

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 WB WASTE SOLUTIONS 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/2007
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) WB WASTE SOLUTIONS 1701 OLIVE STREET CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 47-1312254
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 301-429-5180
2d	Business code (see instructions) 562000

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.	10/14/2024	MALYNDA DAHN
	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 47-1312254 4d PN 001
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 225
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) 210 6a(2) 201 6b 0 6c 30 6d 231 6e 0 6f 231 6g(1) 94 6g(2) 115 6h 0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	7

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 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 0
- (4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) ☐ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan WB WASTE SOLUTIONS 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 WB WASTE SOLUTIONS	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 47-1312254

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

x

No
- b

If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b)

Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

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

PAYCHEX, INC.

911 PANORAMA TRAIL S
ROCHESTER, NY 14625

16-1124166

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 27	RECORDKEEPER	6522	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☒		Yes ☐ No ☒

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

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250 VESEY STREET
NEW YORK, NY 10281

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 27	INVESTMENT ADVISORY PLAN	9487	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☒		Yes ☐ No ☒

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 WB WASTE SOLUTIONS	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 47-1312254	

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	
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	72470	80362
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	247428	233985
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	1619032	2465749
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	1938930	2780096
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	
h Operating payables	1h	0	
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	
j Other liabilities	1j	0	
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	1938930	2780096

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)	245013	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	392280	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	0	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		637293
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	3738	
(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)	12873	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		16611
(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)	74631	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		74631
(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)		269275
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		997810

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	139646	
(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)		139646
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)	6522	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	9516	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	960	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		16998
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		156644

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		841166
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: **BROWN, EDWARDS, & COMPANY, L.L.P.**

(2) EIN: **54-0504608**

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.)	☒	☐	23075
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?	☒	☐	193893
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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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan WB WASTE SOLUTIONS 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 WB WASTE SOLUTIONS	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 47-1312254

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.....	1	0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 16-1470238 Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	0

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)? If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.	☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A	
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	0
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b	0
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	0
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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023
v. 230707

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).	
☒ Design-based safe harbor method	
☐ "Prior year" ADP test	
☐ "Current year" ADP test	
☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>08 / 31 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q704150A</u> .	



WB Waste Solutions 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

Report on Comments and
Suggestions and Required
Communications

December 31, 2023

WB Waste Solutions 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

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Independent Auditor's Report on Comments and Suggestions

To the Plan Administrator and
Those Charged with Governance of
WB Waste Solutions 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust
Capitol Heights, Maryland

Except as discussed in the following paragraph, in planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of WB Waste Solutions 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Plan's system of internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of issuing our report on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control.

We were engaged to perform an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit of those financial statements as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by Mid Atlantic Trust Company (MATC) that prepared and certified the statements or information regarding assets so held in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5. Our audit also did not include a consideration of internal control relating to the investment information.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraphs and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Plan's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. A reportable finding is a matter that includes one or more of the following: (1) noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations, (2) a finding that in our professional judgment is significant and relevant to you regarding your responsibility to oversee the financial reporting process,

and (3) an indication of internal control deficiencies identified during the audit that have not been previously communicated to management by other parties and that we determined are sufficiently important to merit management's attention. The significant deficiencies and the reportable findings are included in the attached report and are appropriately designated.

Our comments and suggestions regarding these matters are included in the attached report. Since our audit is not designed to include a detailed review of all systems and procedures, these comments should not be considered as being all inclusive of areas where improvements might be achieved. It is our hope that these suggestions will be taken in the constructive light in which they are offered.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Plan Administrator and Those Charged with Governance of the Plan, and management of the WB Waste Solutions, LLC, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Brown, Edwards & Company, L.L.P.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Richmond, Virginia
October 10, 2024

WB Waste Solutions 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

Assistance During the Audit

We extend our thanks to Malynda Dahn for her assistance and attention during the December 31, 2023, audit engagement.

