

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
B	This return/report is: ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☒ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan APPLIED RESEARCH SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
1c	Effective date of plan 08/01/2012
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) APPLIED RESEARCH SOLUTIONS, INC. LAWRENCE H. O'NEILL RESEARCH CENTER 156 WILLIAM ST. 9TH FLOOR NEWYORK, NY 10038 LAWRENCE H. O'NEILL RESEARCH CENTER 2900 CRYSTAL DRIVE ARLINGTON, VA 22202
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 13-3242455
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 212-502-1798
2d	Business code (see instructions) 541990

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/13/2024	KATHIE POWERS
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor		3b Administrator's EIN
		3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name		4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5 644
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year		6a(1) 576
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2) 664
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits		6b 0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....		6c 90
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d 754
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e 2
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f 756
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....		6g 553
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....		6h 0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)		7
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2J 2F 2G 2K 3D 2S 2T		
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:		
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)		
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☒ 1 A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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A Name of plan APPLIED RESEARCH SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 APPLIED RESEARCH SOLUTIONS, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 13-3242455	

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

(a) Name of insurance carrier MASSMUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.
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(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
04-1590850	65935	899034	161	09/10/2022	12/31/2022

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end.....	4	
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	4178647

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount..... Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity
(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT

b Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 1516516

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	5846015	
(2) Dividends and credits.....	7c(2)	0	
(3) Interest credited during the year.....	7c(3)	71856	
(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(4)	1014971	
(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	1722562	

▶ LN INT, LN PRIN, LN DEEFAULT, ROLLOVER

(6) Total additions..... **7c(6)** 8655404

d Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)..... **7d** 10171920

e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	108747	
(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2)	-1498	
(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3)	6920672	
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	20296	

▶ LN DISTRIB

(5) Total deductions..... **7e(5)** 7048217

f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)..... **7f** 3123703

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2022
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 APPLIED RESEARCH SOLUTIONS, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 13-3242455	

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).

(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)

EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY O

84-0467907

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 37 50 64	NONE	11816	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022
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Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD SMALL CAP INDEX ADM		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD		
c EIN-PN 90-0779283-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 570566
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MASSMUTUAL US GOVT MNY MKT R5		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MASSMUTUAL		
c EIN-PN 04-1590850-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 99487
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD 500 INDEX ADMIRAL		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD		
c EIN-PN 90-0779283-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2524107
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD MID CAP INDEX ADMIRAL		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD		
c EIN-PN 90-0779283-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 624654
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD REAL ESTATE INDEX ADMIRAL		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD		
c EIN-PN 90-0779283-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 341643
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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

Part II **Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)**

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

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

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2022</u> and ending <u>12/31/2022</u>		
A Name of plan <u>APPLIED RESEARCH SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(K) PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	<u>003</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>APPLIED RESEARCH SOLUTIONS, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>13-3242455</u>	

Part I Asset and Liability Statement			
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.			
Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions.....	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other.....	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common.....	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants).....	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans.....	1c(8)	208947	214813
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	4178647
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	1c(13)	19764814	18186147
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	1516516	3123702
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	21490277	25703309

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	21490277	25703309
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Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	3080908	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	5242748	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	1659463	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		9983119
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	8164	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	27290	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		35454
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	687382	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		687382
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		-178908
(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)		-4217539
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		6309508
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	2053420	
(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)		2053420
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	11704	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	31352	
(4) Other	2i(4)	0	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		43056
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		2096476
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		4213032
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

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: SWINDON SPRINGER & CO., INC.

(2) EIN: 31-1339842

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	

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

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022		
A Name of plan APPLIED RESEARCH SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(K) PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 APPLIED RESEARCH SOLUTIONS, INC.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 13-3242455
Part I	Distributions	
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.		
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....		1 0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 84-1455663 04-1590850		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....		3
Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)	
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived).....		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
Part III	Amendments	
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box..... ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No		
Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.	
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2022 v. 220413		

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14	Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:		
	a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....	14a	
	b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b	
	c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14c	
15	Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
	a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....	15a	
	b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....	15b	
16	Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:		
	a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
	b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....	16b	
17	If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐		

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18	If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐
19	If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c) a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____% b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt: ☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)? ☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____
20	PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20. a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box: ☐ Yes. ☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date. ☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date. ☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Applied Research Solutions, Inc. 401(k) Plan Trustees:

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

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Applied Research Solutions, Inc. 401(k) 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 statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and for the year ended December 31, 2022, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note D 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 financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our 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 Applied Research Solutions, Inc. 401(k) 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 the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Applied Research Solutions, Inc. 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Applied Research Solutions, Inc. 401(k) 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 Applied Research Solutions, Inc. 401(k) 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.

