

<div>Form 5500</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</div> <div>This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</div> <div>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</div>	<div>OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div>
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: <div><div>☐ a multiemployer plan</div><div>☒ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)</div><div>☐ a single-employer plan</div><div>☐ a DFE (specify) _____</div><div>☐ the first return/report</div><div>☐ the final return/report</div><div>☐ an amended return/report</div><div>☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)</div></div>
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: <div><div>☒ Form 5558</div><div>☐ automatic extension</div><div>☐ the DFVC program</div><div>☐ special extension (enter description)</div></div>
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 ASCENSUS SECURE RETIREMENT POOLED EMPLOYER PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
1c	Effective date of plan 02/01/2021
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) NEWPORT GROUP, INC. 35 IRON POINT CIRCLE SUITE 300 FOLSOM, CA 95630
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-2037969
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 844-749-9981
2d	Business code (see instructions) 541219

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	COREY MARTIN
	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:		4b EIN	
a Sponsor's name		4d PN	
c Plan Name			
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5	7207
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d).			
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year		6a(1)	6841
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	8076
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits		6b	41
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits		6c	719
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d	8836
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits		6e	6
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	8842
g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g(1)	2297
g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g(2)	4441
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		6h	81
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....		7	
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 2W 3B 3D 3F 3H			
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)		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1) ☐ Insurance		(1) ☐ Insurance	
(2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts		(2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	
(3) ☒ Trust		(3) ☒ Trust	
(4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		(4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)			
a Pension Schedules		b General Schedules	
(1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information)		(1) ☒ H (Financial Information)	
(2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		(2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan)	
(3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		(3) ☐ A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>0</u>	
(4) ☐ DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____		(4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information)	
(5) ☒ MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan 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 _____

<div>SCHEDULE C</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Service Provider Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div>	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

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

<div>A</div> <div>Name of plan</div> <div>ASCENSUS SECURE RETIREMENT POOLED EMPLOYER PLAN</div>	<div>B</div> <div>Three-digit plan number (PN)</div> <div>▶</div> <div>002</div>
<div>C</div> <div>Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500</div> <div>NEWPORT GROUP, INC.</div>	<div>D</div> <div>Employer Identification Number (EIN)</div> <div>27-2037969</div>

Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

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Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a

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

No

Yes

☒
- 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)

NEWPORT GROUP, INC.

27-2037969

(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?
12 13 14 31 37 38 50 64 65	PLAN SPONSOR	355480	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

LPL FINANCIAL

95-2834236

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 51	NONE	102919	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

NEWPORT GROUP CONSULTING, LLC

20-4649925

(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?
26 27 50 51	AFFILIATE	19175	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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

NEWPORT TRUST COMPANY

27-4411131

(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?
21 25 50 62	AFFILIATE	18362	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

TRACTION FINANCIAL PARTNERS

84-2313719

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 51	NONE	16961	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

COMMONWEALTH FINANCIAL NETWORK

01-0355124

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 51	NONE	12512	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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

FORTUNE 360 GROUP, LLC

47-3908589

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 51	NONE	11328	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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77-0017182

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 51	NONE	11215	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

NAPLES ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LL

20-2190247

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 51	NONE	11144	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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

WHARTONHILL ADVISORS, LLC

46-4410362

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 51	NONE	10511	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

QUANTUM FINANCIAL ADVISORS

87-3466505

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 51	NONE	6633	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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

<div>A Name of plan ASCENSUS SECURE RETIREMENT POOLED EMPLOYER PLAN</div>	<div>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002</div>
<div>C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NEWPORT GROUP, INC.</div>	<div>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-2037969</div>

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PUTNAM STABLE VALUE - 25
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PUTNAM STABLE VALUE FUND
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c EIN-PN 04-3159710-202	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 31373
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	VANGUARD RETIREMENT SAVINGS TRUSTIV
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY
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c EIN-PN 23-2186884-025	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1234006
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	
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c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	
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c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	
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c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	
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c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	
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c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
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103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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

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

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

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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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan ASCENSUS SECURE RETIREMENT POOLED EMPLOYER PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NEWPORT GROUP, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-2037969	