Status of Prior Year Comments and Suggestions

Lack of Plan Oversight (Significant Deficiency and Reportable Finding)

During our prior year audit, we noted there were no minutes available to support discussions at meetings of Plan management, including meetings with investment advisors. Meeting minutes serve as documentation to memorialize important decisions and demonstrate prudent management of the Plan. We recommend that Plan management implement a policy to document their regular meetings and any important decisions or discussions held during these meetings, to include the following:

- Date, time, and location of the meeting.
- Identification of the people present at the meeting.
- Reference to any investment reports used during meeting.
- Participation issues such as education, goals for increasing the number of participants, or deferral rates.
- Plan fee issues.
- Fund performance issues.
- Decisions made, such as the decision to place a specific fund on a formal or informal “watch list” that will need to be addressed at a future meeting.
- Decisions made which require immediate action, such as a decision to remove and/or replace a fund in the Plan’s line-up.
- Decisions made with regard to discretionary contributions to the Plan.

To demonstrate the fulfillment of its fiduciary duties, Those Charged with Governance of the Plan, management, and Plan Administrator, should conduct regular meetings. While it is likely the operations of the Plan are being adequately managed and executed, without documented minutes of meetings held and decisions made, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to demonstrate management’s due diligence in this area.

Status: Still applicable. We noted that while Plan management does have meetings throughout the year with the third-party administrator and investment advisor, as needed, we noted there were no minutes available to support discussions at the meetings. We recommend Plan management formally document the discussions from these meetings in the form of minutes.

Plan Compensation (Significant Deficiency and Reportable Finding)

During our prior year audit, we noted that there were several instances where employee and employer contributions were not withheld from bonuses as required under the plan document. We recommend

that procedures be implemented to ensure that deferrals and corresponding match contributions are being correctly calculated, to include all forms of eligible plan compensation, including bonuses.

Status: Still applicable. We noted one instance where a participant did not have a deferral taken out on their bonus during a payroll period.

Lack of Controls Over Contributions (Significant Deficiency and Reportable Finding)

During our prior year audit, we noted that Plan personnel do not reconcile contributions per the payroll reports to the total contributions received per the administration report (third-party administration). One of the significant risks of material misstatement we take into consideration as part of our audit is whether contributions are incomplete and not remitted in the proper period. A key control over contributions is for the participant and employer contributions to be reconciled from employer payroll records to third-party administrator's reports. The lack of key controls over contributions led to incomplete contributions on several occasions and late remittances requiring corrections. See below for more specific issues noted:

- The pay periods ending 1/7/2022 and 2/4/2022 had missed deferrals for several employees who came from acquisitions that were transferred from one payroll code to the payroll code for the plan being audited and it was not communicated to the third-party administrator. Thus, these deferrals were not remitted to the plan. We recommend when the Plan Sponsor acquires new entities or moves employees to different payroll codes, the third-party administrator is notified immediately.
- Several participants had payroll codes that were not coded appropriately to be remitted to the Plan. The funds were withheld from the participants' paychecks but not remitted to the Plan. We recommend that all new 401(k) payroll codes be reviewed for proper application.
- For the pay periods ending 2/11/2022 and 5/6/2022, contributions were withheld but never remitted to the plan. The collection of the funds did not go through even after repeated communications from Paychex regarding the issue. We recommend all communications received from the third-party administrator be reviewed and actions taken immediately.

We recommend management implement policies and procedures to review all contribution remittances to ensure that the participant accounts are in agreement with contributions per payroll. Total remittances per payroll should be traced to the trust statements on a periodic basis.

Status: First two bullet points implemented. Third bullet point still applicable. The delinquent remittances were subsequently corrected by the Plan Sponsor in 2024. During our audit of 2023, we noted controls over contributions during testing and all contributions withheld in 2023 were timely remitted.

