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| <div>Form 5500</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security<br/>Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</div> <div>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).</div> <div>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</div> | <div>OMB Nos. 1210-0110<br/>1210-0089</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div> |
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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: <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a multiemployer plan</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a single-employer plan</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a DFE (specify) _____</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> the first return/report</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> the final return/report</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> an amended return/report</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)</div></div> |
| C                                                                                          | If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. .... ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| D                                                                                          | Check box if filing under: <div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 5558</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> automatic extension</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> the DFVC program</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> special extension (enter description)</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| E                                                                                          | If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. .... ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| Part II | Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1a      | Name of plan<br>CLEARFIELD, INC. 401(K) PLAN & TRUST                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1b      | Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1c      | Effective date of plan<br>04/01/1989                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2a      | Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)<br>Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)<br>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)<br>CLEARFIELD, INC.<br><br>7050 WINNETKA AVE N SUITE 100<br>BROOKLYN PARK, MN 55428 |
| 2b      | Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>41-1347235                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2c      | Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br>763-519-9749                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2d      | Business code (see instructions)<br>333310                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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.

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| SIGN HERE | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 07/17/2024 | DANIEL HERZOG                                                |
|           | 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                      |

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| <b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN<br><br><b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number<br><br><div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>                                                                                       |
| <b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:<br><b>a</b> Sponsor's name<br><b>c</b> Plan Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>4b</b> EIN<br><br><b>4d</b> PN                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>5</b> 339                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ).<br><b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....<br><b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....<br><b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits .....<br><b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....<br><b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> . .....<br><b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits .....<br><b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> . .....<br><b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....<br><b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....<br><b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested ..... | <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <b>6a(1)</b> 288<br><b>6a(2)</b> 261<br><b>6b</b> 4<br><b>6c</b> 58<br><b>6d</b> 323<br><b>6e</b> 0<br><b>6f</b> 323<br><b>6g(1)</b> 297<br><b>6g(2)</b> 292<br><b>6h</b> 26 |
| <b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>7</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

**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 2T 3D 3H

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

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| <b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)<br>(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | <b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)<br>(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> 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 0
- (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 \_\_\_\_\_

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| <div>SCHEDULE C</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Service Provider Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | OMB No. 1210-0110                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 2023                                    |
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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<br>CLEARFIELD, INC. 401(K) PLAN & TRUST                                     | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                     | 001 |
|                                                                                            |                                                      |     |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>CLEARFIELD, INC.                 | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>41-1347235 |     |

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

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| (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)

GLOBAL RETIREMENT PARTNERS, LLC

4340 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, B60  
SAN RAFAEL, CA 94903

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>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)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 71                     | BROKER                                                                                            | 56919                                                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                     |

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

EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY O

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD  
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>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)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 64                     | RECORDKEEPER                                                                                      | 28920                                                                  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                            | 0                                                                                                                                                                               | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                          |

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

EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD  
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>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)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 28                     | INVESTMENT MGMT                                                                                   | 4829                                                                   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                     |

**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)

CLEARFIELD INC

7050 WINNETKA AVE N  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55428

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>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)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 99                     | OTHER                                                                                             | 1000                                                                   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                     |

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

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

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

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

**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<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (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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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (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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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (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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| (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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| (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)

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
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Explanation:

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
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| <b>SCHEDULE D</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br><br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration | <b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br><br>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110<br><br><b>2023</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

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| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><u>CLEARFIELD, INC. 401(K) PLAN &amp; TRUST</u>                        | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u>                 |
| <b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><u>CLEARFIELD, INC.</u> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>41-1347235</u> |

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| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b><br>(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: T ROWE PR RET BL SEL TR 2040 FEE CL

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>38-7271346-740</u> | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>3209981</u> |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PR RET BL SEL TR 2025 FEE CL

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>38-7271343-737</u> | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>4396493</u> |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PR RET BL SEL TR 2045 FEE CL

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>38-7271347-741</u> | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1737899</u> |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PR RET BL SEL TR 2020 FEE CL

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>38-7271342-736</u> | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>994342</u> |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PR RET BL SEL TR 2065 FEE CL

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>38-7271351-745</u> | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>779807</u> |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PR RET BL SEL TR 2055 FEE CL

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>38-7271349-743</u> | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>921857</u> |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PR RET BL SEL TR 2035 FEE CL

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>38-7271345-739</u> | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>5819345</u> |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM LARGE CAP VALUE TRUST I

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM INVESTMENTS CIT

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 82-3639536-275 | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 681861 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM STABLE VALUE FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER & ANNUITY INSURANCE CO.