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	1766845	184417
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	739010	1376188
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	1030017	1265379
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	45291893	127605836
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	48827765	130431820
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	48827765	130431820

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)	6786649	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	17257956	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	2454549	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		26499154
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	56817	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		56817
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	3886735	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		3886735
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		213
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		11757763
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		42200682

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	7484014	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		7484014
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		58567
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	162757	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	192723	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	248687	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	18362	
(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)		622529
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		8165110

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		34035572
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		48124151
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		555668

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: **CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP**

(2) EIN: **41-0746749**

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.)	☒	☐	4371603
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?	☒	☐	1000000
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)
HENLEY CONSTRUCTION 401(K) PLAN	62-1546478	001
PIERCHOSKI ESTATE LAW LLC 401(K) PLAN	84-3004117	001
DUNN RIGHT CONSTRUCTION INC. 401(K) PLAN	47-3106802	001
GATORS DOCKSIDE 401K PLAN	65-0483354	002

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 _____.

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)
SUPERIOR BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, INC. 401(K) PLAN	46-5117133	002
EARLYSTONE MANAGEMENT	84-2852872	001

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 _____.

<div>SCHEDULE R</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury</div> <div>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor</div> <div>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Retirement Plan Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div>	OMB No. 1210-0110
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NEWPORT GROUP, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-2037969	

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): 75-3182674		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.			
3	Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4	Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.				
5	If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6	a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
	b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
	c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.				
7	Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8	If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9	If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10	Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11	a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
	b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12	Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for: a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment) 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) 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)	14a 14b 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 b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15a 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 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	16a 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>11 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q704225A</u> .	

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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 ASCENSUS SECURE RETIREMENT POOLED EMPLOYER PLAN	B Three-digit Plan number (PN) ►	002
C Plan administrator's name as shown on line 3a of Form 5500/Form 5500-SF NEWPORT GROUP, INC.	D Administrator's EIN 27-2037969	

Part I	Type of Multiple-Employer Pension Plan. All multiple-employer pension plans must complete.
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1 Check the appropriate box to indicate type of multiple-employer pension plan. (Only defined contribution plans may check lines 1a, 1b, and 1c. Defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans not checking lines 1a, 1b, or 1c should check line 1d. See Instructions).

- a** ☐ association retirement plan (See 29 CFR 2510.3-55) (Complete Part II)
- b** ☐ professional employer organization plan (PEO Plan) (See 29 CFR 29 CFR 2510.3-55) (Complete Part II)
- c** ☒ pooled employer plan (PEP) (See 29 CFR 2510.3-44) (Complete Parts II and III)
- d** ☐ other multiple-employer pension plan (Describe) _____ (Complete Part II)

Part II	Participating Employer Information.
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2a Name of Participating Employer 77 READE STREET CONDOMINIUM	2b EIN 30-0703842	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year 0.08	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer 51414
2a Name of Participating Employer R.A. SNYDER PROPERTIES INC.	2b EIN 33-0267171	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year 1.32	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer 741058

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2e Does the plan include any individuals not participating through an employer or who are individual working owners?	2e	☐ Yes ☒ No
2f If you answer "Yes" in line 2e, enter a good faith estimate of the percentage of total contributions made by all such individuals that are not listed on line 2a during the plan year.	2f	
2g If you answer "Yes" in Line 2e, enter the aggregate account balances for all such individuals that are not listed on line 2a.	2g	

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DAVID A. LOPEZ & COMPANY, LLC	45-0508612	0.03	23822
SAN DIEGO MULTI-HOUSING CORPORATION	95-3630042	0.28	1213904
SEMIOS INC. USA	46-4594408	1.44	814672
ANCHOR LABORATORY SERVICES, LLC	85-3154566	0.00	40490
PIERCHOSKI ESTATE LAW, LLC	84-3004117	0.03	0
TARTINE HOLDINGS JV, LLC	82-1078612	0.18	105832
CLEAR CHOICE HOME IMPROVEMENTS, LLC	45-4600938	0.54	375225
HARDING RV, INC.	84-2381295	2.03	1831736
FRONTLINE COMMUNITY SERVICES	26-0001995	0.07	36028