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets held for investment purposes as of December 31, 2022 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental 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 their form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion

- the 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 Department of Labor'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).

Swindon, Springer & Co.

SWINDON, SPRINGER & COMPANY, INC., CPAs
Tipp City, Ohio
October 10, 2023

APPLIED RESEARCH SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
ASSETS:		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 22,364,794	\$ 19,764,816
Fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, at contract value	3,123,702	1,516,516
Notes receivable from participants	<u>214,813</u>	<u>208,947</u>
Total assets	25,703,309	21,490,279
 NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	 <u>\$ 25,703,309</u>	 <u>\$ 21,490,279</u>

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

APPLIED RESEARCH SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS:

Investment income:

Interest and dividends	\$ 803,742
Net investment income	<u>803,742</u>

Interest income from notes receivable from participants	8,175
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Contributions:

Employer	3,080,908
Participants	5,242,748
Rollover	<u>1,659,463</u>
Total contributions	<u>9,983,119</u>

Total additions	10,795,036
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DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS:

Benefits paid to participants	2,053,431
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	4,485,517
Administration expenses	<u>43,058</u>
Total deductions	<u>6,582,006</u>

Net increase in net assets available for benefits	4,213,030
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:

Beginning of year	<u>21,490,279</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 25,703,309</u>

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

APPLIED RESEARCH SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Applied Research Solutions, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Summary Plan Description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General - The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of Applied Research Solutions, Inc. (the Company, Employer or Plan Sponsor). The Plan administrator controls and manages the operation and administration of the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions - Participants may elect to contribute between 1% and 100% of their eligible annual compensation, subject to limitations imposed by the Internal Revenue Code. Employees who are eligible to participate in the Plan are automatically enrolled with a 5% before-tax contribution. The Plan allows participants to designate all or a portion of their elective deferrals as Roth contributions. The Company makes safe-harbor matching contributions in the amount of 100% of each participant's pre-tax and Roth elective deferral that does not exceed 5% of compensation for the plan year, as defined by the Plan. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. For participants whose employment commencement date was prior to May 1, 2012, the Company makes Employer contributions based on eligible compensation and years of service:

- For eligible participants with years of service between 0 and 9, the Company makes a 5% contribution.
- For eligible participants with years of service between 10 and 19, the Company makes a 7.5% contribution.
- For eligible participants with years of service 20 and above, the Company makes a 10% contribution.

Participant Accounts - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, the Company's contributions, and Plan earnings. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's account.

Vesting - Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions, employer contributions and safe-harbor matching contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

Payment of Benefits - On termination of service for death, disability, retirement or other reasons, a participant will receive a lump sum distribution of their vested balance as provided by Plan policy.

Notes Receivable from Participants - Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000, up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$10,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Note terms range up to 5 years, unless a note is for the purpose of buying a primary residence in which case the note term may be up to 10 years. The notes are collateralized by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest equal to 1% above the prime rate at the loan's inception. Outstanding loans as of December 31, 2022 had interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 8.00%.

Direction of Investments - The Plan provides for participant-directed investment programs for all funds contributed by the participants and by the Company. Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct contributions in a variety of investment options. Investment elections may be changed daily.

APPLIED RESEARCH SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Forfeitures - At December 31, 2022 and 2021, the forfeited, non-vested accounts totaled \$32,723 and \$6,625, respectively. These accounts originated primarily from Company contributions and earnings thereon forfeited by employees who terminate their employment before becoming fully vested. These amounts are used to reduce administration expenses or future Company contributions.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting - The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"). The Accounting Standards Codification as produced by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") is the sole source of authoritative U.S. GAAP.

Notes Receivable from Participants - Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus accrued but unpaid interest as of December 31, 2022. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2022 and 2021. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2022 or 2021. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator deems the participant loan to be a distribution, the participant loan balance is reduced and a withdrawal is recorded.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the Plan's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition - The Plan's investments are reported at fair value, except for certain investment contracts, which are stated at contract value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

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

Investment Contracts - The Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (Empower) general investment account investment option for defined contribution plans is a Guaranteed Interest Account (GIA) provided through a group annuity contract. Under the terms of the group annuity contract, a crediting rate is established for amounts invested in the GIA and participants may direct permitted withdrawal and/or transfer transactions of all or a portion of their account balance at contract value.