Timeliness of Employee Contributions (Significant Deficiency and Reportable Finding)

During our prior year audit, we noted that remittances of employee deferrals to the Plan were deposited outside of 15 business days in a few instances. Failure to remit participant contributions to the Plan in a timely manner could result in prohibited transactions, which must be separately reported to the DOL and may result in lost earnings for the Plan and penalties to the Plan Sponsor. We recommend that the Plan Sponsor review the procedures involved in remittance of participant contributions to the Plan and

institute the necessary controls to ensure participant contributions are remitted at the earliest date that such contributions can be reasonably segregated from the employer's general assets. We also recommend cross-training of staff involved with this process in order to ensure that employee contributions are remitted timely should the primary individual responsible be out of the office.

Status: Still applicable. Due to errors noted in the 2022 audit that several pay periods were not remitted, the plan is not in DOL compliance with days remitted. The delinquent remittances were subsequently corrected by the Plan Sponsor in 2024. During our audit of 2023, we noted all contributions withheld in 2023 were timely remitted.

Lack of Monitoring of Accounts (Significant Deficiency and Reportable Finding)

During our prior year audit, we noted that inactive accounts are not being monitored by management for unusual activity or excessive fees that may be posted to these accounts. To the extent that inactive accounts have balances below \$5,000, consideration should be given to cashing out the accounts pursuant to the terms of the plan document. We recommend that management, on a periodic basis, review the accounts of inactive participants or those who have been separated from service to ascertain whether the changes and charges to those accounts appear reasonable.

Status: Implemented.

SOC 1 Report Management Review (Significant Deficiency and Reportable Finding)

During our audit, we noted that the Plan Sponsor's third-party service organizations, Paychex Retirement Services, Mid Atlantic Trust Company, and Paychex Payroll Processing perform a significant amount of the processing of the plan transactions. Generally, a Plan Sponsor must review the procedures at these service organizations on a consistent basis as well as review reports produced and assumptions made. We recommend instituting a policy requiring annual review of the SOC 1 reports for the service organizations utilized by the Plan Sponsor and documentation of the acceptability of the SOC 1 reports with regard to the annual assessment by Plan management that controls at the Plan Sponsor and service providers are operating in a way to ensure timely and accurate processing of Plan data and also address any noted exceptions and how those exceptions may affect the Plan. Usually prepared annually, a SOC 1 report is useful in assessing the reliability of the service organization's controls over the processing and security of plan and participant data and activity. We also recommend ongoing timely review of reports provided by service organizations. These controls at the Plan Sponsor level serve to assure proper and complete transmission of data to third parties, proper processing of data, and complete receipt of data from third parties, and timely reconciliation of data, as necessary.

Status: Still applicable. We noted that the Plan Sponsor's third-party service organizations, Paychex Retirement Services, Mid Atlantic Trust Company, and Paychex Payroll Processing still perform a significant amount of the processing of the plan transactions and that the SOC 1 reports were not reviewed for the 2023 year.

Communication with Those Charged with Governance at Audit Conclusion

To the Plan Administrator and
Those Charged with Governance of
WB Waste Solutions 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust
Capitol Heights, Maryland

We have audited the financial statements of WB Waste Solutions 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust (the “Plan”), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) [ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit] for the year ended December 31, 2023, and we have issued our report thereon dated October 10, 2024. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by Mid Atlantic Trust Company (MATC), the trustee, which is a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, that prepared and certified the statements or information regarding assets so held in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5. Our audit 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 the ERISA-required supplemental schedules, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of GAAP. 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 GAAP. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated June 19, 2024. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Plan are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted, and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2023. We noted no transactions entered into by the Plan during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Form 5500 Procedures

We are required to obtain and read a substantially complete draft of Form 5500 prior to dating our auditor's report. The purpose of this procedure is to identify any material inconsistencies between the draft Form 5500 and the Plan's financial statements. We identified no material inconsistencies in performing and completing our audit.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. There were no corrected or uncorrected misstatements in the current year.