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HENLEY CONSTRUCTION	62-1546478	0.05	0
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SOLUTIONS 4 WEALTH, LTD.	71-0908786	0.26	185624
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
LEMONADA MEDIA, INC	85-0640112	1.27	638496
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
ANCO DENTAL LAB	59-1411177	0.01	0
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KNIGHT MECHANICAL SERVICE, INC.	27-3103395	0.04	0
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
PLUTO HEALTHCARE STAFFING, LLC	84-2440212	2.62	1026566
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
MODERN TWIG INC.	84-3893183	0.13	81936
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S & F RESTAURANT VENTURES, INC. D/B/A GATOR'S DOCKSIDE	65-0483354	0.04	0
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
BRUCE T ROACH DDS PC DBA DENTAL 1	38-2674496	0.27	167497

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DICKINSON FUEL COMPANY, INC.	55-0158655	0.28	194465
PERUVIAN LINK CO.	02-0552662	0.27	1053375
ASSOCIATED FIRE PROTECTION, INC.	22-1577154	1.44	4118509
SUCCESSFUL SOLUTIONS, LLC	33-0972646	0.34	143109
JOSHUA J. FINE JEWELRY	26-2666725	0.33	166379
B. CURTIS NEAL, DDS, PLC	82-1321298	0.07	45024
BOOTZ AND DUKE SIGN CO.	86-0205994	1.25	484205
INNOVATIVE PRODUCE, INC.	80-0314690	2.12	3640045
APEX FUN RUN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, LLC	47-5090532	0.20	106188

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FUSCO & ORSINI INSURANCE SERVICES	27-3634491	0.65	1790356
EYESTHETICA A CALIFORNIA GENERAL PARTNERSHIP	37-1501082	1.06	797829
LAW OFFICES OF ERIC W. THOMPSON	45-3755218	0.51	630146
INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN ADOPTIONS	33-0412343	0.05	22816
HQ DUMPSTERS & RECYCLING, LLC	27-3260260	0.36	198471
CONNECTICUT APPLIANCE & FIREPLACE DISTRIBUTORS	06-1484203	0.20	829224
US BIOTEK LABORATORIES	26-1548678	1.31	726761
SPINLAB 3 LLC	46-4691856	0.12	195492
OAK TREE HOLDINGS LLC	83-1497212	3.64	2702244

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DOEDTMAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	84-3918545	0.20	109679
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AVIATION CONSULTANTS INC.	68-0405099	8.28	9741515
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WINSTON RETAIL SOLUTIONS, LLC	20-0837128	5.05	6219932
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HALL ALUMINUM PRODUCTS, INC.	35-0958127	1.10	945716
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STEARNS FINANCIAL GROUP	82-1285010	0.50	293550
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BLACK DIAMOND BROADCAST HOLDINGS, LLC	47-4819635	0.24	124470
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DR. SEUSS ENTERPRISES, L.P.	33-0585842	0.78	571659
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RUDD COMPANY, INC.	91-0392020	0.24	2234199
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GROWL AGENCY	81-3920540	0.13	165790

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ADMINISTRATORS ADVISORY GROUP, INC.	59-3275925	0.40	369359
THE DYRT, INC.	46-2461825	0.69	332284
REI CAPITAL, LLC	13-4197360	0.17	422229
MCBRIDE HALL A PROFESSIONAL CO	84-4860799	0.63	936205
IOCCA FAMILY DENTISTRY	84-3582305	0.22	166884
GOEPPERT LLC	81-4308188	0.23	116167
CHESTER M. KEARNEY PA	01-0411241	0.91	361916
RANGELINE TAPPING SERVICES, INC.	65-0330364	2.89	2152579
KOREY RICHARDSON, LLP	27-1527999	1.09	1191650