The average interest rate credited to participants is calculated by dividing the annual interest credited to the participants during the plan year by the average annual fair value. The interest rate credited to participants during the year ended December 31, 2022 was 3.00%.

APPLIED RESEARCH SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN
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DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Since the group annuity contract is fully benefit responsive, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to the group annuity contract. The group annuity contract is presented on the face of the statements of net assets available for benefits at contract value. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

Certain events may limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value. Such events include but may not be limited to a participant termination of employment due to: (1) removal of a group of participants from Plan coverage as a result of temporary absence; (2) change in position or other occurrence qualifying as a temporary break in service under the Plan; (3) transfer or other change of position resulting in employment by an entity controlling, controlled by, or under other common control with the employer; or (4) cessation of an employment relationship resulting from a reorganization, merger, layoff or the sale or discontinuance of all or any part of the Plan Sponsor's business. Such events also include: (1) removal from the Plan of one or more groups or classifications of participants; (2) partial or complete Plan termination; or (3) Plan disqualification.

Payment of Benefits - Benefits are recorded when paid. All persons who elected to withdraw from the Plan had withdrawn their balances as of December 31, 2022.

Plan Expenses - A portion of the Plan's administrative expenses are paid by the Company. Investment management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments in the various funds are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are reflected as a component of net appreciation (depreciation) in fair values of investments.

NOTE C - 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 receive 100 percent of the balance in their accounts. The assets of the Plan will be distributed to the participants after payment of any expenses associated with the Plan are paid.

NOTE D - CERTIFIED INVESTMENTS

Certain information related to investments disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments held at December 31, 2022 and 2021, and net appreciation in fair value of investments and interest and dividends income for the year ended December 31, 2022, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Empower Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan as of December 31, 2022 and Reliance Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan as of December 31, 2021.

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NOTE E - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Plan follows authoritative guidance that establishes 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 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy 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; 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 methodology used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Mutual funds: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

Separate Investment Accounts: Valued, as a practical expedient, at the net asset value ("NAV") of the units held by the Plan at year end. The NAV is based on the market value of the underlying investments held by each fund. The NAV is not a publicly-quoted price in an active market.

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

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2022:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 18,186,147	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,186,147
Investments measured at NAV (a)				4,178,647
Total investments at fair value				\$ 22,364,794

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NOTE E - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2021:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	<u>\$ 16,005,635</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,005,635</u>
Investments measured at NAV (a)				<u>3,759,181</u>
Total investments at fair value				<u>\$ 19,764,816</u>

(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 these tables 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 Plan's investments in Separate Investment Accounts (SIA) are funds sponsored by Empower whose underlying investment is a single mutual fund. The SIA funds are not considered Pooled Separate Accounts because at least two unrelated entities do not invest in them. Empower does not file as a form 5500 as a Direct Filing Entity (DFE) on behalf of these SIA funds.

The SIA funds offered by the Plan and the significant investment strategies of each fund are:

U.S. Government Money Market Fund – this fund seeks the highest level of return consistent with preservation of capital and substantial credit protection by investing in securities that have been issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities.

Vanguard 500 Index Fund – this fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, a widely recognized benchmark of U.S. stock market performance that is dominated by the stocks of large U.S. companies.

Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund – this fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the CRSP US Mid Cap Index, a broadly diversified index of stocks of mid-size U.S. companies.

Vanguard Real Estate Index Fund – this fund seeks to provide a high level of income and moderate long-term capital appreciation by tracking the performance of the MSCI US Investable Market Real Estate 25/50 Index that measures the performance of publicly traded equity REITs and other real estate-related investments.

Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund – this fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the CRSP US Small Cap Index, a broadly diversified index of stocks of small U.S. companies.

NOTE F - PARTY IN INTEREST TRANSACTIONS AND ADMINISTRATION FEES

Certain Plan investments are sponsored by Empower, the Plan's recordkeeper, which qualifies as a party-in-interest.

The Plan's administrative fees result from services rendered by parties-in-interest.

