

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 08/01/1987
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) UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES, LLC 4205 VINELAND ROAD, SUITE L1 ORLANDO, FL 32811
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 59-1117804
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 407-423-0504
2d	Business code (see instructions) 541330

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.	10/15/2024	SETH LARNER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/15/2024	SETH LARNER
	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 COMPASS 360, LLC 118 PORTSMOUTH AVE. SUITE D201 STRATHAM, NH 03885	3b Administrator's EIN 81-1939215 3c Administrator's telephone number 603-778-9920
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 2761
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 2307 6a(2) 3282 6b 0 6c 458 6d 3740 6e 0 6f 3740 6g(1) 2004 6g(2) 2450 6h 89
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:	

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)	
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (4) ☐ DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____ (5) ☐ MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☒ A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>1</u> (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☐ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 59-1117804	

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

(a) Name of insurance carrier
EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
84-0467907	68322	372585-01	552	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
0	0

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

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

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	4722765
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	0

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

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

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

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

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

b Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	3878263
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c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	2560279	
	7c(2)	0	
	7c(3)	65643	
	7c(4)	3728453	
	7c(5)	236064	

▶ **LOAN REPAYMENT(S), FORFEITURES**

(6) Total additions	7c(6)	6590439
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d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	10468702
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e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year (2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(1)	1959062	
	7e(2)	-40850	
	7e(3)	3827723	
	7e(4)	0	

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(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	5745935
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f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	4722767
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Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 59-1117804	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation	
EMPOWER ANNUITY INS CO OF AMERICA	8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111
84-0467907	

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

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

EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(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?
28	INVESTMENT MGMT.	39647	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

COMPASS 360

118 PORTSMOUTH AVE
STE A2
STRATHAM, NH 03885

(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?
13	CONTRACT ADMIN	148284	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

EMPOWER ANNUITY INS CO OF AMERICA

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

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64	RECORDKEEPER	84310	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	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)

STIFEL NICOLAUS & CO INC

501 N BROADWAY
ST LOUIS, MO 63102

(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 99	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	204065	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

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

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

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			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.	
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
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Explanation:

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Part I	Asset and Liability Statement		
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.			
	Assets	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	5	
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	32963	4279
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	59987	5418
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(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)	1330354	2349486
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(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)	72639002	109719617
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	3878263	4722765

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	77940574	116801565
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j	51264	157
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	51264	157
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	77889310	116801408

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)	6589277	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	10599440	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	1830446	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		19019163
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)	136745	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	65643	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		202388
(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)	3047519	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		3047519
(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)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		13657435
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		35926505

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	16886514	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		16886514
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		160630
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	502024	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(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)		502024
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		17549168

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		18377337
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		20534761
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **HARDING, SHYMANSKI AND CO. PSC**

(2) EIN: **35-1346211**

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.)	☒	☐	669571
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒	☐	500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	☐	☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒	☐	
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	☐	☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	☐	☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	☐	☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	☐	☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	☐	☐	

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES 401(K) PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES, LLC		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 59-1117804
Part I	Distributions	
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.		
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....		1 0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 84-0467907		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year		3
Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)	
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
Part III	Amendments	
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No		
Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.	
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ☐ Yes ☐ No		
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230707		

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No 21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2). ☒ Design-based safe harbor method ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☐ "Current year" ADP test ☐ N/A 22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q703912A</u> .	
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UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES 401(k) PLAN

Financial Report

December 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of the Universal Engineering Sciences 401(k) Plan (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). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)



Opinion (Continued)

- The information in the financial statements referred to on the previous page related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)

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 U.S. GAAP.

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 schedules of assets (held at end of year) and delinquent participant contributions as of 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion,

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)



Other Matter (Continued)

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA (Continued)

- 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).

Wardig, Shymanski & Company, P.S.C.