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GEOSCAPE SOLAR LLC	26-3893287	0.54	258806
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PEAK ELEVATOR, LLC	45-1964979	0.35	541956
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FOOTPRINTS FLOORS	26-3841508	1.02	457308
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NINETY.IO	47-5554347	3.86	1449369
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TRANSCOLD DISTRIBUTION (USA), INC.	83-0495852	1.04	1021118
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AUTOMAXX OF THE CAROLINAS	20-4261779	2.00	771466
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KNOWLES ENTERPRISES, LLC	71-0965827	1.30	2593533
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ILLINOIS CONTRACT GLAZING INC	36-3735679	0.20	581738
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THE FRENCH PRESS	45-5593172	0.26	85327
ERIC LOFHOLM INTERNATIONAL, INC.	26-0039444	0.07	0
TEMPERANCE APOTHECARY D/B/A CRARY DRUG	87-1697777	0.14	210874
MURRAY PLUMBING CO., LLC	25-1916261	0.23	408519
PITCHBLEND AGENCY, INC.	47-2436125	0.30	231140
MOTUSI CORPORATION	83-2044706	0.21	108717
ASHLAND LUMBER COMPANY	93-0934753	0.26	123451
LIVING WATER POOL SERVICE & REPAIRS, INC.	47-5533262	0.18	56581

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AVION HOSPITALITY EMPLOYEE SERVICES, LLC	88-1752453	2.14	784024
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THE ROXBOROUGH GROUP, LLC	46-2289160	1.39	380705
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PAPA BIRD, LLC	80-0839416	0.06	21684
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SPARITY, INC.	80-0588940	0.25	128762
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BEYOND BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, LLC DBA BEYOND HEALTHCARE	85-3845924	0.47	151078
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EDDC PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC	87-3667173	0.08	27184
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NPR BEVERAGE COMPANY	38-4097545	0.03	9856
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UNICAT CATALYST TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	27-0629027	0.85	298030
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DARDEN ENGINEERING SERVICES, PLLC	81-4815667	0.33	101756

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SPR OP CO, LLC DBA STANDARD EVENTS RENTALS/IMPACT LIGHTING	94-2991966	1.27	665183
SIGMA 1916, INC.	94-0276950	0.08	29175
HOMETOWN APPAREL & SCREENPRINTING LLC	81-3525088	0.03	8514
SYMBIO FINANCIAL PARTNERS INC.	27-4337412	0.36	1076407
TERRA EDUCATION TRAVEL, LLC	92-0648037	0.22	386018
ASSOCIATES FOR DENTAL CARE	03-0303826	0.58	4459943
EARLYSTONE MANAGEMENT INC.	84-2852872	0.15	0
ELLA VALLEY CAPITAL LLC	46-5217319	0.16	0
TBF INVESTMENTS, INC. DBA SAN DIEGO RESTAURANT SUPPLY	95-2801760	0.47	2627900

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PEOPLE ARCHITECTS, LLC	87-3378158	0.12	34197
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LONDON MOEDER ADVISORS	83-0478709	0.71	2090571
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
HGW ARCHITECTURE	33-0754729	1.62	2859765
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
BLUEMODUS, INC.	20-1660448	7.29	7767199
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
UTILITY TRAILER SALES OF COLORADO, LLC	84-1443615	2.44	8597229
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
MAX DEVELOPMENT LLC D/B/A/ THREE6IXTY	33-0937166	0.46	1484358
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
ROWDY MERMAID INC	46-2725000	0.17	42608
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
RTHC, LLC	47-4931876	0.14	36121
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
MORE THAN A CARPENTER SERVICES, INC. DBA MTAC INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS	35-2215514	0.21	60536

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HEADY COMPANIES, INC.	47-3511848	0.76	216275
SOLID CRAFT BOATS, INC.	82-1973733	0.33	94171
ROYAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	33-0681055	1.75	4422753
ESSENTIAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, LLC	27-2132779	0.32	85690
FREEMAN HOLDINGS, LLC	43-6858437	2.32	653317
CA FGB OPERATIONS, LLC	84-2185165	0.04	348815
VETERANS RECOVERY RESOURCES	47-4013431	0.68	293981
HOLY KAKOW CHOCOLATE, LLC	26-3235024	0.14	41232
WELL-GROUNDED, LLC	82-4807328	0.01	1926

