

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ 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 THE EDUCATIONAL & INSTITUTIONAL CO-OP SERVICES, INC. SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/1986
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) THE EDUCATIONAL & INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATIVE SERVICES, INC. 2 JERICHO PLAZA, SUITE 309 JERICHO, NY 11753-1681
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 11-1694595
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 631-273-7900
2d	Business code (see instructions) 611000

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/08/2024	JOHN ORLANDO
	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	5 134
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 104 6a(2) 103 6b 2 6c 39 6d 144 6e 0 6f 144 6g(1) 133 6g(2) 143 6h 3
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:

2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 3D

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1) ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE EDUCATIONAL & INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATIVE SERVICES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 11-1694595	

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
LINCOLN LIFE & ANNUITY COMPANY OF NEW YORK

(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
16-1505436	60139	894622 087	16	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

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

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

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

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(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	

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 ▶

b Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	1562446
c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	75545
(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)	
(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	28637
(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(4)	
(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	288517
▶ OTHER INCOME		
(6) Total additions	7c(6)	392699
d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	1955145
e Deductions:		
(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	610356
(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	34
(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3)	
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	212334
▶ OTHER EXPENSES		
(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	822724
f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	1132421

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

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

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

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Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. ☒ 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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04-2647786

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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)

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(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?
37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	1938	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
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
AB LG CAP GRTH I - ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN 18, RUE EUGNE RUPPERT LUXEMBOURG, LU L-245 LU	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
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ABF INTL EQUITY R5 - SS&C GIDS, INC 2000 CROWN COLONY DRIVE QUINCY, MA 02169	0.04%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
BNYM GLB FX INC I - BNY MELLON TRADING DREYFUS TRANSFER INC 200 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10166	0.15%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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BNYM NAT RES I - BNY MELLON TRANSF DREYFUS TRANSFER INC 200 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10166	0.25%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
MFS MID CAP GRTH R4 - MFS SERVICE 04-2865649	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
PIF EQUITY INC INST - PRINCIPAL SH 711 HIGH STREET DES MOINES, IA 50392	0.10%	

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ROYCE INTL PRM INV - SS&C GIDS, IN 2000 CROWN COLONY DRIVE QUINCY, MA 02169	0.20%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
VRTS DP GLB RE SEC I - VIRTUS FUND 4400 COMPUTER DRIVE WESTBOROUGH, MA 01581	0.25%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE EDUCATIONAL & INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATIVE SERVICES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 11-1694595	

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	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)	233221	239743
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(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)	25863752	31547038
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	1562448	1132425
(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	27659421	32919206
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	2	4
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	2	4
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	27659419	32919202

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)	1289450	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1642132	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	0	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		2931582
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)	13849	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	28654	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		42503
(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)	801451	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		801451
(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)		
(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)		

		(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)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		3837289
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		7612825

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	2351104	
(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)		2351104
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) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	1938	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	0	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		1938
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		2353042

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		5259783
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: **COHNREZNICK LLP**

(2) EIN: **22-1478099**

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	☒	☐	1396746
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒	☐	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?	☐	☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒	☐	
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	☐	☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	☐	☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	☐	☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	☐	☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	☐	☒	

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

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

1	Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	
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): 04-6568107	
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	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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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
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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
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10	Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11	a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
	b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12	Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐	
19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):	
a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%	
b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: ☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more	
20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.	
a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:	
☐ Yes.	
☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.	
☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.	
☐ No. Other. Provide explanation: _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).	
☐ Design-based safe harbor method	
☐ "Prior year" ADP test	
☒ "Current year" ADP test	
☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702438A</u> .	

**Educational & Institutional Co-Op Services, Inc.
Savings and Investment Plan**

**Financial Statements
(With Supplementary Information)
and Independent Auditor's Report**

December 31, 2023

Educational & Institutional Co-Op Services, Inc. Savings and Investment Plan

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator
Educational & Institutional Co-Op Services, Inc. Savings and Investment Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Educational & Institutional Co-Op Services, Inc. Savings and Investment Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C)"). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's 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 certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Other Matter

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (Schedule H, Line 4i) and Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions (Schedule H, Line 4a) as of or for the year ended December 31, 2023 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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

CohnReznick LLP

Melville, New York
October 7, 2024

Educational & Institutional Co-Op Services, Inc. Savings and Investment Plan

**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2023 and 2022**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 31,547,038	\$ 25,863,752
Investments, at contract value	<u>1,132,421</u>	<u>1,562,447</u>
Total investments	32,679,459	27,426,199
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	<u>239,743</u>	<u>233,221</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 32,919,202</u>	<u>\$ 27,659,420</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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**Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Additions	
Investment income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 3,837,289
Interest and dividends	<u>830,104</u>
Total investment Income	<u>4,667,393</u>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>13,849</u>
Contributions	
Employer	1,289,450
Participants	<u>1,642,132</u>
Total contributions	<u>2,931,582</u>
Total additions	<u>7,612,824</u>
Deductions	
Benefits paid to participants	2,351,104
Administrative expenses	<u>1,938</u>
Total deductions	<u>2,353,042</u>
Increase in net assets	5,259,782
Net assets available for benefits	
Beginning of year	<u>27,659,420</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 32,919,202</u></u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Educational & Institutional Co-Op Services, Inc. Savings and Investment Plan