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

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NOTE G - TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated March 31, 2014, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) for use by employers for the benefit of their employees. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, there are no uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE H - 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. 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 I - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were evaluated through October 10, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

APPLIED RESEARCH SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN
 EIN: 13-3242455 PLAN #003
 FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H PART IV 4i
 SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES
 DECEMBER 31, 2022

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(e) Current Value
	Guaranteed Investment Contract:		
*	Empower	Guaranteed Interest Fund	\$ 3,123,702
	Mutual Funds:		
	Vanguard	Equity-Income Fund	634,423
	Vanguard	Developed Markets Index Fund	246,095
	Dimensional Financial Advisors	Emerging Markets Fund	124,163
	Calvert	US Large Cap Core Responsible Index Fund	752,736
	American Funds	New Perspective Fund	350,926
	Janus	Henderson Enterprise Fund	381,871
	Vanguard	Inflation-Protected Securities Fund	254,478
	AB Funds	Global Bond Fund	69,391
	American Funds	EuroPacific Growth Fund	138,805
	American Funds	Balanced Fund	139,331
	Metropolitan West Asset Management	Total Return Bond Fund	308,188
	Vanguard	Explorer Fund	232,666
	Vanguard	LifeStrategy Conservative Growth Fund	133,968
	MFS	Mid Cap Value Fund	103,244
	Franklin	Small Cap Value Fund	184,431
	Vanguard	US Growth Fund	671,378
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2020 Fund	858,972
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2025 Fund	1,830,786
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2030 Fund	3,021,156
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2035 Fund	1,981,431
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2040 Fund	1,697,150
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2045 Fund	1,746,401
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2050 Fund	856,269
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2055 Fund	709,044
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2060 Fund	503,981
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2065 Fund	106,222
	Vanguard	Target Retirement Income Fund	148,641
			<u>18,186,147</u>
	Separate Investment Account		
*	Empower	U.S. Government Money Market Fund	117,677
*	Empower	Vanguard 500 Index Fund	2,524,107
*	Empower	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund	624,654
*	Empower	Vanguard Real Estate Index Fund	341,643
*	Empower	Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund	570,566
			<u>4,178,647</u>

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 EIN: 13-3242455 PLAN #003
 FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H PART IV 4i
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(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(e) Current Value
*	Participant Loans	Maturing at various dates through 2027 with interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 8.00%	<u>214,813</u>

Total \$ 25,703,309

* Party in interest
 Column (d) has been omitted because it is not applicable.

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Applied Research Solutions, Inc. 401(k) Plan Trustees:

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

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Applied Research Solutions, Inc. 401(k) 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 statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and for the year ended December 31, 2022, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note D 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 financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our 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 Applied Research Solutions, Inc. 401(k) 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 the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Applied Research Solutions, Inc. 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Applied Research Solutions, Inc. 401(k) 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 Applied Research Solutions, Inc. 401(k) 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.

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets held for investment purposes as of December 31, 2022 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental 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 their form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion

- the 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 Department of Labor'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).

Swindon, Springer & Co.

SWINDON, SPRINGER & COMPANY, INC., CPAs
Tipp City, Ohio
October 10, 2023

APPLIED RESEARCH SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
ASSETS:		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 22,364,794	\$ 19,764,816
Fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, at contract value	3,123,702	1,516,516
Notes receivable from participants	<u>214,813</u>	<u>208,947</u>
Total assets	25,703,309	21,490,279
 NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	 <u>\$ 25,703,309</u>	 <u>\$ 21,490,279</u>

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

APPLIED RESEARCH SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS:

Investment income:

Interest and dividends	\$ 803,742
Net investment income	<u>803,742</u>

Interest income from notes receivable from participants	8,175
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Contributions:

Employer	3,080,908
Participants	5,242,748
Rollover	<u>1,659,463</u>
Total contributions	<u>9,983,119</u>

Total additions	10,795,036
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DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS:

Benefits paid to participants	2,053,431
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	4,485,517
Administration expenses	<u>43,058</u>
Total deductions	<u>6,582,006</u>

Net increase in net assets available for benefits	4,213,030
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:

Beginning of year	<u>21,490,279</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 25,703,309</u>

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

APPLIED RESEARCH SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Applied Research Solutions, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Summary Plan Description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General - The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of Applied Research Solutions, Inc. (the Company, Employer or Plan Sponsor). The Plan administrator controls and manages the operation and administration of the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions - Participants may elect to contribute between 1% and 100% of their eligible annual compensation, subject to limitations imposed by the Internal Revenue Code. Employees who are eligible to participate in the Plan are automatically enrolled with a 5% before-tax contribution. The Plan allows participants to designate all or a portion of their elective deferrals as Roth contributions. The Company makes safe-harbor matching contributions in the amount of 100% of each participant's pre-tax and Roth elective deferral that does not exceed 5% of compensation for the plan year, as defined by the Plan. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. For participants whose employment commencement date was prior to May 1, 2012, the Company makes Employer contributions based on eligible compensation and years of service:

- For eligible participants with years of service between 0 and 9, the Company makes a 5% contribution.
- For eligible participants with years of service between 10 and 19, the Company makes a 7.5% contribution.
- For eligible participants with years of service 20 and above, the Company makes a 10% contribution.