Louisville, Kentucky
October 15, 2024

UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES 401(k) PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Investments at fair value	\$ 109,719,618	\$ 72,639,002
Investment at contract value	<u>4,722,765</u>	<u>3,878,263</u>
Total investments	<u>114,442,383</u>	<u>76,517,265</u>
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	4,279	32,963
Participant contributions	5,418	59,987
Notes receivable from participants	<u>2,349,486</u>	<u>1,330,354</u>
Total receivables	<u>2,359,183</u>	<u>1,423,304</u>
Non-interest bearing cash	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>
Total assets	116,801,566	77,940,574
LIABILITIES		
Excess contributions payable	<u>157</u>	<u>51,264</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 116,801,409</u>	<u>\$ 77,889,310</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES 401(k) PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Additions

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 13,723,079
Interest and dividends	<u>3,047,519</u>

16,770,598

Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>136,745</u>
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Contributions:

Employers	6,589,277
Participants	10,599,440
Rollovers	<u>1,830,446</u>

19,019,163

Total additions	<u>35,926,506</u>
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Deductions

Benefits paid to participants	17,047,144
Administrative expenses	<u>502,024</u>

17,549,168

Net increase	18,377,338
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Transfers in - see Note 12	20,534,761
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Net assets available for benefits:

Beginning of year	<u>77,889,310</u>
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End of year	<u><u>\$ 116,801,409</u></u>
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES 401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note 1 - Plan Description

The following description of the Universal Engineering Sciences 401(k) Plan (Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees of Universal Engineering Sciences, LLC and subsidiaries (Company) who have reached age 18 and have completed one year of service, or 1,000 hours. The Plan is subject to the provisions of ERISA. The 401(k) Retirement Committee is responsible for oversight of the Plan. The Company's 401(k) Retirement Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance, and reports to the Plan Sponsor's Board of Directors.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to 100 percent of eligible compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants are permitted to contribute both pre-tax and Roth after-tax deferrals to the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan included an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees were automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elected not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants had their deferral rate set at three percent of eligible compensation and their contributions invested in a target retirement fund based on participant age until changed by the participant. Effective January 1, 2023, the Plan removed the provision for automatic enrollment of participants upon meeting eligibility requirements. Effective January 1, 2023, the Plan added a Safe Harbor matching contribution equal to 100 percent of the first three percent of base eligible compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan and 50 percent of the next two percent of base eligible compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan. Prior to January 1, 2023, the Company made discretionary matching contributions as determined by the Company's Board of Directors. In 2022, the Company elected to contribute a matching amount equal to three percent of the first six percent of eligible compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan up to a maximum of \$2,000. Additional profit sharing amounts may be contributed at the option of the Company's Board of Directors. Participants must have completed 1,000 hours of service and be employed by the Plan Sponsor on the last day of the Plan year to be eligible to receive a profit sharing contribution. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company made no profit sharing contributions to the Plan. Effective September 1, 2022, the Plan allows the Company to make a prevailing wage contribution to each participant employed by Construction Testing & Engineering, Inc. who performs an hour or more of service under a public contract subject to the Davis-Bacon Act. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note 1 - Plan Description (Continued)

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions as well as allocations of the Company's Safe Harbor contributions, discretionary matching contributions, profit sharing contributions, prevailing wage contributions, and Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions, the Company's Safe Harbor matching contribution, and prevailing wage contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary contribution and profit sharing contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100 percent vested after five years of credited service. A participant also becomes 100 percent vested upon death or 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 percent of their vested account balance. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The loan interest rate is one percent above the prime rate, as defined. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. Participants who have attained age 59 ½ may elect to receive either a partial withdrawal or lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. Participants may request a hardship withdrawal of a portion of their account attributable to participant deferrals. Any hardship withdrawal is limited to the amount needed to meet the financial need. Effective June 1, 2023, the Plan was amended to allow for distributions after attainment of normal retirement date to come from all fund sources, including Roth contribution accounts.

Forfeited Accounts

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$347,990 and \$180,487, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future employer contributions or to pay expenses of the Plan. Also, in 2023, employer contributions were reduced by approximately \$18,000 from forfeited nonvested accounts.

UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES 401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

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

Use of Estimates

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

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Company's 401(k) Retirement Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the Trustees. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. If a participant ceases to make the scheduled repayments, and the Plan administrator deems the participant to be in default, the participant's note receivable is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded based on the terms of the Plan.

Excess Contributions Payable

Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the IRS are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to recordkeeping and the administration of notes receivable that are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation of fair value of investments.

UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES 401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note 3 - Summary of Financial Data Certified by the Trustees

The following is a summary of the Plan's financial information as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, included throughout the Plan's financial statements and the supplemental schedules, that was prepared by or derived from information provided by Empower Trust Company, LLC and Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America, the Trustees of the Plan. The Plan administrator has obtained certifications from the Trustees that the following assets are complete and accurate. Accordingly, as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the Plan administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to the information which appears throughout the financial statements and the supplemental schedules related to the following:

<u>Net Assets Available for Benefits Held by Trustees</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Investments at fair value	\$ 109,719,618	\$ 72,639,002
Investment at contract value	4,722,765	3,878,263
Notes receivable from participants	2,349,486	1,330,354
Non-interest bearing cash	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>\$ 116,791,869</u>	<u>\$ 77,847,624</u>

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Investment income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 13,723,079
Interest and dividends	<u>3,047,519</u>
	16,770,598
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>136,745</u>
	<u>\$ 16,907,343</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements

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

- Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
- Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:
- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
 - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
 - Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

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

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

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

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

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December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 109,719,618	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 109,719,618

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 72,639,002	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 72,639,002

Note 5 - Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contract

The Plan has entered into a fully benefit-responsive guaranteed investment contract with Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America. Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer but may not be less than zero percent. The crediting rate is reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting. The contract cannot be terminated before the scheduled maturity date.

This contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and; therefore, is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawals or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

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

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer. Examples of such events include the following:

1. The failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA;
2. Premature termination of the contracts;

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Note 5 - Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contract (Continued)

3. Amendments to the Plan Documents (including complete or partial Plan termination or merger with another Plan);
4. Changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions;
5. Bankruptcy of the Plan Sponsor or other Plan Sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan.

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

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

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

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

An investment contract is managed by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America. Empower Trust Company, LLC and Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America are Trustees of the Plan and; therefore, transactions with the Trustees would qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than a direct payment. As described in Note 2, the Plan made direct payments to the Trustees and other parties-in-interest of \$502,024 for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Company pays directly any other fees related to the Plan's operations.

Note 7 - Plan Termination

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

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Note 8 - Tax Status

The Plan adopted a nonstandardized pre-approved profit sharing plan with cash or deferred arrangement sponsored by CCH Incorporated. The plan has received an opinion letter from the IRS as to the plan's qualified status. The Plan Sponsor can rely on the qualified status to the extent the Plan Document does not deviate from the IRS pre-approved provisions. The Plan administrator believes the Plan is designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and; therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability 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 authorities; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 9 - Risks and Uncertainties

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

Note 10 - Nonexempt Transactions

During 2021, the Plan Sponsor inadvertently failed to deposit \$8,258 of participant deferrals within the required time frame as stated by the United States Department of Labor (DOL) regulations.

During 2022, the Plan Sponsor inadvertently failed to deposit \$82,934 of participant deferrals within the required timeframe as stated by the DOL regulations.

During 2023, the Plan Sponsor inadvertently failed to deposit \$578,379 of participant deferrals within the required timeframe as stated by the DOL regulations.

The Plan Sponsor intends to reimburse the Plan for lost interest, file Form 5330, and to pay the applicable excise tax in 2024 for each of the years noted above. The excise tax payments will be made from the Plan Sponsor's assets and not from assets of the Plan.

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Note 11 - Plan Amendments

Effective January 1, 2023, the Plan was amended to merge the Alpha Testing, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan, the Rock Engineering and Testing Laboratory, Inc. 401(k) Plan, the Geo Services, LLC 401(k) Plan, and the McGinley and Associates, Inc. 401(k) Plan into the Plan.

Effective January 1, 2023, the Plan was amended to change the service requirement to participate in the Plan from one hour of service during the first two months of employment to one year of service or 1,000 hours. The Plan removed the provision for the automatic enrollment of participants upon meeting eligibility requirements. Additionally, the Plan added a Safe Harbor matching contribution equal to 100 percent of the first three percent of base eligible compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan and 50 percent of the next two percent of base eligible compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan.

Effective June 1, 2023, the Plan was amended to allow for distributions after attainment of normal retirement date to come from all fund sources, including Roth contribution accounts.

Note 12 - Merger and Transfer of Plan Assets

Effective January 1, 2023, the Alpha Testing, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan, the Rock Engineering and Testing Laboratory, Inc. 401(k) Plan, the Geo Services, LLC 401(k) Plan, and the McGinley and Associates, Inc. 401(k) Plan all transferred assets into the Plan.