Reportable Findings

For purposes of this letter, a reportable finding is a matter that includes one or more of the following: (1) noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations, (2) a finding that in our professional judgment is significant and relevant to you regarding your responsibility to oversee the financial reporting process, and (3) an indication of internal control deficiencies identified during the audit that have not been previously communicated to management by other parties and that we determined are sufficiently important to merit management's attention. We identified the following reportable findings:

- Lack of Plan Oversight – During our audit procedures, we noted a lack of oversight of plan operations, including no indication that the Plan held regular meetings of those charged with governance.
- Plan Compensation – During our audit procedures, we noted that there was an instance where employee and employer contributions were not withheld from bonuses as required under the Plan document.
- Lack of Controls Over Contributions – During our audit procedures, we noted no key controls in the processes over remitting contributions to the Plan.
- Timeliness of Employee Contributions – During our audit procedures, we noted that certain remittances of employee deferrals to the Plan were deposited late per DOL regulations.
- SOC 1 Report Management Review – During our audit procedures, we noted that the Plan Sponsor's third-party service organizations performed a significant amount of the processing of the Plan transactions and the SOC 1 reports were not reviewed by Plan Management.

These reportable findings are described in detail on the Independent Auditor's Report on Comments and Suggestions.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a disagreement on a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the attached management representation letter dated October 10, 2024.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Plan's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Plan's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

Our responsibility for the ERISA-required supplemental schedules accompanying the financial statements is to perform adequate procedures to evaluate whether the form and content of the ERISA-required supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, is presented in compliance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, and whether 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).

This information is intended solely for the use of the Plan Administrator and Those Charged with Governance of WB Waste Solutions 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan, and management of WB Waste Solutions, LLC, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Brown, Edwards & Company, L.L.P.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Richmond, Virginia

October 10, 2024



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Certified Public Accountants
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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of WB Waste Solutions 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements (collectively, the "financial statements").

The purpose of the audit is to express an opinion on whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2023, and changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP).

We elected to have the audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. We acknowledge that the audit did 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, a qualified institution, that prepared and certified the investment information in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. We have determined that an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is permissible under the circumstances. We have also determined that the investment information is prepared and certified by a qualified institution as described by 29 CFR 2520.103-8, that the certification meets the requirements in 29 CFR 2520.103-5, and that the certified investment information is appropriately measured, presented, and disclosed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The purpose of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is to express an opinion on whether the amounts and disclosures in the 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 and that the information regarding assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the certified investment information.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered to be material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of the date of this letter, the following representations made to you during your audit.

Financial Statements

- 1) We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated June 19, 2024, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and note disclosures.
- 2) The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. GAAP, the notes include all disclosures required by laws and regulations to which the Plan is subject, including the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- 3) We acknowledge our election to have an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(c) audit does not affect our responsibility for the financial statements and for determining the following:
 - a) The circumstances permit an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(c) audit.
 - b) A qualified institution has prepared and certified the investment information as described in 29 CFR 2520.103-8.
 - c) The certification meets the 29 CFR 2520.103-5 requirements.
 - d) The certified investment institutions are appropriately measured, presented, and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 4) We acknowledge our responsibility for 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.
- 5) We acknowledge our responsibility 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.
- 6) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 7) The methods, significant assumptions, and data used in making accounting estimates and their related disclosures, are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement, or disclosure that is reasonable in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 8) Related-party relationships and transactions, and relationships and transactions with parties-in-interest, as defined in ERISA Section 3(14) and regulations thereunder, have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP and ERISA Section 3(14) and regulations thereunder.
- 9) All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires disclosure have been disclosed.
- 10) We are in agreement with the adjusting journal entries and they have been posted to the Plan's accounts.
- 11) We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
- 12) Other matters (e.g., breach of fiduciary responsibilities, nonexempt transactions, loans or leases in default, events reportable to the PBGC, or events that may jeopardize the tax status) that legal counsel have advised us that must be disclosed have been properly disclosed.