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 04-3159710-202 | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2301862 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PR RET BL SEL TR 2030 FEE CL

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 38-7271344-738 | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7959192 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PGIM TOTAL RETURN FUND CIT FEE CLAS

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 38-4097323-471 | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 198322 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PR RET BL SEL TR 2060 FEE CL

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 38-7271350-744 | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 554797 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PR RET BL SEL TR 2050 FEE CL

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 38-7271348-742 | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1102667 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PR RET BL SEL TR 2005 FEE CL

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 38-7264569-733 | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 126889 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PR RET BL SEL TR 2015 FEE CL

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 38-7271341-735 | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 967971 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN | <b>d</b> Entity code | <b>e</b> 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):

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN | <b>d</b> Entity code | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
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**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  
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| <b>SCHEDULE H</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br><br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br><br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | <b>Financial Information</b><br><br>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).<br><br><b>► File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110                             |
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| For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2023</b> and ending <b>12/31/2023</b> |                                                                    |            |
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><b>CLEARFIELD, INC. 401(K) PLAN &amp; TRUST</b>                                 | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <b>►</b>                     | <b>001</b> |
|                                                                                                          |                                                                    |            |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><b>CLEARFIELD, INC.</b>                 | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><b>41-1347235</b> |            |

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| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Asset and Liability Statement</b> |
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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 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....                                                      | <b>1a</b>       | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):                                       |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....                                                            | <b>1b(1)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....                                                         | <b>1b(2)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(3)</b> Other .....                                                                             | <b>1b(3)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>c</b> General investments:                                                                      |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....   | <b>1c(1)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....                                                        | <b>1c(2)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):                            |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....                                                                         | <b>1c(3)(A)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(B)</b> All other .....                                                                         | <b>1c(3)(B)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):                                      |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....                                                                         | <b>1c(4)(A)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(B)</b> Common .....                                                                            | <b>1c(4)(B)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....                                               | <b>1c(5)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....                                   | <b>1c(6)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                | <b>1c(7)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....                                                                 | <b>1c(8)</b>    | 484059                | 551185          |
| <b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....                                     | <b>1c(9)</b>    | 27936974              | 31753287        |
| <b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....                                    | <b>1c(10)</b>   |                       |                 |
| <b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....                            | <b>1c(11)</b>   | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....                                  | <b>1c(12)</b>   | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....        | <b>1c(13)</b>   | 4795230               | 8594397         |
| <b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) ..... | <b>1c(14)</b>   |                       |                 |
| <b>(15)</b> Other .....                                                                            | <b>1c(15)</b>   | 0                     | 0               |

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| <b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:                                   |              | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
| (1) Employer securities .....                                             | <b>1d(1)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| (2) Employer real property .....                                          | <b>1d(2)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....        | <b>1e</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) .....      | <b>1f</b>    | 33216263              | 40898869        |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                                        |              |                       |                 |
| <b>g</b> Benefit claims payable .....                                     | <b>1g</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>h</b> Operating payables .....                                         | <b>1h</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness .....                                   | <b>1i</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>j</b> Other liabilities .....                                          | <b>1j</b>    | 0                     | 56919           |
| <b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) ..... | <b>1k</b>    | 0                     | 56919           |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                                                         |              |                       |                 |
| <b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) .....                 | <b>1l</b>    | 33216263              | 40841950        |