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2023

Note 1 - Description of Plan

The following brief description of Educational & Institutional Co-Op Services, Inc. Savings and Investment Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all full-time employees of Educational & Institutional Cooperative Services, Inc. (the "Cooperative") who have reached the age of 18 or older and who have completed three months of service as of December 31, 2023. Leased and temporary employees, nonresident aliens, employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement and residents of Puerto Rico are excluded from participating in the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). The Fiduciary Committee is responsible for oversight of the Plan. The Investment Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance and reports to the Plan's Fiduciary Committee.

Contributions

Each year, participants may make salary deferral contributions to the Plan up to 100% of their pre-tax compensation, as defined by the Plan. Participants may also designate all or a portion of their contributions as Roth deferral contributions. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants' contributions to the Plan are subject to Internal Revenue Code (the "IRC") limitations, which was \$22,500 (\$30,000 for eligible employees 50 or older) for 2023. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all employees with no affirmative deferral election are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate. Automatically enrolled participants have their pre-tax deferral rate set at 6% of eligible compensation and their contributions invested in a designated balanced fund until changed by the participant.

The Cooperative, at its discretion, can match employee contributions up to a maximum of 3% of employee compensation. However, the Cooperative elected not to make any discretionary matching contributions to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2023.

The Cooperative may also make discretionary nonelective contributions to the Plan. The Cooperative will decide each year whether to make a discretionary nonelective employer contribution on behalf of eligible participants. To receive an allocation of the nonelective contribution, the participant must be an active participant in the Plan. The Cooperative elected to make discretionary nonelective contributions of 7.5% of compensation, or \$1,289,450, which was allocated to all participating employees in the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2023. Participants direct the investment of all contributions. The Plan currently offers a variety of mutual funds and a guaranteed investment contract as investment options for participants. All contributions are subject to the IRC limitations.

Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, any discretionary Cooperative matching contributions, allocations of the Cooperative's discretionary nonelective contributions and Plan earnings. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants and other participant-initiated transactions are charged to the respective participant accounts. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant

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transactions, as defined by the Plan. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Cooperative's contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after five years of credited service.

Notes receivable from participants

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

Forfeited accounts

Forfeitures may be used to reduce employer contributions and pay Plan expenses. There were no unallocated forfeiture balances as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Cooperative allocated forfeitures of \$42,195 to reduce employer discretionary nonelective contributions.

Payment of benefits

Upon termination of service due to death, permanent disability or retirement, a participant or his or her beneficiary may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. For participants with an account balance greater than \$1,000, but less than \$5,000, the Plan administrator will make a direct rollover of the participant's account to an individual retirement account designated by the Plan administrator, unless otherwise directed by the participant.

Participants who are at least 59½ years of age may withdraw all or a portion of their vested account balances prior to termination. Participants may withdraw all or a portion of the rollover portion of their account at any time. Participants are required to start taking minimum distributions from the Plan on April 1 following the calendar year upon reaching the age of 72.

Note 2 - Summary of accounting policies

Basis of accounting

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

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

Use of estimates

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

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Investment valuation and income recognition

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive contracts which are reported at contract value). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers, trustees and insurance companies. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Notes receivable from participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 or 2022.

Payment of benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Cooperative. Expenses that are paid by the Cooperative are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants, distribution fees and certain asset-based recordkeeping and investment management fees are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Other indirect investment related expenses are included in the net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Subsequent events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 7, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3 - Fair value measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities ("Level 1") and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs ("Level 3"). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Codification 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, are described as follows:

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

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and

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- 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 maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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

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

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. Classification within the fair value hierarchy table is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurements:

2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 31,547,038	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,547,038
2022	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 25,863,752	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,863,752

Note 4 - Fully benefit-responsive investment contracts

The Plan holds a traditional investment contract. This contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and, therefore, is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made under each contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. The following represents the traditional investment contract held by the Plan:

	2023	2022
Lincoln Fixed Account	\$ 1,132,421	\$ 1,562,447
Total	\$ 1,132,421	\$ 1,562,447

The traditional investment contract held by the Plan is a guaranteed investment contract. The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and interest at a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the

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contract issuer but may not be less than 3%. The crediting rate is reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting. The contract cannot be terminated before the scheduled maturity date.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with fully benefit-responsive investment contracts is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer. These events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

1. The Plan's failure to qualify under Section 401(a) of the IRC or the failure of the trust to be tax-exempt under Section 501(a) of the IRC.
2. Premature termination of the contracts.
3. Plan termination or merger.
4. Changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options.
5. Bankruptcy of the Plan sponsor or other Plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spinoffs of a subsidiary) that significantly affect the Plan's normal operations.