Participant Accounts - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, the Company's contributions, and Plan earnings. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's account.

Vesting - Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions, employer contributions and safe-harbor matching contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

Payment of Benefits - On termination of service for death, disability, retirement or other reasons, a participant will receive a lump sum distribution of their vested balance as provided by Plan policy.

Notes Receivable from Participants - Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000, up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$10,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Note terms range up to 5 years, unless a note is for the purpose of buying a primary residence in which case the note term may be up to 10 years. The notes are collateralized by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest equal to 1% above the prime rate at the loan's inception. Outstanding loans as of December 31, 2022 had interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 8.00%.

Direction of Investments - The Plan provides for participant-directed investment programs for all funds contributed by the participants and by the Company. Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct contributions in a variety of investment options. Investment elections may be changed daily.

APPLIED RESEARCH SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Forfeitures - At December 31, 2022 and 2021, the forfeited, non-vested accounts totaled \$32,723 and \$6,625, respectively. These accounts originated primarily from Company contributions and earnings thereon forfeited by employees who terminate their employment before becoming fully vested. These amounts are used to reduce administration expenses or future Company contributions.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting - The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"). The Accounting Standards Codification as produced by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") is the sole source of authoritative U.S. GAAP.

Notes Receivable from Participants - Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus accrued but unpaid interest as of December 31, 2022. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2022 and 2021. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2022 or 2021. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator deems the participant loan to be a distribution, the participant loan balance is reduced and a withdrawal is recorded.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the Plan's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition - The Plan's investments are reported at fair value, except for certain investment contracts, which are stated at contract value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

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

Investment Contracts - The Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (Empower) general investment account investment option for defined contribution plans is a Guaranteed Interest Account (GIA) provided through a group annuity contract. Under the terms of the group annuity contract, a crediting rate is established for amounts invested in the GIA and participants may direct permitted withdrawal and/or transfer transactions of all or a portion of their account balance at contract value.

The average interest rate credited to participants is calculated by dividing the annual interest credited to the participants during the plan year by the average annual fair value. The interest rate credited to participants during the year ended December 31, 2022 was 3.00%.

APPLIED RESEARCH SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Since the group annuity contract is fully benefit responsive, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to the group annuity contract. The group annuity contract is presented on the face of the statements of net assets available for benefits at contract value. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

Certain events may limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value. Such events include but may not be limited to a participant termination of employment due to: (1) removal of a group of participants from Plan coverage as a result of temporary absence; (2) change in position or other occurrence qualifying as a temporary break in service under the Plan; (3) transfer or other change of position resulting in employment by an entity controlling, controlled by, or under other common control with the employer; or (4) cessation of an employment relationship resulting from a reorganization, merger, layoff or the sale or discontinuance of all or any part of the Plan Sponsor's business. Such events also include: (1) removal from the Plan of one or more groups or classifications of participants; (2) partial or complete Plan termination; or (3) Plan disqualification.

Payment of Benefits - Benefits are recorded when paid. All persons who elected to withdraw from the Plan had withdrawn their balances as of December 31, 2022.

Plan Expenses - A portion of the Plan's administrative expenses are paid by the Company. Investment management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments in the various funds are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are reflected as a component of net appreciation (depreciation) in fair values of investments.

NOTE C - 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 receive 100 percent of the balance in their accounts. The assets of the Plan will be distributed to the participants after payment of any expenses associated with the Plan are paid.

NOTE D - CERTIFIED INVESTMENTS

Certain information related to investments disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments held at December 31, 2022 and 2021, and net appreciation in fair value of investments and interest and dividends income for the year ended December 31, 2022, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Empower Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan as of December 31, 2022 and Reliance Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan as of December 31, 2021.

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NOTE E - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Plan follows authoritative guidance that establishes 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 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy 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; 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 methodology used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Mutual funds: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

Separate Investment Accounts: Valued, as a practical expedient, at the net asset value ("NAV") of the units held by the Plan at year end. The NAV is based on the market value of the underlying investments held by each fund. The NAV is not a publicly-quoted price in an active market.