**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.

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| <b>Income</b>                                                                                              |                 | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
| <b>a Contributions:</b>                                                                                    |                 |            |           |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers .....                                               | <b>2a(1)(A)</b> | 1075420    |           |
| (B) Participants .....                                                                                     | <b>2a(1)(B)</b> | 2391879    |           |
| (C) Others (including rollovers) .....                                                                     | <b>2a(1)(C)</b> | 322198     |           |
| (2) Noncash contributions .....                                                                            | <b>2a(2)</b>    | 0          |           |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> ..... | <b>2a(3)</b>    |            | 3789497   |
| <b>b Earnings on investments:</b>                                                                          |                 |            |           |
| (1) Interest:                                                                                              |                 |            |           |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) .....              | <b>2b(1)(A)</b> | 0          |           |
| (B) U.S. Government securities .....                                                                       | <b>2b(1)(B)</b> | 0          |           |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments .....                                                                       | <b>2b(1)(C)</b> | 0          |           |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                               | <b>2b(1)(D)</b> | 0          |           |
| (E) Participant loans .....                                                                                | <b>2b(1)(E)</b> | 33617      |           |
| (F) Other .....                                                                                            | <b>2b(1)(F)</b> | 0          |           |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....                                     | <b>2b(1)(G)</b> |            | 33617     |
| (2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock .....                                                                   | <b>2b(2)(A)</b> | 0          |           |
| (B) Common stock .....                                                                                     | <b>2b(2)(B)</b> | 0          |           |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) .....                                         | <b>2b(2)(C)</b> | 232459     |           |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....                         | <b>2b(2)(D)</b> |            | 232459    |
| (3) Rents .....                                                                                            | <b>2b(3)</b>    |            | 0         |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds .....                                        | <b>2b(4)(A)</b> | 0          |           |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) .....                                                     | <b>2b(4)(B)</b> | 0          |           |
| (C) Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result .....                         | <b>2b(4)(C)</b> |            |           |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate .....                                | <b>2b(5)(A)</b> | 0          |           |
| (B) Other .....                                                                                            | <b>2b(5)(B)</b> | 0          |           |
| (C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....                | <b>2b(5)(C)</b> |            |           |

|                                                                                                 |        | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
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| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....                               | 2b(6)  |            | 4498125   |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....                               | 2b(7)  |            | 0         |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....                       | 2b(8)  |            | 0         |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....                             | 2b(9)  |            | 0         |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) ..... | 2b(10) |            | 857242    |
| c Other income .....                                                                            | 2c     |            |           |
| d Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....               | 2d     |            | 9410940   |

**Expenses**

|                                                                                      |        |         |         |
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| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:                                  |        |         |         |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....      | 2e(1)  | 1683127 |         |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....                         | 2e(2)  | 0       |         |
| (3) Other .....                                                                      | 2e(3)  | 0       |         |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) .....                        | 2e(4)  |         | 1683127 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....                                  | 2f     |         | 0       |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....         | 2g     |         | 10457   |
| h Interest expense .....                                                             | 2h     |         | 0       |
| i Administrative expenses:                                                           |        |         |         |
| (1) Salaries and allowances .....                                                    | 2i(1)  | 0       |         |
| (2) Contract administrator fees.....                                                 | 2i(2)  | 0       |         |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees.....                                                          | 2i(3)  | 28921   |         |
| (4) IQPA audit fees.....                                                             | 2i(4)  | 0       |         |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....                         | 2i(5)  | 61748   |         |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....                               | 2i(6)  | 0       |         |
| (7) Actuarial fees .....                                                             | 2i(7)  | 0       |         |
| (8) Legal fees .....                                                                 | 2i(8)  | 0       |         |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....                                                   | 2i(9)  | 0       |         |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....                                           | 2i(10) | 0       |         |
| (11) Other expenses .....                                                            | 2i(11) | 1000    |         |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) .....               | 2i(12) |         | 91669   |
| j Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total ..... | 2j     |         | 1785253 |

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

|                                                          |       |  |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|--|---------|
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d ..... | 2k    |  | 7625687 |
| 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: EIDE BAILLY

(2) EIN: 45-0250958

**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  |
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| <b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)                 |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |
| <b>b</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.) |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |
| <b>c</b> 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.)                                                                                                                             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |
| <b>d</b> 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.)                                                                                                                  |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |
| <b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | 1000000 |
| <b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?                                                                                                                                                                          |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |
| <b>g</b> 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?                                                                                                                                       |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |
| <b>h</b> 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?                                                                                                                             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |
| <b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)                                                                                                                                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |         |
| <b>j</b> 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.)                                                                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |
| <b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?                                                                                                                                              |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |
| <b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |
| <b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |
| <b>n</b> 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.)

| <b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s) | <b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s) | <b>5b(3)</b> PN(s) |
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**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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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| <div>SCHEDULE R<br/>(Form 5500)<br/><br/>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service<br/><br/>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br/><br/>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Retirement Plan Information</div> <div>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).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | <div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</div> |
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

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| <div>A Name of plan<br/>CLEARFIELD, INC. 401(K) PLAN &amp; TRUST</div>                 | <div>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶<br/>001</div>              |
| <div>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br/>CLEARFIELD, INC.</div> | <div>D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br/>41-1347235</div> |

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| Part I | Distributions |
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