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contracts with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Those events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

1. An uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines.
2. A breach of material obligation under the contract.
3. A material misrepresentation.
4. A material amendment to the agreements without the consent of the issuer.

Note 5 - Certified investments

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and investment income and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2023, that are disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (Schedule H, Line 4i), were obtained or derived from information supplied to the Plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan.

Note 6 - Party-in-interest transactions

Plan investments include shares of certain mutual funds managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company. Fidelity Management Trust Company is the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Indirect fees incurred by the Plan for investment management services are included in the net appreciation in fair value of

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investments. Administrative expenses paid directly from Plan assets to the trustee and investment advisor amounted to \$1,938 for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Plan sponsor pays directly any other fees related to the Plan's operations. The Plan allows participants to take loans against their account balances, which are also considered party-in-interest transactions.

Note 7 - Plan termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Cooperative 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 would become 100% vested in their employer contributions.

Note 8 - Tax status

The prototype plan document, which the Plan has adopted via a non-standardized adoption agreement, obtained its latest opinion letter on June 30, 2020, in which the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") stated that the prototype plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believe that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 9 - 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 statements of net assets available for benefits.

Note 10 - Nonexempt transactions

As reported on the supplemental Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions (Schedule H, Line 4a), certain Plan contributions were not remitted to the Plan within the time frame specified by 29 CFR 2510.3-102 of the Department of Labor's (the "DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting under ERISA, thus constituting nonexempt transactions between the Plan and the Plan sponsor for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. There was a brief delay by the Plan sponsor in submitting employee deferrals and repayments totaling \$625,157 for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Plan sponsor corrected the 2023 nonexempt transactions by calculating and remitting lost earnings of \$475 on these transactions which will be contributed to participant accounts during the year ended December 31, 2024. During 2022, there was a brief delay by the Plan sponsor in submitting employee deferrals and repayments totaling \$771,589. The Plan sponsor corrected the 2022 nonexempt transactions by calculating and remitting lost earnings of \$546 on these transactions which were contributed to participant accounts during the year ended December 31, 2023.

Supplementary Information

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EIN 11-1694595
Plan # 002

Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (Schedule H, Line 4i)
December 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment	(d) Cost (A)	(e) Current value
*	Fid Emerging Mkts	Mutual funds		\$ 472,473
*	Fid Small Cap Growth	Mutual funds		748,388
	Vang Target Ret 2055	Mutual funds		519,083
	Pimco Income Inst	Mutual funds		843,720
	Pif Equity Inc Inst	Mutual funds		657,723
	Bnym Nat Res I	Mutual funds		358,283
	Bnym Glb Fx Inc I	Mutual funds		189,347
	Vang Target Ret 2020	Mutual funds		272,096
	Vang Target Ret 2030	Mutual funds		3,544,703
	Vang Target Ret 2040	Mutual funds		2,250,882
	Vang Target Ret 2050	Mutual funds		710,581
	Royce Intl Prm Inv	Mutual funds		264,552
	Vang Lifest Growth	Mutual funds		164,027
	Vang Lifest Income	Mutual funds		4
	Vang Lifest Mod Grth	Mutual funds		73,431
	Abf Intl Equity R5	Mutual funds		360,769
	Vang Sm Cap Idx Adm	Mutual funds		550,592
	Vang Tot Stk Mkt Adm	Mutual funds		5,587,925
	Vang Midcap Idx Adm	Mutual funds		1,001,732
	Van Real Est Idx Adm	Mutual funds		543,350
	Ab Lg Cap Grth I	Mutual funds		1,596,035
	Vang Dev Mkt Idx Adm	Mutual funds		975,665
	Vang Target Ret Inc	Mutual funds		69,243
	Vang Target Ret 2025	Mutual funds		1,211,890
	Vang Target Ret 2035	Mutual funds		3,651,171
	Vang Target Ret 2045	Mutual funds		1,361,808
	Am Cent Md Cp Val R6	Mutual funds		540,458
	Fkln Utilities R6	Mutual funds		250,591
	Mfs Intl Growth R6	Mutual funds		562,945
	Metwest Tot Rtn Bd P	Mutual funds		1,182,318
	Vrts Dp Glb Re Sec I	Mutual funds		191,749
	As Spl Sm Cap Val R6	Mutual funds		212,859
	Mfs Mid Cap Grth R4	Mutual funds		448,766
	Vang Target Ret 2060	Mutual funds		177,879
	Lincoln Fixed Account	Fixed annuities		1,132,421
				<u>32,679,459</u>
*	Participant loans	33 loans to 16 participants at various maturities with interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.50%, secured by participant account balances		<u>239,743</u>
	Total			<u><u>\$ 32,919,202</u></u>

* Party-in-interest.

(A) Cost not required.

See Independent Auditor's Report.