- 13) Material concentrations have been properly disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 14) Financial instruments with concentrations of credit risk have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements.
- 15) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Plan is contingently liable, have been properly recorded or disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 16) The supplemental schedules or financial statements disclose the following:
 - a) All non-exempt party-in-interest transactions as defined in ERISA Section 3(14) and regulations thereunder.
 - b) Investments or loans in default or considered to be uncollectible.
 - c) Reportable transactions as defined in ERISA Section 103(b)(3)(H) and regulations thereunder.

Information Provided

- 17) We have provided you with:
 - a) Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records (including information obtained from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers), documentation, and other matters.
 - b) A substantially complete draft of Form 5500.
 - c) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
 - d) Unrestricted access to persons within the Plan from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - e) Current plan instruments, trust agreements, insurance contracts, or investment contracts and amendments to such documents entered into during the year, including amendments to comply with applicable laws.
- 18) All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 19) We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 20) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the Plan and involves:
 - a) Management;
 - b) Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - c) Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 21) We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Plan's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, participants, regulators, beneficiaries, service providers, third-party administrators, or others.
- 22) We have no knowledge of any instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations (including ERISA, DOL, and IRS regulations) whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- 23) We have disclosed to you the names of all of the Plan's related parties and parties in interest, and all related-party and party-in-interest relationships and transactions, including any side agreements.

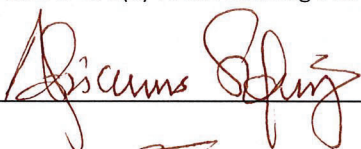
- 24) The Plan has satisfactory title to all owned assets, which are recorded at fair value, and all liens, encumbrances, or security interests requiring disclosure in the financial statements have been properly disclosed.
- 25) We have no:
 - a) Plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.
 - b) Intentions to terminate the Plan.
- 26) Amendments to the Plan instrument, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements.
- 27) The Plan has complied with all aspects of debt and other contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- 28) The methods and significant assumptions used to estimate fair values of financial instruments, including non-readily marketable securities, are as presented in the financial statements. The methods and significant assumptions used result in a measure of fair value appropriate for financial measurement and disclosure purposes.
- 29) We are responsible for the estimation methods and assumptions used in measuring assets and liabilities reported or disclosed at fair value, including information obtained from brokers, pricing services, or other third parties. Our valuation methodologies have been consistently applied from period to period. The fair value measurements reported or disclosed represent our best estimate of fair value as of the measurement date in accordance with the requirements of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) *Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, Fair Value Measurement*. In addition, our disclosures related to fair value measurements are consistent with the objectives outlined in FASB ASC 820.
- 30) We have implemented ASU 2016-13, *Financial Instruments—Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments* during the audit period. We have implemented the new accounting standard in accordance with the transition guidance prescribed in the ASU. We have sufficient and appropriate documentation supporting all estimates and judgments underlying the amounts recorded and disclosed in the financial statements.
- 31) We have analyzed all financial instruments and appropriately recorded and/or disclosed expected credit losses in accordance with FASB ASC 326, *Financial Instruments—Credit Losses*, as applicable.
- 32) All required amendments to and filings of plan documents with the appropriate agencies have been made.
- 33) The Plan (and the trust established under the Plan) is qualified under the appropriate section of the Internal Revenue Code and we intend to continue it as a qualified plan (and trust). The Plan Sponsor has operated the Plan (and trust) in a manner that did not jeopardize this tax status. Required nondiscrimination testing related to Code Section 401(k) and 401(m) arrangements, as applicable, has been completed for the Plan, and any excess deferrals or contributions have been disposed of in accordance with regulations.
- 34) The Plan has complied with the DOL's regulations concerning the timely remittance of participant contributions to trusts containing assets for the Plan, except as noted on Schedule H, Line 4a – Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year ended December 31, 2023.
- 35) The Plan has complied with the fidelity bonding requirements of ERISA.