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AMRES CORPORATION	47-3705377	1.23	1614569
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INFINITE WEALTH ADVISORS, LLC	46-0775978	0.34	100311
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
COGNOS PAY LLC	83-4216512	1.21	540178
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
ILM PROPERTIES, LLC DBA SMITH PLUMBING & HEATING	84-1460038	0.56	152517
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
JR COMMODITIES, INC.	47-2020196	0.44	131548
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
TRANSWAVE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC.	16-1437895	0.25	1312661
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
LIAKAS LAW, P.C.	47-1852007	0.23	66264
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
TRIANGLE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	64-0389523	0.16	5156742
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
MOORE PUMP & EQUIPMENT, INC.	64-0760133	0.06	1388684

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SOS SAND TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED	81-4250589	0.09	746276
TOURMALINE BIO, INC.	87-2783339	1.02	290341
SPLASH FIBER, LLC	83-3865571	0.12	36002
ELECTROMECHANICAL ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC.	25-1421882	0.40	3102860
ECONSULTANTS, LLC	80-0460831	0.07	133637
DAS INSTALLERS, LLC DBA BDA SYSTEMS COMPANY	83-3165180	0.00	459
P & G SECURITY GUARD INC.	56-1015765	0.19	53903
RAYMUNDOS FOOD GROUP, LLC	47-3446031	0.11	31027
AZ CROWN INVESTMENTS, LLC	46-3032517	0.02	4712

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VENUE 5126 INC	45-4466365	0.10	274720
2a Name of Participating Employer BPR CONSULTING GROUP, LLC	87-1149836	0.60	1530738
2a Name of Participating Employer ATLANTIC SEAFOOD OF BALDWINVILLE	82-4059752	0.09	26049
2a Name of Participating Employer STRENGTH ROOFING & SIDING, INC.	26-1868597	0.03	9939
2a Name of Participating Employer NEXTIER SOLUTIONS, INC.	84-2849127	0.20	57271
2a Name of Participating Employer VOYAGER VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.	39-1230637	0.06	889305
2a Name of Participating Employer EINSTEIN PROPERTIES LLC	92-3281382	0.28	75831
2a Name of Participating Employer BAKA FORTUNES INC	47-2788269	0.17	280859
2a Name of Participating Employer AKH SHARED SERVICES, LLC	81-2962089	0.19	325622

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INFINITY TECHNOLOGIES	86-2691967	0.33	1008626
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
AIR COMPRESSOR ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.	72-0933095	0.15	43561
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
CONIGEN BIOSCIENCE, INC.	92-2545437	0.09	25426
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
EYW COMPANIES LLC	82-2134395	0.04	9843
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
DAN BENNETT, MD, PA	64-0631891	0.01	774451
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
J E KRIPS INC. D/B/A CENTRAL FLORIDA COMMERCIAL SERVICES	26-1146746	0.20	56334
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
SHADOW LAKE REALTY, LLC	81-1918779	0.03	8843
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
WATERMELON EXPRESS DBA BENCH PREP	27-3666786	1.06	6251478
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
AMERI-TEX, INC.	36-4050708	0.07	228246

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ATM PROPERTY SOLUTIONS LLC	47-1535255	0.00	122
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
SEDA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	59-2255942	0.05	1269500
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
JUMP START STORES, INC.	45-1283780	0.06	15301
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
S & K DOOR AND SPECIALTY COMPANY, INC.	64-0607085	0.00	920834
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
ADVOCATEMD OPERATIONS, LLC D/B/A ADVOCATEMD	86-3533404	0.21	56731
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
DUNN RIGHT CONSTRUCTION INC.	47-3106802	0.00	0
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
SUPERIOR BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, INC.	46-5117133	0.00	0
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
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Part III	Pooled Employer Plan Information
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Line 3. All Pooled employer plans must answer all of the questions in Part III, in addition to completing all of Parts I and II.