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Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions (Schedule H, Line 4a)
Year Ended December 31, 2023

Total that constitutes nonexempt prohibited transactions					
Participant contributions transferred late to the Plan	Check here if late participant repayments are included	Contributions not corrected	Contributions corrected outside of Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program ("VFCP")	Contributions pending correction in VFCP	Total fully corrected under VFCP and Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2002-51
<u>\$ 625,157</u>		<u>\$ 625,157</u>			

See Independent Auditor's Report.

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Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions (Schedule H, Line 4a)
Year Ended December 31, 2022

Total that constitutes nonexempt prohibited transactions					
Participant contributions transferred late to the Plan	Check here if late participant repayments are included	Contributions not corrected	Contributions corrected outside of Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program ("VFCP")	Contributions pending correction in VFCP	Total fully corrected under VFCP and Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2002-51
<u>\$ 771,589</u>					<u>\$ 771,589</u>

See Independent Auditor's Report.



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**Educational & Institutional Co-Op Services, Inc.
Savings and Investment Plan**

**Financial Statements
(With Supplementary Information)
and Independent Auditor's Report**

December 31, 2023

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator
Educational & Institutional Co-Op Services, Inc. Savings and Investment Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Educational & Institutional Co-Op Services, Inc. Savings and Investment Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C)"). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's 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 certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Other Matter

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (Schedule H, Line 4i) and Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions (Schedule H, Line 4a) as of or for the year ended December 31, 2023 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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

CohnReznick LLP

Melville, New York
October 7, 2024

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**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2023 and 2022**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 31,547,038	\$ 25,863,752
Investments, at contract value	<u>1,132,421</u>	<u>1,562,447</u>
Total investments	32,679,459	27,426,199
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	<u>239,743</u>	<u>233,221</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 32,919,202</u>	<u>\$ 27,659,420</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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**Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Additions	
Investment income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 3,837,289
Interest and dividends	<u>830,104</u>
Total investment Income	<u>4,667,393</u>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>13,849</u>
Contributions	
Employer	1,289,450
Participants	<u>1,642,132</u>
Total contributions	<u>2,931,582</u>
Total additions	<u>7,612,824</u>
Deductions	
Benefits paid to participants	2,351,104
Administrative expenses	<u>1,938</u>
Total deductions	<u>2,353,042</u>
Increase in net assets	5,259,782
Net assets available for benefits	
Beginning of year	<u>27,659,420</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 32,919,202</u></u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2023

Note 1 - Description of Plan

The following brief description of Educational & Institutional Co-Op Services, Inc. Savings and Investment Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all full-time employees of Educational & Institutional Cooperative Services, Inc. (the "Cooperative") who have reached the age of 18 or older and who have completed three months of service as of December 31, 2023. Leased and temporary employees, nonresident aliens, employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement and residents of Puerto Rico are excluded from participating in the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). The Fiduciary Committee is responsible for oversight of the Plan. The Investment Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance and reports to the Plan's Fiduciary Committee.

Contributions

Each year, participants may make salary deferral contributions to the Plan up to 100% of their pre-tax compensation, as defined by the Plan. Participants may also designate all or a portion of their contributions as Roth deferral contributions. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants' contributions to the Plan are subject to Internal Revenue Code (the "IRC") limitations, which was \$22,500 (\$30,000 for eligible employees 50 or older) for 2023. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all employees with no affirmative deferral election are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate. Automatically enrolled participants have their pre-tax deferral rate set at 6% of eligible compensation and their contributions invested in a designated balanced fund until changed by the participant.

The Cooperative, at its discretion, can match employee contributions up to a maximum of 3% of employee compensation. However, the Cooperative elected not to make any discretionary matching contributions to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2023.

The Cooperative may also make discretionary nonelective contributions to the Plan. The Cooperative will decide each year whether to make a discretionary nonelective employer contribution on behalf of eligible participants. To receive an allocation of the nonelective contribution, the participant must be an active participant in the Plan. The Cooperative elected to make discretionary nonelective contributions of 7.5% of compensation, or \$1,289,450, which was allocated to all participating employees in the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2023. Participants direct the investment of all contributions. The Plan currently offers a variety of mutual funds and a guaranteed investment contract as investment options for participants. All contributions are subject to the IRC limitations.

Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, any discretionary Cooperative matching contributions, allocations of the Cooperative's discretionary nonelective contributions and Plan earnings. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants and other participant-initiated transactions are charged to the respective participant accounts. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant

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transactions, as defined by the Plan. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Cooperative's contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after five years of credited service.

Notes receivable from participants

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

Forfeited accounts

Forfeitures may be used to reduce employer contributions and pay Plan expenses. There were no unallocated forfeiture balances as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Cooperative allocated forfeitures of \$42,195 to reduce employer discretionary nonelective contributions.

Payment of benefits

Upon termination of service due to death, permanent disability or retirement, a participant or his or her beneficiary may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. For participants with an account balance greater than \$1,000, but less than \$5,000, the Plan administrator will make a direct rollover of the participant's account to an individual retirement account designated by the Plan administrator, unless otherwise directed by the participant.