- 36) We have apprised you of all communications, whether written or oral, with regulatory agencies concerning the operation of the Plan.
- 37) We have obtained appropriate fee disclosures from covered service providers and have concluded the fees are reasonable. The Plan is in compliance with DOL regulations regarding ERISA Section 408(b)(2).
- 38) We have obtained the SOC 1 reports from our service organizations. We have reviewed such reports, including the complementary user controls. We have implemented the relevant user controls, and they were in operation for the year ended December 31, 2023.
- 39) In regards to the preparation of the financial statements services performed by you, we have:
- a) Assumed all management responsibilities.
 - b) Designated an individual within senior management with suitable skills, knowledge, or experience to oversee the services.
 - c) Evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed.
 - d) Accepted responsibility for the results of the services.
 - e) Ensured that the data and records are complete and received sufficient information to oversee the services.
- 40) We reaffirm our representations made to you in our letter dated February 23, 2024 with respect to financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022.

ERISA Required Supplemental Schedules

- 41) We believe the form and content of the Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023 and the Schedule H, Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year ended December 31, 2023 are fairly presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

WB Waste Solutions 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

Signature: 

Title: Director Finance

Date: 10/10/2024



WB Waste Solutions 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust Financial Report

December 31, 2023

WB Waste Solutions 401(k)
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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator and
Those Charged with Governance of
WB Waste Solutions 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust
Capitol Heights, Maryland

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of WB Waste Solutions 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) [ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit]. The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, 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 audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the 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 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 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 generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, 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 certifications, 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 H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023 and Schedule H, Line 4a – Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions 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 audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. 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 their 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 institutions 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).

Brown, Edwards & Company, L.L.P.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Richmond, Virginia
October 10, 2024



Financial Statements



WB Waste Solutions
401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Investments at fair value (Notes 3 and 4)	<u>\$ 2,507,559</u>	<u>\$ 1,667,893</u>
Receivables		
Participant contributions	27,266	26,464
Employer contributions	15,988	17,442
Notes receivable from participants	<u>233,985</u>	<u>247,428</u>
Total receivables	<u>277,239</u>	<u>291,334</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 2,784,798</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,959,227</u></u>

WB Waste Solutions
401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

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

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:

Investment income (Notes 3 and 4)	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 311,908
Dividends and interest	20,793
	<u>332,701</u>
Contributions	
Employer	243,559
Participant	393,082
Total contributions	<u>636,641</u>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>12,873</u>
Total additions	<u>982,215</u>

DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:

Benefits paid to participants	140,496
Administrative expenses (Note 5)	16,148
	<u>156,644</u>
Total deductions	<u>156,644</u>
Net increase	<u>825,571</u>

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Beginning of year	<u>1,959,227</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 2,784,798</u></u>

WB Waste Solutions
401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2023

Note 1 – Plan Description

The following description of the WB Waste Solutions 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust (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 employees of WB Waste Solutions, LLC (the “Company”) who are at least age 18. The Plan excludes employees whose employment is governed by a collective bargaining agreement, leased employees, nonresident alien employees, and certain other employees as outlined in the Plan agreement. Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan on the 1st of the month coinciding with or immediately following three months of continuous service. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

Each year participants may contribute up to 96% of annual compensation on a pre-tax basis, as defined by the Plan, up to the maximum allowed by the *Internal Revenue Code (IRC)*. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Company makes a safe harbor matching contribution equal to 100% of the first 3% of each participant’s compensation contributed to the Plan, plus 50% of the next 2% of each participant’s compensation contributed to the Plan. The Company may also make a discretionary profit-sharing contribution for participants who have completed two years of service. There was no discretionary profit-sharing contribution made to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Participant Accounts

Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contributions, the Company’s contributions, an allocation of Plan earnings (losses), and is charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, 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 immediately vested in all contributions plus earnings thereon.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000, reduced by the highest outstanding balance of any loan to them made in the prior twelve months, or 50% of their vested account balance. Notes are secured by the balance in the participant’s account and bear interest at market rates. At December 31, 2023, interest on loans ranged from 4.25% to 9.50%. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

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Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service due to death, disability, retirement, or other reasons, a participant with a vested account balance in excess of \$5,000 may elect to receive a lump-sum distribution, installments, annuity payments, or any other form of distribution permitted by the Plan. For vested balances of \$5,000 or less, participant consent is not required for the distribution. In-service withdrawals are permitted as specified in the Plan agreement.

Administrative Expenses

Plan fees and administrative expenses are paid by the Company or the Plan on a discretionary basis.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual method of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) requires the Plan Administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. 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. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

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.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest.

Benefit Payments

Benefits paid to participants are recorded when paid.

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Note 3 – Trustee’s Certification

Certain information was certified as complete and accurate by Mid Atlantic Trust Company, the Plan’s Trustee. This information is as follows:

- Investment assets
- Investment transactions
- Investment income
- Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

Note 4 – Fair Value Measurements

The Plan’s investments are reported at fair value in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits. The methods used to measure fair value may produce an amount that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The fair value measurement accounting literature establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy consists of three broad levels: Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and have the highest priority; Level 2 inputs consist of observable inputs other than quoted prices for identical assets; and Level 3 inputs are unobservable and have the lowest priority. The Plan uses appropriate valuation techniques based on the available inputs to measure the fair value of its investments. When available, the Plan measures fair value using Level 1 inputs because they generally provide the most reliable evidence of fair value. Level 3 inputs are used only when Level 1 or Level 2 inputs are not available.

The following table sets 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 measurement.

	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using:	
	Fair Value	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)
<u>December 31, 2023</u>		
Mutual funds	\$ 2,427,550	\$ 2,427,550
Money market fund	80,009	80,009
Investments at fair value	<u><u>\$ 2,507,559</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,507,559</u></u>
<u>December 31, 2022</u>		
Mutual funds	\$ 1,595,656	\$ 1,595,656
Money market fund	72,237	72,237
Investments at fair value	<u><u>\$ 1,667,893</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,667,893</u></u>

WB Waste Solutions
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December 31, 2023

Level 1 Fair Value Measurements

The fair values of mutual funds and the money market fund are based on quoted net asset values of the shares held by the Plan at year end.

Note 5 – Related-Party Transactions

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

Certain expenses are paid by the Plan to the Trustee of the Plan, Mid Atlantic Trust Company, the recordkeeper of the Plan, Paychex Inc., and the investment advisor, Merrill Lynch, for services provided. Certain plan investments are also shares of mutual funds managed by Merrill Lynch and its affiliate, BlackRock. These transactions are considered related-party transactions. Fees paid by the Plan to service providers totaled \$16,148 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Note 6 – Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

Note 7 – Tax Status

The Plan adopted a non-standardized prototype plan sponsored by Paychex, Inc. and has not requested a determination letter but rather has relied upon the *Internal Revenue Service* opinion letter dated August 31, 2020, issued on the prototype plan stating the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the *Internal Revenue Code (IRC)*.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the plan has taken an uncertain position that, more likely than not, would not be sustained upon examination by the *Internal Revenue Service*. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2023, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements
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Note 8 – Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

	December 31,	
	2023	2022
Net assets available for benefits as reported in the financial statements	\$ 2,784,798	\$ 1,959,227
Participant contributions receivable	(27,266)	(26,464)
Employer contributions receivable	(15,988)	(17,442)
Pending dividends	38,552	23,603
Miscellaneous reconciling difference	-	6
Net assets as reported in the Form 5500	<u><u>\$ 2,780,096</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,938,930</u></u>

The following is a reconciliation of changes in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2023:

Net increase in net assets available for benefits as reported in the financial statements	\$ 825,571
Change in participant contributions receivable	(802)
Change in employer contributions receivable	1,454
Change in pending dividends	14,949
Change in miscellaneous reconciling difference	(6)
Net income as reported in the Form 5500	<u><u>\$ 841,166</u></u>

Note 9 – Subsequent Events

Effective April 2024, the three other plans operated by the Plan Sponsor, Lawrence Street Industry LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust, Team Transport 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust and Skinquarter Land LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust, were merged in with WB Waste Solutions 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust.