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| <div>1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <div>1</div> | <div>0</div> |
| <div>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):<br/><br/>EIN(s): 84-1455663</div> <div>Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.</div> |              |              |
| <div>3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <div>3</div> |              |

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| 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.) |
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| <div>4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....</div> <div>If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.</div>                                                                                                                                                                         | <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</div> |
| <div>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 _____<br/>If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.</div> |                                                                                                  |
| <div>6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <div>6a</div>                                                                                    |
| <div>b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <div>6b</div>                                                                                    |
| <div>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) .....</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <div>6c</div>                                                                                    |
| <div>If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                  |
| <div>7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? .....</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</div> |
| <div>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? .....</div>                                                                                  | <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</div> |

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| Part III | Amendments |
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| <div>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. ....</div> | <div><input type="checkbox"/> Increase <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> No</div> |
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| 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. |
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| <div>10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....</div>                                                      | <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div> |
| <div>11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....</div>                                                                                                                                    | <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div> |
| <div>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.) .....</div> | <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div> |
| <div>12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....</div>                                                                               | <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div> |

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>14</b> 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:                                                                                                             |            |  |
| <b>a</b> The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment) ..... | <b>14a</b> |  |
| <b>b</b> The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment) .....                                                                                                 | <b>14b</b> |  |
| <b>c</b> The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment) .....                                                                                                                            | <b>14c</b> |  |
| <b>15</b> 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:                                                                                                                                           |            |  |
| <b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>15a</b> |  |
| <b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>15b</b> |  |
| <b>16</b> Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |            |  |
| <b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>16a</b> |  |
| <b>b</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 .....                                                                                                                                                           | <b>16b</b> |  |
| <b>17</b> 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..... <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                    |            |  |

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| <b>Part VI</b> | <b>Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans</b> |
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| <b>18</b> 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..... <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| <b>19</b> If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| <b>a</b> Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:<br>Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%<br>High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%                                                                                                                                             |  |
| <b>b</b> Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:<br><input type="checkbox"/> 0-5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5-10 years <input type="checkbox"/> 10-15 years <input type="checkbox"/> 15 years or more                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| <b>20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.</b> If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| <b>a</b> Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| <b>b</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:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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.                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No. Other. Provide explanation: _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |

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| <b>Part VII</b> | <b>IRS Compliance Questions</b> |
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| <b>21a</b> 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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                 |  |
| <b>21b</b> 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). |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Design-based safe harbor method                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Prior year" ADP test                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Current year" ADP test                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| <b>22</b> 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>11 / 14 / 2022</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702518A</u> .                                         |  |



Financial Statements

December 31, 2023 and 2022

## Clearfield, Inc. 401(k) Plan & Trust

Clearfield, Inc. 401(k) Plan & Trust

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## Independent Auditor's Report

Plan Management and Plan Administrator  
Clearfield, Inc. 401(k) Plan & Trust  
Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

### Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Clearfield, Inc. 401(k) Plan & Trust (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and 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.

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### Opinion

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

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

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## **Basis for Opinion**

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

## **Responsibilities of Management for the 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. Management's election of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

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

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### **Other Matter – Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA**

The supplemental schedule H, line 4i – 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

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

*Eide Bailly LLP*

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
July 11, 2024

Clearfield, Inc. 401(k) Plan & Trust  
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits  
December 31, 2023 and 2022

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|                                    | <u>2023</u>                 | <u>2022</u>                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Assets                             |                             |                             |
| Investments, at fair value         | \$ 40,347,684               | \$ 32,732,204               |
| Notes receivable from participants | <u>551,185</u>              | <u>484,059</u>              |
| Total assets                       | <u>40,898,869</u>           | <u>33,216,263</u>           |
| Liabilities                        |                             |                             |
| Other liabilities                  | <u>56,919</u>               | <u>-</u>                    |
| Net Assets Available for Benefits  | <u><u>\$ 40,841,950</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 33,216,263</u></u> |

Clearfield, Inc. 401(k) Plan & Trust  
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits  
Year Ended December 31, 2023

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|                                                       |                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Additions                                             |                             |
| Investment income                                     |                             |
| Interest and dividends                                | \$ 232,459                  |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments         | 5,355,367                   |
|                                                       | <u>5,587,826</u>            |
| Interest income on notes receivable from participants | <u>33,617</u>               |
| Contributions                                         |                             |
| Employer                                              | 1,075,420                   |
| Participants                                          | 2,391,879                   |
| Rollovers                                             | 322,198                     |
|                                                       | <u>3,789,497</u>            |
| Total additions                                       | <u>9,410,940</u>            |
| Deductions                                            |                             |
| Benefits paid to participants                         | 1,693,584                   |
| Administrative expenses                               | 91,669                      |
|                                                       | <u>1,785,253</u>            |
| Net Increase                                          | 7,625,687                   |
| Net Assets Available for Benefits                     |                             |
| Beginning of year                                     | <u>33,216,263</u>           |
| End of year                                           | <u><u>\$ 40,841,950</u></u> |