Participants who are at least 59½ years of age may withdraw all or a portion of their vested account balances prior to termination. Participants may withdraw all or a portion of the rollover portion of their account at any time. Participants are required to start taking minimum distributions from the Plan on April 1 following the calendar year upon reaching the age of 72.

Note 2 - Summary of accounting policies

Basis of accounting

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

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

Use of estimates

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

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Investment valuation and income recognition

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive contracts which are reported at contract value). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers, trustees and insurance companies. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Notes receivable from participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 or 2022.

Payment of benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Cooperative. Expenses that are paid by the Cooperative are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants, distribution fees and certain asset-based recordkeeping and investment management fees are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Other indirect investment related expenses are included in the net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Subsequent events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 7, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3 - Fair value measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities ("Level 1") and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs ("Level 3"). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Codification 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, are described as follows:

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

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and

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- 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 maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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

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

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. Classification within the fair value hierarchy table is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurements:

2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 31,547,038	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,547,038
2022	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 25,863,752	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,863,752

Note 4 - Fully benefit-responsive investment contracts

The Plan holds a traditional investment contract. This contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and, therefore, is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made under each contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. The following represents the traditional investment contract held by the Plan:

	2023	2022
Lincoln Fixed Account	\$ 1,132,421	\$ 1,562,447
Total	\$ 1,132,421	\$ 1,562,447

The traditional investment contract held by the Plan is a guaranteed investment contract. The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and interest at a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the

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contract issuer but may not be less than 3%. The crediting rate is reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting. The contract cannot be terminated before the scheduled maturity date.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with fully benefit-responsive investment contracts is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer. These events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

1. The Plan's failure to qualify under Section 401(a) of the IRC or the failure of the trust to be tax-exempt under Section 501(a) of the IRC.
2. Premature termination of the contracts.
3. Plan termination or merger.
4. Changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options.
5. Bankruptcy of the Plan sponsor or other Plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spinoffs of a subsidiary) that significantly affect the Plan's normal operations.

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contracts with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Those events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

1. An uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines.
2. A breach of material obligation under the contract.
3. A material misrepresentation.
4. A material amendment to the agreements without the consent of the issuer.

Note 5 - Certified investments

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and investment income and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2023, that are disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (Schedule H, Line 4i), were obtained or derived from information supplied to the Plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan.

Note 6 - Party-in-interest transactions

Plan investments include shares of certain mutual funds managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company. Fidelity Management Trust Company is the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Indirect fees incurred by the Plan for investment management services are included in the net appreciation in fair value of

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investments. Administrative expenses paid directly from Plan assets to the trustee and investment advisor amounted to \$1,938 for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Plan sponsor pays directly any other fees related to the Plan's operations. The Plan allows participants to take loans against their account balances, which are also considered party-in-interest transactions.

Note 7 - Plan termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Cooperative 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 would become 100% vested in their employer contributions.

Note 8 - Tax status

The prototype plan document, which the Plan has adopted via a non-standardized adoption agreement, obtained its latest opinion letter on June 30, 2020, in which the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") stated that the prototype plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believe that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 9 - 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 statements of net assets available for benefits.

Note 10 - Nonexempt transactions

As reported on the supplemental Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions (Schedule H, Line 4a), certain Plan contributions were not remitted to the Plan within the time frame specified by 29 CFR 2510.3-102 of the Department of Labor's (the "DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting under ERISA, thus constituting nonexempt transactions between the Plan and the Plan sponsor for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. There was a brief delay by the Plan sponsor in submitting employee deferrals and repayments totaling \$625,157 for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Plan sponsor corrected the 2023 nonexempt transactions by calculating and remitting lost earnings of \$475 on these transactions which will be contributed to participant accounts during the year ended December 31, 2024. During 2022, there was a brief delay by the Plan sponsor in submitting employee deferrals and repayments totaling \$771,589. The Plan sponsor corrected the 2022 nonexempt transactions by calculating and remitting lost earnings of \$546 on these transactions which were contributed to participant accounts during the year ended December 31, 2023.