The transferred net assets have been recognized in the accounts of the Plan as of the effective date, at their balances as previously carried in the accounts of the Alpha Testing, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan, the Rock Engineering and Testing Laboratory, Inc. 401(k) Plan, the Geo Services, LLC 401(k) Plan, and the McGinley and Associates, Inc. 401(k) Plan. A summary of the transferred net assets for the year ended December 31, 2023 is as follows:

Investments at fair value	\$ 18,173,967
Investments at contract value	<u>1,934,580</u>
Total investments	20,108,547
Receivables:	
Notes receivable from participants	<u>426,214</u>
Total net assets transferred to the Plan	<u>\$ 20,534,761</u>

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Note 13 - Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 15, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Effective January 1, 2024, the Plan was amended to change the service requirement to allow employees to defer into the Plan immediately instead of requiring one year of service or 1,000 hours. Additionally, participants are eligible to receive Safe Harbor matching contributions after one year of service or 1,000 hours.

Effective January 1, 2024, the Riner Engineering, Inc. 401k Plan merged with the Plan and net assets of approximately \$3,300,000 were transferred into the Plan.

Effective January 4, 2024, the Geo Solutions, LLC 401(k) Plan merged with the Plan and net assets of approximately \$2,850,000 were transferred into the Plan.

Effective January 12, 2024, the Dan Brown & Associates PC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust Plan merged with the Plan and net assets of approximately \$3,750,000 were transferred into the Plan.

Effective January 24, 2024, the Speedie & Associates, Inc. 401(k) Plan merged with the Plan and net assets of approximately \$6,000,000 were transferred into the Plan.

--- SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES ---

UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES 401(k) PLAN

PLAN SPONSOR: UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES, LLC

PLAN SPONSOR EIN: 59-1117804

PLAN NUMBER: 001

ATTACHMENT TO SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

December 31, 2023

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	Cost	Current value
	Investments at Fair Value			
	American Funds American Balanced R6	Mutual Fund	\$	2,534,693
	Invesco Oppenheimer Developing Markets Fund Class	Mutual Fund		246,632
	MFS International Growth Fund Class R6	Mutual Fund		3,290,056
	Pimco Income Institutional Class Fund	Mutual Fund		1,636,719
	Pioneer Bond Fund Class Y	Mutual Fund		2,237,867
	TIAA-Cref International Equity Index Fund Instl	Mutual Fund		2,985,001
	T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth Fund	Mutual Fund		5,610,828
	Tweedy, Browne Global Value	Mutual Fund		649,400
	Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Admiral	Mutual Fund		810,318
	Vanguard Equity-Income Fund Admiral	Mutual Fund		4,919,212
	Vanguard GNMA Fund Admiral	Mutual Fund		598,638
	Vanguard Growth Index Admiral	Mutual Fund		3,237,857
	Vanguard High-Yield Corporate Admiral	Mutual Fund		915,274
	Vanguard Materials Index Admiral	Mutual Fund		353,537
	Vanguard Mid-Cap Growth Index Admiral	Mutual Fund		2,175,420
	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Admiral Fund	Mutual Fund		2,810,215
	Vanguard Mid-Cap Value Index Admiral	Mutual Fund		2,131,896
	Vanguard Real Estate Index Admiral	Mutual Fund		1,006,122
	Vanguard Small Cap Growth Index Admiral	Mutual Fund		1,460,872
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund		4,090,830
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund		4,025,036
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund		4,344,191
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund		10,236,760
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund		7,847,635
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund		7,157,454
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund		4,249,998
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund		4,485,400
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund		3,506,947
	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Investment Fund	Mutual Fund		776,965
	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Admiral	Mutual Fund		3,946,785
	Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Admiral	Mutual Fund		9,839,124
	Vanguard Total World Stock Index Admiral	Mutual Fund		2,147,007
	Vanguard Small Cap Value Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund		448,011
	Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund		3,006,918
				109,719,618
	Plan Assets at Estimated Fair Value			
*	Notes receivable from participants	Notes receivable Highest interest rate - 9.50% Lowest interest rate - 3.25% through March 2048		2,349,486
	Investment at Contract Value			
*	Key Guaranteed Portfolio Fund	Guaranteed Investment Contract		4,722,765
	Total			\$ 116,791,869
*	Party-in-interest			

Cost information (Column (d)) not required due to the Plan being participant-directed.

See independent auditor's report.

UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES 401(k) PLAN

PLAN SPONSOR: UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES, LLC

PLAN SPONSOR EIN: 59-1117804

PLAN NUMBER: 001

ATTACHMENT TO SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4a

SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS

December 31, 2023

<u>Total That Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions</u>									
	Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan		Contributions Not Corrected		Contributions Corrected Outside Voluntary Fiduciary Contribution Program (VFCP)		Corrections Pending Correction in VFCP		Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
2023	\$ 578,379	\$	578,379	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0
2022	\$ 82,934	\$	82,934	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0
2021	\$ 8,258	\$	8,258	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0

See independent auditor's report.

Schedule H, Line 4

Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions

For the Plan Year Beginning 01/01/2023 and Ending 12/31/2023

Name of Plan: Universal Engineering Sciences 401(k) Plan

Employer Identification Number: 59-1117804 Three-digit plan number: 001

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UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES 401(k) PLAN

PLAN SPONSOR: UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES, LLC

PLAN SPONSOR EIN: 59-1117804

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ATTACHMENT TO SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4a

SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS

December 31, 2023

		<u>Total That Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions</u>						
<u>Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan</u>		<u>Contributions Not Corrected</u>	<u>Contributions Corrected Outside Voluntary Fiduciary Contribution Program (VFCP)</u>	<u>Corrections Pending Correction in VFCP</u>				<u>Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51</u>
2023	\$ 578,379	\$ 578,379	\$ 0	\$ 0				\$ 0
2022	\$ 82,934	\$ 82,934	\$ 0	\$ 0				\$ 0
2021	\$ 8,258	\$ 8,258	\$ 0	\$ 0				\$ 0

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UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES 401(k) PLAN

PLAN SPONSOR: UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES, LLC

PLAN SPONSOR EIN: 59-1117804

PLAN NUMBER: 001

ATTACHMENT TO SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

December 31, 2023

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	Cost	Current value
	Investments at Fair Value			
	American Funds American Balanced R6	Mutual Fund	\$	2,534,693
	Invesco Oppenheimer Developing Markets Fund Class	Mutual Fund		246,632
	MFS International Growth Fund Class R6	Mutual Fund		3,290,056
	Pimco Income Institutional Class Fund	Mutual Fund		1,636,719
	Pioneer Bond Fund Class Y	Mutual Fund		2,237,867
	TIAA-Cref International Equity Index Fund Instl	Mutual Fund		2,985,001
	T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth Fund	Mutual Fund		5,610,828
	Tweedy, Browne Global Value	Mutual Fund		649,400
	Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Admiral	Mutual Fund		810,318
	Vanguard Equity-Income Fund Admiral	Mutual Fund		4,919,212
	Vanguard GNMA Fund Admiral	Mutual Fund		598,638
	Vanguard Growth Index Admiral	Mutual Fund		3,237,857
	Vanguard High-Yield Corporate Admiral	Mutual Fund		915,274
	Vanguard Materials Index Admiral	Mutual Fund		353,537
	Vanguard Mid-Cap Growth Index Admiral	Mutual Fund		2,175,420
	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Admiral Fund	Mutual Fund		2,810,215
	Vanguard Mid-Cap Value Index Admiral	Mutual Fund		2,131,896
	Vanguard Real Estate Index Admiral	Mutual Fund		1,006,122
	Vanguard Small Cap Growth Index Admiral	Mutual Fund		1,460,872
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund		4,090,830
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund		4,025,036
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund		4,344,191
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund		10,236,760
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund		7,847,635
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund		7,157,454
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund		4,249,998
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund		4,485,400
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Investment Fund	Mutual Fund		3,506,947
	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Investment Fund	Mutual Fund		776,965
	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Admiral	Mutual Fund		3,946,785
	Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Admiral	Mutual Fund		9,839,124
	Vanguard Total World Stock Index Admiral	Mutual Fund		2,147,007
	Vanguard Small Cap Value Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund		448,011
	Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund		3,006,918
				109,719,618
	Plan Assets at Estimated Fair Value			
*	Notes receivable from participants	Notes receivable Highest interest rate - 9.50% Lowest interest rate - 3.25% through March 2048		2,349,486
	Investment at Contract Value			
*	Key Guaranteed Portfolio Fund	Guaranteed Investment Contract		4,722,765
	Total			\$ 116,791,869
*	Party-in-interest			

Cost information (Column (d)) not required due to the Plan being participant-directed.

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