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

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2022:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 18,186,147	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,186,147
Investments measured at NAV (a)				4,178,647
Total investments at fair value				\$ 22,364,794

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NOTE E - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2021:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	<u>\$ 16,005,635</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 16,005,635
Investments measured at NAV (a)				<u>3,759,181</u>
Total investments at fair value				<u>\$ 19,764,816</u>

(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 these tables 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 Plan's investments in Separate Investment Accounts (SIA) are funds sponsored by Empower whose underlying investment is a single mutual fund. The SIA funds are not considered Pooled Separate Accounts because at least two unrelated entities do not invest in them. Empower does not file as a form 5500 as a Direct Filing Entity (DFE) on behalf of these SIA funds.

The SIA funds offered by the Plan and the significant investment strategies of each fund are:

U.S. Government Money Market Fund – this fund seeks the highest level of return consistent with preservation of capital and substantial credit protection by investing in securities that have been issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities.

Vanguard 500 Index Fund – this fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, a widely recognized benchmark of U.S. stock market performance that is dominated by the stocks of large U.S. companies.

Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund – this fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the CRSP US Mid Cap Index, a broadly diversified index of stocks of mid-size U.S. companies.

Vanguard Real Estate Index Fund – this fund seeks to provide a high level of income and moderate long-term capital appreciation by tracking the performance of the MSCI US Investable Market Real Estate 25/50 Index that measures the performance of publicly traded equity REITs and other real estate-related investments.

Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund – this fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the CRSP US Small Cap Index, a broadly diversified index of stocks of small U.S. companies.

NOTE F - PARTY IN INTEREST TRANSACTIONS AND ADMINISTRATION FEES

Certain Plan investments are sponsored by Empower, the Plan's recordkeeper, which qualifies as a party-in-interest.

The Plan's administrative fees result from services rendered by parties-in-interest.

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

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NOTE G - TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated March 31, 2014, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) for use by employers for the benefit of their employees. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, there are no uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE H - 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. 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 I - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were evaluated through October 10, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

APPLIED RESEARCH SOLUTIONS, INC. 401(k) PLAN
 EIN: 13-3242455 PLAN #003
 FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H PART IV 4i
 SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES
 DECEMBER 31, 2022

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(e) Current Value
	Guaranteed Investment Contract:		
*	Empower	Guaranteed Interest Fund	\$ 3,123,702
	Mutual Funds:		
	Vanguard	Equity-Income Fund	634,423
	Vanguard	Developed Markets Index Fund	246,095
	Dimensional Financial Advisors	Emerging Markets Fund	124,163
	Calvert	US Large Cap Core Responsible Index Fund	752,736
	American Funds	New Perspective Fund	350,926
	Janus	Henderson Enterprise Fund	381,871
	Vanguard	Inflation-Protected Securities Fund	254,478
	AB Funds	Global Bond Fund	69,391
	American Funds	EuroPacific Growth Fund	138,805
	American Funds	Balanced Fund	139,331
	Metropolitan West Asset Management	Total Return Bond Fund	308,188
	Vanguard	Explorer Fund	232,666
	Vanguard	LifeStrategy Conservative Growth Fund	133,968
	MFS	Mid Cap Value Fund	103,244
	Franklin	Small Cap Value Fund	184,431
	Vanguard	US Growth Fund	671,378
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2020 Fund	858,972
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2025 Fund	1,830,786
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2030 Fund	3,021,156
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2035 Fund	1,981,431
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2040 Fund	1,697,150
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2045 Fund	1,746,401
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2050 Fund	856,269
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2055 Fund	709,044
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2060 Fund	503,981
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2065 Fund	106,222
	Vanguard	Target Retirement Income Fund	148,641
			<u>18,186,147</u>
	Separate Investment Account		
*	Empower	U.S. Government Money Market Fund	117,677
*	Empower	Vanguard 500 Index Fund	2,524,107
*	Empower	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund	624,654
*	Empower	Vanguard Real Estate Index Fund	341,643
*	Empower	Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund	570,566
			<u>4,178,647</u>

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 EIN: 13-3242455 PLAN #003
 FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H PART IV 4i
 SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES
 DECEMBER 31, 2022

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(e) Current Value
*	Participant Loans	Maturing at various dates through 2027 with interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 8.00%	<u>214,813</u>

Total \$ 25,703,309

* Party in interest
 Column (d) has been omitted because it is not applicable.