## **Note 1 - Description of Plan**

The following brief description of the Clearfield, Inc. 401(k) Plan & Trust (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

### **General**

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering qualified employees of Clearfield, Inc. (the Company). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The Plan is administered by an Investment Committee. The Investment Committee has the power to carry out provisions of the Plan, including the administration of Plan, and to determine the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, and monitoring performance.

### **Eligibility**

Effective July 5, 2022, employees are eligible to participate in the Plan and receive the safe-harbor matching contribution if they have reached age 19 and have completed 30 days of eligible service. Prior to July 5, 2022, employees were eligible to participate in the Plan and receive the safe-harbor matching contribution if they had reached age 19 and completed 60 days of eligible service. Employees are eligible to receive any Company nonelective discretionary contributions if they are age 19, worked 1,000 hours during the Plan year and were employed on the last day of the Plan year. Collective bargaining (union) employees, non-resident aliens, residents of Puerto Rico, and part-time, temporary, or seasonal employees whose regular scheduled services is less than 1,000 hours are not eligible to participate in the Plan.

### **Entry Date**

Eligible employees can enter the Plan on the first day of each month of the Plan year after the eligibility requirements are met.

### **Contributions**

Each year, participants may contribute between 1% and 50% of their pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Code (IRC) limitations. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. The Plan allows participants to designate contributions as Roth contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans (rollover). The Company contributes 100% of the first 3% and 50% of the next 3% of the participant's eligible compensation that was contributed by the participant. Additional amounts may be contributed at the discretion of the Company's Board of Directors. No such additional discretionary contributions were made for the year ended December 31, 2023.

**Participant Accounts**

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and the Company safe-harbor matching contributions, as well as allocations of the Company discretionary contributions and Plan earnings (losses). Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant's compensation, account balances or specific participant transactions, 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.

**Investment Options**

Upon enrollment to the Plan, a participant may direct deferrals and employer contributions in any of the funds offered by the Plan. Participants may change their investment options daily.

**Vesting**

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions and the Company's safe-harbor match contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary contributions is based on years of continuous service and begin vesting after two years of service (as defined in the Plan) and continued to vest on a graded scale to 100% after six years of service, with a provision for full vesting at the normal retirement date, at an early retirement date if due to a total and permanent disability or upon death of the participant. For purposes of determining the extent to which a participant is vested, a year of service is a plan year in which the participant is credited with at least 1,000 hours of service.

**Forfeitures**

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$63,682 and \$22,734, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future employer contributions or offset Plan expenses.

**Notes Receivable from Participants**

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The interest rate, determined quarterly, is at the "bank prime rate" plus 1%. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions over a period not to exceed five years, unless the proceeds of the note were used to acquire the participant's residence, in which case the note terms can range up to ten years. A participant may have no more than one outstanding note at any one time.

**Payment of Benefits**

Participants may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of their vested interest or annual installments as defined in the Plan document upon retirement, termination of service, death, or disability. Effective June 1, 2023, a terminated participant with a balance of less than \$5,000 will be automatically paid out by the Plan upon termination. Prior to June 1, 2023, a terminated participant with a balance of less than \$1,000 may be automatically paid out by the Plan upon termination. Distributions may be made at the participant's election prior to termination upon attainment of age 59½ or hardship as defined in the Plan document.

### **Plan Termination**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their employer discretionary contributions.

## **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

### **Use of Estimates**

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

### **Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**

Investments are reported at fair 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. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisor, trustee, and insurance company. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as those held during the year.

The classification of investment earnings reported in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits may differ from the classification of earnings on Form 5500 due to different reporting requirements on Form 5500.

### **Contributions**

Participant contributions and the related Company matching contributions are recorded in the year in which the employee contributions are withheld from compensation.

### **Notes Receivable from Participants**

Notes receivables from participants are measured at their unpaid balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. Delinquent notes receivable are recorded as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document.

### **Payments of Benefits**

Benefits paid to participants are recorded upon distribution.