Supplementary Information

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EIN 11-1694595
Plan # 002

Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (Schedule H, Line 4i)
December 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment	(d) Cost (A)	(e) Current value
*	Fid Emerging Mkts	Mutual funds		\$ 472,473
*	Fid Small Cap Growth	Mutual funds		748,388
	Vang Target Ret 2055	Mutual funds		519,083
	Pimco Income Inst	Mutual funds		843,720
	Pif Equity Inc Inst	Mutual funds		657,723
	Bnym Nat Res I	Mutual funds		358,283
	Bnym Glb Fx Inc I	Mutual funds		189,347
	Vang Target Ret 2020	Mutual funds		272,096
	Vang Target Ret 2030	Mutual funds		3,544,703
	Vang Target Ret 2040	Mutual funds		2,250,882
	Vang Target Ret 2050	Mutual funds		710,581
	Royce Intl Prm Inv	Mutual funds		264,552
	Vang Lifest Growth	Mutual funds		164,027
	Vang Lifest Income	Mutual funds		4
	Vang Lifest Mod Grth	Mutual funds		73,431
	Abf Intl Equity R5	Mutual funds		360,769
	Vang Sm Cap Idx Adm	Mutual funds		550,592
	Vang Tot Stk Mkt Adm	Mutual funds		5,587,925
	Vang Midcap Idx Adm	Mutual funds		1,001,732
	Van Real Est Idx Adm	Mutual funds		543,350
	Ab Lg Cap Grth I	Mutual funds		1,596,035
	Vang Dev Mkt Idx Adm	Mutual funds		975,665
	Vang Target Ret Inc	Mutual funds		69,243
	Vang Target Ret 2025	Mutual funds		1,211,890
	Vang Target Ret 2035	Mutual funds		3,651,171
	Vang Target Ret 2045	Mutual funds		1,361,808
	Am Cent Md Cp Val R6	Mutual funds		540,458
	Fkln Utilities R6	Mutual funds		250,591
	Mfs Intl Growth R6	Mutual funds		562,945
	Metwest Tot Rtn Bd P	Mutual funds		1,182,318
	Vrts Dp Glb Re Sec I	Mutual funds		191,749
	As Spl Sm Cap Val R6	Mutual funds		212,859
	Mfs Mid Cap Grth R4	Mutual funds		448,766
	Vang Target Ret 2060	Mutual funds		177,879
	Lincoln Fixed Account	Fixed annuities		1,132,421
				<u>32,679,459</u>
*	Participant loans	33 loans to 16 participants at various maturities with interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.50%, secured by participant account balances		<u>239,743</u>
	Total			<u><u>\$ 32,919,202</u></u>

* Party-in-interest.

(A) Cost not required.

See Independent Auditor's Report.

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Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions (Schedule H, Line 4a)
Year Ended December 31, 2023

Total that constitutes nonexempt prohibited transactions					
Participant contributions transferred late to the Plan	Check here if late participant repayments are included	Contributions not corrected	Contributions corrected outside of Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program ("VFCP")	Contributions pending correction in VFCP	Total fully corrected under VFCP and Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2002-51
<u>\$ 625,157</u>		<u>\$ 625,157</u>			

See Independent Auditor's Report.

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Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions (Schedule H, Line 4a)
Year Ended December 31, 2022

Total that constitutes nonexempt prohibited transactions					
Participant contributions transferred late to the Plan	Check here if late participant repayments are included	Contributions not corrected	Contributions corrected outside of Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program ("VFCP")	Contributions pending correction in VFCP	Total fully corrected under VFCP and Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2002-51
<u>\$ 771,589</u>					<u>\$ 771,589</u>

See Independent Auditor's Report.



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**Educational & Institutional Co-Op Services, Inc.
Savings and Investment Plan**

**Financial Statements
(With Supplementary Information)
and Independent Auditor's Report**

December 31, 2023

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator
Educational & Institutional Co-Op Services, Inc. Savings and Investment Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Educational & Institutional Co-Op Services, Inc. Savings and Investment Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C)"). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's 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 certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Other Matter

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (Schedule H, Line 4i) and Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions (Schedule H, Line 4a) as of or for the year ended December 31, 2023 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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

CohnReznick LLP

Melville, New York
October 7, 2024

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**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2023 and 2022**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 31,547,038	\$ 25,863,752
Investments, at contract value	<u>1,132,421</u>	<u>1,562,447</u>
Total investments	32,679,459	27,426,199
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	<u>239,743</u>	<u>233,221</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 32,919,202</u>	<u>\$ 27,659,420</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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**Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Additions	
Investment income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 3,837,289
Interest and dividends	<u>830,104</u>
Total investment Income	<u>4,667,393</u>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>13,849</u>
Contributions	
Employer	1,289,450
Participants	<u>1,642,132</u>
Total contributions	<u>2,931,582</u>
Total additions	<u>7,612,824</u>
Deductions	
Benefits paid to participants	2,351,104
Administrative expenses	<u>1,938</u>
Total deductions	<u>2,353,042</u>
Increase in net assets	5,259,782
Net assets available for benefits	
Beginning of year	<u>27,659,420</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 32,919,202</u></u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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Note 1 - Description of Plan

The following brief description of Educational & Institutional Co-Op Services, Inc. Savings and Investment Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all full-time employees of Educational & Institutional Cooperative Services, Inc. (the "Cooperative") who have reached the age of 18 or older and who have completed three months of service as of December 31, 2023. Leased and temporary employees, nonresident aliens, employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement and residents of Puerto Rico are excluded from participating in the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). The Fiduciary Committee is responsible for oversight of the Plan. The Investment Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance and reports to the Plan's Fiduciary Committee.