Subsequent events were evaluated through October 10, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.



Supplementary Information

WB Waste Solutions
401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust
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Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
December 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
Money Market Fund:				
*	BlackRock	Liquidity Funds T-Fund Institutional Shares	**	\$ 80,362
Mutual Funds:				
	AB	Sustainable Global Thematic Fund Class I	**	2,723
	Allspring	Special Small Cap Value Fund - Class R6	**	40,450
	Allspring	Emerging Markets Equity Fund - Class R6	**	21,085
	Allspring	Special Mid Cap Value Fund - Class R6	**	424
	American Century	Ultra R6	**	256,390
	American Funds	EuroPacific Growth Fund Class R-6	**	50,063
	American Funds	Capital World Growth and Income Fund Class R-6	**	17,000
*	BlackRock	Global Allocation Fund, Inc. Class K	**	209,131
*	BlackRock	High Yield Bond Portfolio Class K	**	154,502
	Cohen & Steers	Real Estate Securities Fund, Inc. Class Z	**	2,687
	Columbia	Dividend Income Fund Institutional 3 Class	**	42,853
	iShares	S&P 500 Index Fund Class K	**	30,840
	iShares	MSCI EAFE International Index Fund Class K	**	29,607
	iShares	Russell 2000 Small-Cap Index Fund Class K	**	6,888
	iShares	Russell Mid-Cap Index Fund Class K	**	1,816
	Janus Henderson	Triton Fund Class N	**	50,942
	Janus Henderson	Global Equity Income Fund Class N	**	419
	JPMorgan	SmartRetirement 2025 R6	**	279,143
	JPMorgan	SmartRetirement 2045 R6	**	252,971
	JPMorgan	SmartRetirement 2030 R6	**	238,980
	JPMorgan	SmartRetirement 2035 R6	**	231,027
	JPMorgan	SmartRetirement 2040 R6	**	211,641
	JPMorgan	SmartRetirement 2050 R6	**	140,548
	JPMorgan	SmartRetirement 2020 R6	**	103,795
	JPMorgan	SmartRetirement 2055 R6	**	57,188
	JPMorgan	SmartRetirement 2060 R6	**	9,752
	JPMorgan	SmartRetirement Income R6	**	1,283
	MFS	Mid Cap Growth Fund Class R6	**	2,147
	PGIM	Short-Term Corporate Bond Fund - Class R6	**	6,023
	PGIM	Total Return Bond Fund - Class R6	**	3,426
	PIMCO	International Bond Fund (U.S. Dollar-Hedged) Institutional Class	**	7,902
	PIMCO	Investment Grade Credit Bond Fund Institutional Class	**	1,081
	PIMCO	Income Fund Institutional Class	**	1,022
				<u>2,465,749</u>
Notes Receivable from Participants				
*	Participant Loans	Various maturities, interest rate range of 4.25% to 9.50 %		233,985
				<u><u>\$ 2,780,096</u></u>

* Party-in-interest

** Cost omitted for participant directed investments

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4a - SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS
Year Ended December 31, 2023

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Check here if late participant loan repayments are included ☒	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
Remittances for January 7, 2022 through January 28, 2022	\$ -	\$ 5,774	\$ -	\$ -
Remittances for February 11, 2022	-	8,262	-	-
Remittances for May 6, 2022	-	9,039	-	-
	\$ -	\$ 23,075	\$ -	\$ -