3a Is the pooled plan provider (identified as the plan sponsor and administrator in Part II of the Form 5500) currently in compliance with the Form PR (Pooled Plan Provider Registration Statement) requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2510.3-44) ☒ Yes ☐ No

3b If line 3a is "Yes", enter the ACK ID for the most recent Form PR that was required to be filed under the Form PR filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid ACK ID will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

ACK ID R49IFO22W

ASCENSUS SECURE RETIREMENT POOLED EMPLOYER PLAN

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
ERISA-REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

**AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022
AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Pooled Employer Plan Committee
Ascensus Secure Retirement Pooled Employer Plan
Folsom, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Ascensus Secure Retirement Pooled Employer 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 – modified cash basis as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits – modified cash basis 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 Ascensus Secure Retirement Pooled Employer 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 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' 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 the modified cash basis of accounting.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Ascensus Secure Retirement Pooled Employer 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.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2; and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible 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.

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 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 auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

Pooled Employer Plan Committee
Ascensus Secure Retirement Pooled Employer Plan

- 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 Ascensus Secure Retirement Pooled Employer 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 Ascensus Secure Retirement Pooled Employer Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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 the modified cash basis of accounting.

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

Other Matter — Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

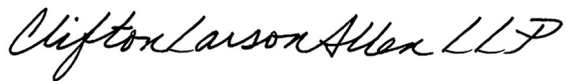
The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) and schedule of delinquent participant contributions as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required 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 GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

Pooled Employer Plan Committee
Ascensus Secure Retirement Pooled Employer Plan

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

In our opinion

- the form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental 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).



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Baltimore, Maryland
October 11, 2024

ASCENSUS SECURE RETIREMENT POOLED EMPLOYER PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
INVESTMENTS (at Fair Value)		
Money Market Fund	\$ 184,417	\$ 1,766,845
Mutual Funds	127,605,836	45,291,893
Collective Investment Trust Funds	<u>1,265,379</u>	<u>1,030,017</u>
Total Investments at Fair Value	129,055,632	48,088,755
RECEIVABLES		
Notes Receivable from Participants	<u>1,376,188</u>	<u>739,010</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 130,431,820</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 48,827,765</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**ASCENSUS SECURE RETIREMENT POOLED EMPLOYER PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

ADDITIONS:

INVESTMENT INCOME

Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments	\$ 11,757,976
Interest and Dividends	<u>3,886,735</u>
Total Investment Income	15,644,711

**INTEREST INCOME ON NOTES RECEIVABLE
FROM PARTICIPANTS**

56,817

CONTRIBUTIONS

Employee 401(k) Deferral	17,257,956
Employer	6,786,649
Rollovers	<u>2,454,549</u>
Total Contributions	<u>26,499,154</u>

Total Additions	42,200,682
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DEDUCTIONS:

BENEFITS PAID TO PARTICIPANTS	7,543,010
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ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	<u>622,100</u>
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Total Deductions	<u>8,165,110</u>
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NET INCREASE BEFORE TRANSFERS	34,035,572
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Transfers in from Other Qualified Funds	48,124,151
Transfers out to Other Qualified Funds	<u>(555,668)</u>

NET INCREASE	81,604,055
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:

Beginning of Year	<u>48,827,765</u>
End of Year	<u><u>\$ 130,431,820</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

ASCENSUS SECURE RETIREMENT POOLED EMPLOYER PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of Ascensus Secure Retirement Pooled Employer Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a Pooled Employer Plan (PEP) established by Newport Group, Inc., the Pooled Plan Provider (PPP). The Plan was established under the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 (SECURE Act) on January 1, 2021. The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering eligible employees of the Participating Employers, and is intended to qualify under Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (IRC or Code), sections 401(a) and 501(a). The Plan is intended to constitute as a multiple employer plan, as described under Code sections 410(a), 411, 413, and 415. Each Participating Employer elects their own provisions related to eligibility, contributions, notes receivable from participants, and payments of benefits. The Plan is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA).

Eligibility

Only those employees of any particular Participating Employer who are designated by the Participating Employer in its adoption agreement as eligible employees shall be eligible to participate in the Plan. Participating Employers may define eligibility requirements based on factors such as age, service, or employee type. Eligible employees shall be eligible to make participant contributions and receive allocations of employer contributions if and to the extent specified in the applicable adoption agreement or otherwise provided by the Plan.