Contributions

Each year, participants may make salary deferral contributions to the Plan up to 100% of their pre-tax compensation, as defined by the Plan. Participants may also designate all or a portion of their contributions as Roth deferral contributions. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants' contributions to the Plan are subject to Internal Revenue Code (the "IRC") limitations, which was \$22,500 (\$30,000 for eligible employees 50 or older) for 2023. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all employees with no affirmative deferral election are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate. Automatically enrolled participants have their pre-tax deferral rate set at 6% of eligible compensation and their contributions invested in a designated balanced fund until changed by the participant.

The Cooperative, at its discretion, can match employee contributions up to a maximum of 3% of employee compensation. However, the Cooperative elected not to make any discretionary matching contributions to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2023.

The Cooperative may also make discretionary nonelective contributions to the Plan. The Cooperative will decide each year whether to make a discretionary nonelective employer contribution on behalf of eligible participants. To receive an allocation of the nonelective contribution, the participant must be an active participant in the Plan. The Cooperative elected to make discretionary nonelective contributions of 7.5% of compensation, or \$1,289,450, which was allocated to all participating employees in the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2023. Participants direct the investment of all contributions. The Plan currently offers a variety of mutual funds and a guaranteed investment contract as investment options for participants. All contributions are subject to the IRC limitations.

Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, any discretionary Cooperative matching contributions, allocations of the Cooperative's discretionary nonelective contributions and Plan earnings. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants and other participant-initiated transactions are charged to the respective participant accounts. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant

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transactions, as defined by the Plan. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Cooperative's contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after five years of credited service.

Notes receivable from participants

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

Forfeited accounts

Forfeitures may be used to reduce employer contributions and pay Plan expenses. There were no unallocated forfeiture balances as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Cooperative allocated forfeitures of \$42,195 to reduce employer discretionary nonelective contributions.

Payment of benefits

Upon termination of service due to death, permanent disability or retirement, a participant or his or her beneficiary may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. For participants with an account balance greater than \$1,000, but less than \$5,000, the Plan administrator will make a direct rollover of the participant's account to an individual retirement account designated by the Plan administrator, unless otherwise directed by the participant.

Participants who are at least 59½ years of age may withdraw all or a portion of their vested account balances prior to termination. Participants may withdraw all or a portion of the rollover portion of their account at any time. Participants are required to start taking minimum distributions from the Plan on April 1 following the calendar year upon reaching the age of 72.

Note 2 - Summary of accounting policies

Basis of accounting

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

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

Use of estimates

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

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Investment valuation and income recognition

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive contracts which are reported at contract value). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers, trustees and insurance companies. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Notes receivable from participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 or 2022.

Payment of benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Cooperative. Expenses that are paid by the Cooperative are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants, distribution fees and certain asset-based recordkeeping and investment management fees are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Other indirect investment related expenses are included in the net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Subsequent events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 7, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3 - Fair value measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities ("Level 1") and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs ("Level 3"). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Codification 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, are described as follows:

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

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and

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- 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 maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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

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

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. Classification within the fair value hierarchy table is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurements:

2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 31,547,038	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,547,038
2022	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 25,863,752	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,863,752

Note 4 - Fully benefit-responsive investment contracts

The Plan holds a traditional investment contract. This contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and, therefore, is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made under each contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. The following represents the traditional investment contract held by the Plan:

	2023	2022
Lincoln Fixed Account	\$ 1,132,421	\$ 1,562,447
Total	\$ 1,132,421	\$ 1,562,447

The traditional investment contract held by the Plan is a guaranteed investment contract. The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and interest at a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the

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contract issuer but may not be less than 3%. The crediting rate is reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting. The contract cannot be terminated before the scheduled maturity date.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with fully benefit-responsive investment contracts is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer. These events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

1. The Plan's failure to qualify under Section 401(a) of the IRC or the failure of the trust to be tax-exempt under Section 501(a) of the IRC.
2. Premature termination of the contracts.
3. Plan termination or merger.
4. Changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options.
5. Bankruptcy of the Plan sponsor or other Plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spinoffs of a subsidiary) that significantly affect the Plan's normal operations.

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contracts with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Those events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

1. An uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines.
2. A breach of material obligation under the contract.
3. A material misrepresentation.
4. A material amendment to the agreements without the consent of the issuer.

Note 5 - Certified investments

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and investment income and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2023, that are disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (Schedule H, Line 4i), were obtained or derived from information supplied to the Plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan.

Note 6 - Party-in-interest transactions

Plan investments include shares of certain mutual funds managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company. Fidelity Management Trust Company is the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Indirect fees incurred by the Plan for investment management services are included in the net appreciation in fair value of

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investments. Administrative expenses paid directly from Plan assets to the trustee and investment advisor amounted to \$1,938 for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Plan sponsor pays directly any other fees related to the Plan's operations. The Plan allows participants to take loans against their account balances, which are also considered party-in-interest transactions.