### **Expenses**

The Plan's expenses are paid by either the Plan or the Company, as provided by the Plan document. Expenses that are paid directly by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Certain expenses incurred in connection with the general administration of the Plan that are paid by the Plan are recorded as deductions in the accompanying statement of changes in net asset available for benefits. In addition, certain investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments presented in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. Expenses of \$56,919 remained payable at December 31, 2023.

### **Subsequent Events**

The Plan Sponsor has evaluated subsequent events through July 11, 2024, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

### **Note 3 - Fair Value Measurements**

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under the FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

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

Level 2 — Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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

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

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

Mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Common collective funds – Valued at fair value based on the NAV of units held of the collective fund. The NAV, as provided by the trustee is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the observable market prices of the underlying investments within the fund less liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

|                                               | 2023         |         |         |               |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------|---------------|
|                                               | Level 1      | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total         |
| Mutual funds                                  | \$ 8,594,397 | \$ -    | \$ -    | \$ 8,594,397  |
| Total investments in the fair value hierarchy | \$ 8,594,397 | \$ -    | \$ -    | 8,594,397     |
| Investments at net asset value (a)            |              |         |         | 31,753,287    |
| Total investments at fair value               |              |         |         | \$ 40,347,684 |
|                                               | 2022         |         |         |               |
|                                               | Level 1      | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total         |
| Mutual funds                                  | \$ 4,795,230 | \$ -    | \$ -    | \$ 4,795,230  |
| Total investments in the fair value hierarchy | \$ 4,795,230 | \$ -    | \$ -    | \$ 4,795,230  |
| Investments at net asset value (a)            |              |         |         | 27,936,974    |
| Total investments at fair value               |              |         |         | \$ 32,732,204 |

(a) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) 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.

The following table sets forth the disclosure for the fair value measurement of investments that are measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

|                              | Fair Value<br>December 31,<br>2023 | Fair Value<br>December 31,<br>2022 | Unfunded<br>Commitments | Redemption<br>Frequency |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Common collective funds      |                                    |                                    |                         |                         |
| T Rowe Price Target Dates    | \$ 28,571,240                      | \$ 25,000,138                      | \$ -                    | Daily                   |
| Putnam Large Cap Value Trust |                                    |                                    |                         |                         |
| I Collective                 | 681,861                            | 399,214                            | -                       | Daily                   |
| Putnam Stable Value Fund     | 2,301,864                          | 2,537,622                          | -                       | Daily                   |
| PGIM Total Return Fund CIT   | 198,322                            | -                                  | -                       | Daily                   |

#### **Note 4 - Certified Information**

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplementary schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Empower Trust Company, LLC. (the trustee of the Plan).

#### **Note 5 - Tax Status**

The Plan uses a pre-approved plan document sponsored by Great-West Trust Company, LLC, which received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), dated June 30, 2020, which states that the prototype document satisfies the applicable provisions of the IRC. The Plan's management believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require 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 IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

#### **Note 6 - Related Party and Party-in-Interest Transactions**

As described in Note 2, the Plan paid certain expenses related to Plan operations and investment activity to various service providers. These transactions are exempt party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

**Note 7 - Risks and Uncertainties**

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

**Note 8 - Plan Amendments and Restatement**

Effective June 1, 2023, the Plan was amended to allow for terminated participants with a balance of less than \$5,000 to be automatically paid out by the Plan upon termination. Balances between \$1,000 and \$5,000 must be rolled into a qualified Individual Retirement Account.



Supplemental Information  
December 31, 2023

## Clearfield, Inc. 401(k) Plan & Trust

Clearfield, Inc. 401(k) Plan & Trust  
Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year  
December 31, 2023  
Plan: 001