Contributions

Eligible participants may elect to have a percentage of their eligible compensation, as defined by the Plan and Participating Employer adoption agreement, contributed as a pre-tax or Roth contribution. Participating Employers may elect safe harbor or non-safe harbor contribution provisions as well as compensation definitions. Eligible employees may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch up contributions. Participants direct the investment of contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

The Participating Employers in the Plan may elect automatic enrollment and escalation features. Accordingly, the Participating Employer will automatically withhold a defined percentage of an eligible participant's compensation based on the Participating Employer's adoption agreement, unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their contributions invested in the designated default fund until changed by the participant.

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NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Contributions (Continued)

Under the terms of the Participating Employer adoption agreements, the Participating Employers may elect to make safe harbor contributions, matching contributions, nonelective contributions, prevailing wage contributions, qualified nonelective contributions (QNECs) or qualified matching contributions (QMACs) to the Plan. Participating Employers may also elect to make true-up matching contributions.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, the Participating Employers' contributions (if applicable), and an allocation of Plan earnings or losses. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, or participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided by the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Participating Employer contribution portion of their accounts, plus actual earnings thereon, is based on years of service, ranging from immediate vesting to six year graded or cliff vesting, as elected by each Participating Employer. Notwithstanding the above, participants become fully vested in the Participating Employer contributions upon reaching normal retirement age, death, or total or permanent disability.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate determined by the PPP, which is prime rate plus 1% on the second business day of the month in which the loan is requested. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Benefit Payments

Upon termination of service, death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive the value of the vested interest in their account in the form of a lump sum distribution or installments based on the Participating Employer's adoption agreement. The Plan allows for in-service distributions if a participant reaches age 59½ and hardship distributions subject to the Participating Employer's adoption agreement. As defined in the Participating Employer's adoption agreement, if the balance of the terminated participant's account is between \$1 and \$5,000, the PPP may authorize that the benefit payment be rolled into an individual retirement account in the participant's name without the participant's consent.

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NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Forfeited Accounts

Forfeited nonvested accounts can be used to pay administrative expenses and to reduce future Participating Employer contributions. Forfeited nonvested accounts as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, totaled \$140,183 and \$137,913, respectively. There were \$10,530 of forfeitures used to pay administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2023. There were \$115,953 of forfeitures used to reduce Participating Employer contributions for the year ended December 31, 2023.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under that basis, certain additions are recognized when received and certain deductions are recognized when paid. Investments are stated at fair value. The modified cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America primarily because the effects of outstanding contributions and outstanding expenses are not included in the financial statements.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could 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 5 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Contributions

Contributions from participants and Participating Employer contributions are recorded in the year in which the contributions are received by the Plan.

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NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Notes Receivable from Participants

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

Benefit Payments

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Reasonable expenses of the Plan, including, trustee, attorneys, advisors, fiduciaries, and service providers are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the PPP or the Participating Employers. Expenses that are paid by the PPP or the Participating Employers are excluded from these financial statements. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Subsequent Events

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

NOTE 3 TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Upon termination or new entrance of a Participating Employer, funds may be transferred to or from other qualified plans. During the year ended December 31, 2023, transfers into the Plan from other qualified plans totaled \$48,124,151, and transfers out totaled \$555,668.

NOTE 4 CERTIFICATION OF INVESTMENT INFORMATION

Newport Trust Company, the qualified institution of the Plan, has supplied the Plan administrator with certifications as to the completeness and accuracy of all investment information and notes receivable from participants reflected on the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits – modified cash basis as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits – modified cash basis for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023.

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NOTE 5 FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS

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

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

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:

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

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

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

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

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

Money Market Fund – Valued at the closing net asset value (NAV) per share which equals cost which is based on an active market.

