
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Be sure to include page one, two and three of Form 5500 when returning your signed paperwork.

The Designated service provider must retain this authorization. Do not submit this form to the DOL unless requested to do so.

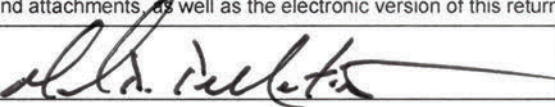
Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the 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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
	☒ 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:	☐ 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 b1BANK Employee Retirement Plan and Trust	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
	1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2006
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) b1BANK 500 Laurel Street Baton Rouge LA 70801	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-3977125
	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 225-932-8908
	2d Business code (see instructions) 522110

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		7/15/24	Mike Pelletier
	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	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 873
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 a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 738 6a(2) 748 6b 7 6c 139 6d 894 6e 0 6f 894 6g(1) 829 6g(2) 871 6h 6
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 3D 2S 3H 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
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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
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) - Number Attached _____
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information - Small Plan)
- (3) ☒ **A** (Insurance Information) - Number Attached 1
- (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 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 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 _____

b1BANK EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST

EIN: 20-3977125 PN: 001

FORM 5500 SCHEDULE H LINE 4(i) – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

<u>Identity of Issuer</u>	<u>Investment Description</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Current Value</u>
<u>Registered Investment Companies</u>			
AllianceBernstein	AB Small Cap Growth	*	\$ 527,570
American Funds	American Funds New Prspctv R6	*	11,948,655
Fidelity Investments	Fidelity 500 Index	*	4,621,682
Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Mid Cap Index	*	1,996,688
Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Small Cap Index	*	975,634
Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Total International Index	*	3,240,016
Fidelity Investments	Fidelity US Bond Index	*	2,781,433
Franklin Templeton Investments	Franklin Small Cap Value R6	*	687,434
JP Morgan Investment Mgmt, Inc.	JPMorgan Equity Income R6	*	2,237,243
JP Morgan Investment Mgmt, Inc.	JPMorgan Mid Cap Growth R6	*	682,143
MFS	MFS Mid Cap Value R6	*	749,127
PIMCO	PIMCO Income Inst	*	2,453,709
T. Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth I	*	4,745,777
			\$ 37,647,111
<u>Common & Collective Trusts</u>			
Wilmington Trust	My Retirement Path Moderate Retirement R		\$ 1,314,900
Wilmington Trust	My Retirement Path Moderate Retirement 2025 R	*	5,832,308
Wilmington Trust	My Retirement Path Moderate Retirement 2035 R	*	2,422,093
Wilmington Trust	My Retirement Path Moderate Retirement 2045 R	*	3,675,265
Wilmington Trust	My Retirement Path Moderate Retirement 2055 R	*	2,159,367
			\$ 15,403,933
<u>Guaranteed Interest Accounts</u>			
** Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Co	Fixed Group Unallocated Deferred Annuity Contract	*	\$ 2,634,863
<u>Employer Stock</u>			
** Parent Company of Plan Sponsor	Business First Bancshares, Inc. (BFST)	*	\$ 5,297,203
<u>Notes Receivable from Participants</u>			
** Plan Sponsor	Interest Rates Ranging from 4.25-10.50%		\$ 867,264
			<u>\$ 61,850,374</u>

* Cost information omitted for participant directed investments.

** Denotes party-in-interest.