EIN: 41-1347235

| (a) | (b)                                                      | (c)                                                                                                               | (d)  | (e)           |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------------|
| *   | Identity of Issue, Borrower,<br>Lessor, or Similar Party | Description of Investment,<br>Including Maturity Date,<br>Rate of Interest, Collateral,<br>Par, or Maturity Value | Cost | Current Value |
|     | American Funds Europacific Gr R6                         | Mutual fund                                                                                                       | N/A  | \$ 627,746    |
|     | Alger Capital Appreciation INSTL Y                       | Mutual fund                                                                                                       | N/A  | 373,484       |
|     | JPMorgan Equity Income R6                                | Mutual fund                                                                                                       | N/A  | 560,096       |
|     | Victory Sycamore Established Value R6                    | Mutual fund                                                                                                       | N/A  | 836,117       |
|     | Eaton Vance Atlanta Capital Smid-Cap R6                  | Mutual fund                                                                                                       | N/A  | 951,352       |
|     | MFS Massachusetts Investors Gr STK R6                    | Mutual fund                                                                                                       | N/A  | 1,034,302     |
|     | Vanguard 500 Index Admiral                               | Mutual fund                                                                                                       | N/A  | 1,981,417     |
|     | JPMorgan Emerging Markets Equity R6                      | Mutual fund                                                                                                       | N/A  | 102,661       |
|     | Hartford Balanced Income R6                              | Mutual fund                                                                                                       | N/A  | 101,359       |
|     | AB Small Cap Growth Z                                    | Mutual fund                                                                                                       | N/A  | 145,990       |
|     | Clearbridge International Growth IS                      | Mutual fund                                                                                                       | N/A  | 292,740       |
|     | PGIM Global Real Estate R6                               | Mutual fund                                                                                                       | N/A  | 87,301        |
|     | Columbia Small Cap Value Fund II INSTL 3                 | Mutual fund                                                                                                       | N/A  | 9,566         |
|     | American Funds American Balanced R6                      | Mutual fund                                                                                                       | N/A  | 514,281       |
|     | Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund - Admiral                    | Mutual fund                                                                                                       | N/A  | 319,627       |
|     | Vanguard Small Cap Index Adm                             | Mutual fund                                                                                                       | N/A  | 656,358       |
|     | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2015 Fee Cl 2                    | Common collective fund                                                                                            | N/A  | 967,971       |
|     | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2020 Fee Cl 2                    | Common collective fund                                                                                            | N/A  | 994,342       |
|     | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2025 Fee Cl 2                    | Common collective fund                                                                                            | N/A  | 4,396,493     |
|     | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2030 Fee Cl 2                    | Common collective fund                                                                                            | N/A  | 7,959,192     |
|     | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2035 Fee Cl 2                    | Common collective fund                                                                                            | N/A  | 5,819,345     |
|     | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2040 Fee Cl 2                    | Common collective fund                                                                                            | N/A  | 3,209,981     |
|     | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2045 Fee Cl 2                    | Common collective fund                                                                                            | N/A  | 1,737,899     |
|     | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2050 Fee Cl 2                    | Common collective fund                                                                                            | N/A  | 1,102,667     |
|     | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2055 Fee Cl 2                    | Common collective fund                                                                                            | N/A  | 921,857       |
|     | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2060 Fee Cl 2                    | Common collective fund                                                                                            | N/A  | 554,797       |
|     | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2065 Fee Cl 2                    | Common collective fund                                                                                            | N/A  | 779,807       |
|     | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2005 Fee Cl 2                    | Common collective fund                                                                                            | N/A  | 126,889       |
|     | PGIM Total Return Fund CIT Fee Class R                   | Common collective fund                                                                                            | N/A  | 198,322       |
|     | Putnam Large Cap Value Trust I Collective                | Common collective fund                                                                                            | N/A  | 681,861       |
|     | Putnam Stable Value Fund                                 | Common collective fund                                                                                            | N/A  | 2,301,864     |
| *   | Notes Receivable from Participants                       | Maturing 2024 - 2032,<br>at interest rates of 4.25% - 9.50%                                                       | \$ - | 551,185       |
|     |                                                          |                                                                                                                   |      | \$ 40,898,869 |

\* Party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.  
N/A - Not applicable for participant-directed plan.

**SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)**

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| INVESTMENT OPTION | MATURITY DATE | INTEREST RATE | COST OF ASSETS       | CURRENT VALUE        |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1TR05C2           |               |               | 125,722.98           | 126,889.48           |
| 1TR15C2           |               |               | 854,756.77           | 967,971.20           |
| 1TR20C2           |               |               | 876,211.81           | 994,342.32           |
| 1TR30C2           |               |               | 6,827,580.97         | 7,959,192.00         |
| 1TR40C2           |               |               | 2,668,035.45         | 3,209,981.20         |
| 1TR50C2           |               |               | 913,173.93           | 1,102,667.25         |
| 1TR60C2           |               |               | 465,163.64           | 554,796.75           |
| 1TR25C2           |               |               | 3,838,354.79         | 4,396,493.28         |
| 1TR35C2           |               |               | 4,914,092.86         | 5,819,345.13         |
| 1TR45C2           |               |               | 1,433,836.80         | 1,737,899.36         |
| 1TR55C2           |               |               | 764,285.52           | 921,856.91           |
| 1TR65C2           |               |               | 663,141.10           | 779,806.70           |
| 1RERGX            |               |               | 570,738.07           | 627,746.23           |
| 1LMGPX            |               |               | 278,873.28           | 292,740.09           |
| 1JEMWX            |               |               | 98,744.98            | 102,660.77           |
| 1PGRQX            |               |               | 82,132.81            | 87,301.35            |
| 1QUAZX            |               |               | 130,848.19           | 145,990.16           |
| 1CRRYX            |               |               | 9,113.75             | 9,566.25             |
| 1VSMAX            |               |               | 580,469.54           | 656,358.38           |
| 1ERASX            |               |               | 907,714.62           | 951,351.76           |
| 1VIMAX            |               |               | 292,173.55           | 319,627.46           |
| 1VEVRX            |               |               | 836,102.08           | 836,116.92           |
| 1ACAYX            |               |               | 342,316.76           | 373,482.58           |
| 1OIEJX            |               |               | 541,717.24           | 560,095.76           |
| 1MIGNX            |               |               | 936,985.37           | 1,034,302.24         |
| 1PLCVTI           |               |               | 603,312.26           | 681,860.82           |
| 1VFIAx            |               |               | 1,768,542.23         | 1,981,417.38         |
| 1RLBGX            |               |               | 473,736.99           | 514,281.16           |
| 1HBLVX            |               |               | 98,385.34            | 101,358.98           |
| 1PTRBF1           |               |               | 189,380.46           | 198,322.12           |
| 1PCSV25           |               |               | 2,238,180.75         | 2,238,180.75         |
|                   |               |               | <b>35,323,824.89</b> | <b>40,284,002.74</b> |
| PARTICIPANT LOANS | VARIOUS       | 4.250-9.500   | 551,693.39           | 551,185.37           |
| FORFEITURES       |               |               | 63,681.74            | 63,681.74            |

**SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)**

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| INVESTMENT OPTION | MATURITY DATE | INTEREST RATE | COST OF ASSETS | CURRENT VALUE |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|

## LEGEND

## INVESTMENT OPTION:

|         |                                       |         |                                          |
|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------|
| 1TR05C2 | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2005 Fee Cl 2 | 1TR15C2 | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2015 Fee Cl 2    |
| 1TR20C2 | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2020 Fee Cl 2 | 1TR30C2 | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2030 Fee Cl 2    |
| 1TR40C2 | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2040 Fee Cl 2 | 1TR50C2 | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2050 Fee Cl 2    |
| 1TR60C2 | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2060 Fee Cl 2 | 1TR25C2 | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2025 Fee Cl 2    |
| 1TR35C2 | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2035 Fee Cl 2 | 1TR45C2 | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2045 Fee Cl 2    |
| 1TR55C2 | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2055 Fee Cl 2 | 1TR65C2 | T Rowe Pr Ret Bl Sel Tr 2065 Fee Cl 2    |
| 1RERGX  | American Funds EuroPacific Gr R6      | 1LMGPX  | ClearBridge International Growth IS      |
| 1JEMWX  | JPMorgan Emerging Markets Equity R6   | 1PGRQX  | PGIM Global Real Estate R6               |
| 1QUAZX  | AB Small Cap Growth Z                 | 1CRRYX  | Columbia Small Cap Value Fund II Instl 3 |
| 1VSMAX  | Vanguard Small Cap Index Adm          | 1ERASX  | Eaton Vance Atlanta Capital SMID-Cap R6  |
| 1VIMAX  | Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund - Admiral | 1VEVRX  | Victory Sycamore Established Value R6    |
| 1ACAYX  | Alger Capital Appreciation Instl Y    | 1OIEJX  | JPMorgan Equity Income R6                |
| 1MIGNX  | MFS Massachusetts Investors Gr Stk R6 | 1PLCVTI | Putnam Large Cap Value Trust I           |
| 1VFIAX  | Vanguard 500 Index Admiral            | 1RLBGX  | American Funds American Balanced R6      |
| 1HBLVX  | Hartford Balanced Income R6           | 1PTRBF1 | PGIM Total Return Fund CIT Fee Class R   |
| 1PCSV25 | Putnam Stable Value Fund              |         |                                          |

COST OF ASSETS: The original cost of the assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year

CURRENT VALUE: The value of all assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year