Note 7 - Plan termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Cooperative 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 would become 100% vested in their employer contributions.

Note 8 - Tax status

The prototype plan document, which the Plan has adopted via a non-standardized adoption agreement, obtained its latest opinion letter on June 30, 2020, in which the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") stated that the prototype plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believe that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 9 - 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 statements of net assets available for benefits.

Note 10 - Nonexempt transactions

As reported on the supplemental Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions (Schedule H, Line 4a), certain Plan contributions were not remitted to the Plan within the time frame specified by 29 CFR 2510.3-102 of the Department of Labor's (the "DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting under ERISA, thus constituting nonexempt transactions between the Plan and the Plan sponsor for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. There was a brief delay by the Plan sponsor in submitting employee deferrals and repayments totaling \$625,157 for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Plan sponsor corrected the 2023 nonexempt transactions by calculating and remitting lost earnings of \$475 on these transactions which will be contributed to participant accounts during the year ended December 31, 2024. During 2022, there was a brief delay by the Plan sponsor in submitting employee deferrals and repayments totaling \$771,589. The Plan sponsor corrected the 2022 nonexempt transactions by calculating and remitting lost earnings of \$546 on these transactions which were contributed to participant accounts during the year ended December 31, 2023.

Supplementary Information

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EIN 11-1694595
Plan # 002

Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (Schedule H, Line 4i)
December 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment	(d) Cost (A)	(e) Current value
*	Fid Emerging Mkts	Mutual funds		\$ 472,473
*	Fid Small Cap Growth	Mutual funds		748,388
	Vang Target Ret 2055	Mutual funds		519,083
	Pimco Income Inst	Mutual funds		843,720
	Pif Equity Inc Inst	Mutual funds		657,723
	Bnym Nat Res I	Mutual funds		358,283
	Bnym Glb Fx Inc I	Mutual funds		189,347
	Vang Target Ret 2020	Mutual funds		272,096
	Vang Target Ret 2030	Mutual funds		3,544,703
	Vang Target Ret 2040	Mutual funds		2,250,882
	Vang Target Ret 2050	Mutual funds		710,581
	Royce Intl Prm Inv	Mutual funds		264,552
	Vang Lifest Growth	Mutual funds		164,027
	Vang Lifest Income	Mutual funds		4
	Vang Lifest Mod Grth	Mutual funds		73,431
	Abf Intl Equity R5	Mutual funds		360,769
	Vang Sm Cap Idx Adm	Mutual funds		550,592
	Vang Tot Stk Mkt Adm	Mutual funds		5,587,925
	Vang Midcap Idx Adm	Mutual funds		1,001,732
	Van Real Est Idx Adm	Mutual funds		543,350
	Ab Lg Cap Grth I	Mutual funds		1,596,035
	Vang Dev Mkt Idx Adm	Mutual funds		975,665
	Vang Target Ret Inc	Mutual funds		69,243
	Vang Target Ret 2025	Mutual funds		1,211,890
	Vang Target Ret 2035	Mutual funds		3,651,171
	Vang Target Ret 2045	Mutual funds		1,361,808
	Am Cent Md Cp Val R6	Mutual funds		540,458
	Fkln Utilities R6	Mutual funds		250,591
	Mfs Intl Growth R6	Mutual funds		562,945
	Metwest Tot Rtn Bd P	Mutual funds		1,182,318
	Vrts Dp Glb Re Sec I	Mutual funds		191,749
	As Spl Sm Cap Val R6	Mutual funds		212,859
	Mfs Mid Cap Grth R4	Mutual funds		448,766
	Vang Target Ret 2060	Mutual funds		177,879
	Lincoln Fixed Account	Fixed annuities		1,132,421
				<u>32,679,459</u>
*	Participant loans	33 loans to 16 participants at various maturities with interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.50%, secured by participant account balances		<u>239,743</u>
	Total			<u><u>\$ 32,919,202</u></u>

* Party-in-interest.

(A) Cost not required.

See Independent Auditor's Report.

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Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions (Schedule H, Line 4a)
Year Ended December 31, 2023

Total that constitutes nonexempt prohibited transactions					
Participant contributions transferred late to the Plan	Check here if late participant repayments are included	Contributions not corrected	Contributions corrected outside of Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program ("VFCP")	Contributions pending correction in VFCP	Total fully corrected under VFCP and Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2002-51
<u>\$ 625,157</u>		<u>\$ 625,157</u>			

See Independent Auditor's Report.

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Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions (Schedule H, Line 4a)
Year Ended December 31, 2022

Total that constitutes nonexempt prohibited transactions					
Participant contributions transferred late to the Plan	Check here if late participant repayments are included	Contributions not corrected	Contributions corrected outside of Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program ("VFCP")	Contributions pending correction in VFCP	Total fully corrected under VFCP and Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2002-51
<u>\$ 771,589</u>					<u>\$ 771,589</u>

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