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

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NOTE 5 FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Collective Investment Trust Funds – Valued at the NAV of units of the collective trust. NAV is a readily determinable fair value and is the basis for current transactions. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. If the Plan initiates a full redemption of the collective trust, the issuer reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

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

	2022			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money Market Fund	\$ 184,417	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 184,417
Mutual Funds	127,605,836	-	-	127,605,836
Collective Investment Trust Funds	-	1,265,379	-	1,265,379
Total Investments at Fair Value	<u>\$ 127,790,253</u>	<u>\$ 1,265,379</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 129,055,632</u>

	2021			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money Market Fund	\$ 1,766,845	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,766,845
Mutual Funds	45,291,893	-	-	45,291,893
Collective Investment Trust Funds	-	1,030,017	-	1,030,017
Total Investments at Fair Value	<u>\$ 47,058,738</u>	<u>\$ 1,030,017</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 48,088,755</u>

NOTE 6 RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of the investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances, and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits – modified cash basis.

NOTE 7 PLAN TERMINATION

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

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NOTE 8 PLAN TAX STATUS

The Plan is placing reliance on an opinion letter from the IRS on the pre-approved plan dated November 30, 2020, indicating that the Plan is designed in accordance with the applicable section of the IRC. The Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter. However, the PPP believes that the Plan is designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

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

NOTE 9 PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are managed by the qualified institutions of the Plan; therefore, the investment transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The Plan issues notes receivable to participants, which are secured by the balances in the participants accounts, which also qualify as party-in-interest transaction. These party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

NOTE 10 NONEXEMPT PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS

During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 there were instances where Participating Employers failed to timely remit employee deferral contributions and loan repayments to the Plan for certain payroll periods within the timeframe prescribed by the Department of Labor. These are deemed prohibited transactions in accordance with ERISA and the IRC. During 2023, there were additional delinquent contributions identified related to the year ended December 31, 2022. The supplemental schedule has been updated to show the correct delinquent participant contributions for 2022.

ASCENSUS SECURE RETIREMENT POOLED EMPLOYER PLAN
E.I.N. 27-2037969 PLAN NO. 002
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
	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
2022 Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included ☒ Yes	\$ 1,786,311	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2023 Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included ☒ Yes	\$ 2,585,292	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

ASCENSUS SECURE RETIREMENT POOLED EMPLOYER PLAN
E.I.N 27-2037969 PLAN NO. 002
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i—SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	Cost**	Current Value
	Vanguard	Vanguard Federal Money Market Inv		\$ 184,417
	American Funds	American Funds Capital World Bond R6		3,022,868
	American Funds	American Funds Europacific Gr R6		10,867,159
	Baird	Baird Core Plus Bond Instl		9,653,758
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Inflation Protected Bond Index		1,352,400
	Harbor	Harbor Capital Appreciation Fund Ret		11,127,860
	Putnam	Putnam Stable Value -25		31,373
	Vanguard	Vanguard Equity-Income Adm		14,505,349
	Vanguard	Vanguard Extended Market Index Inst		5,641,050
	Vanguard	Vanguard Institutional Index Instl		25,294,861
	Vanguard	Vanguard Strategic Equity Inv		6,104,366
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Inv		327,050
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Inv		874,598
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Inv		1,778,196
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Inv		3,612,972
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Inv		4,961,317
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Inv		2,239,165
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Inv		2,396,888
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Inv		1,870,726
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Inv		1,417,990
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Inv		556,602
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2070 Inv		130,090
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Inv		2,285,489
	Vanguard	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Adm		6,338,336
	Vanguard	Vanguard Total Intl Stock Index Admiral		11,246,746
	Vanguard	Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust IV		1,234,006
*	Participants	Participant Loans		
		Rates from 2.00% to 10.25%	-	1,376,188
		Total Assets Held		<u>\$ 130,431,820</u>

* Indicates party-in-interest

** Cost omitted for participant-directed accounts

Schedule H, Line 5b**Additional plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred.**

Name of Plan: ► Ascensus Secure Retirement Pooled Employer Plan
Employer Identification Number (EIN): ► 27-2037969 Three-digit plan number: ► 002
For the plan year beginning/ending: ► 1/1/2023 - 12-31/2023

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)
Anco Dental Lab 401 (k) Plan	59-1411177	002
Kight Mechanical Service, Inc.	27-3103395	002
Ella Valley Capital LLC	46-5217319	001
Paychex Pooled Employer Plan	26-0039444	001

Form 5500 annual return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan
Schedule H Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

See Supplemental Schedule attached with IQPA Opinion and Financial Statements.