

<p>Form 5500</p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</p> <p>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).</p> <p>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p>	<p>OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">2022</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information	
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2022</u> and ending <u>12/31/2022</u>	
A This return/report is for:	<input type="checkbox"/> a multiemployer plan <input type="checkbox"/> a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a single-employer plan <input type="checkbox"/> a DFE (specify) ____
B This return/report is:	<input type="checkbox"/> the first return/report <input type="checkbox"/> the final return/report <input type="checkbox"/> an amended return/report <input type="checkbox"/> a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	▶ <input type="checkbox"/>
D Check box if filing under:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 5558 <input type="checkbox"/> automatic extension <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the DFVC program <input type="checkbox"/> special extension (enter description)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here.	▶ <input type="checkbox"/>

Part II Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information	
<p>1a Name of plan <u>AEL-SPAN, LLC 401(K) PLAN</u></p> <p>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) <u>AEL-SPAN, LLC</u></p> <p><u>41775 ECORSE ROAD, STE 100</u> <u>BELLEVILLE, MI 48111</u></p>	<p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u></p> <p>1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2013</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>20-8632406</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>734-957-1600</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>488510</u></p>

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.	11/19/2024	KATHY RINGWELSKI
	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

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3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 295
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).	
6a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	6a(1) 235
6a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	6a(2) 238
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	6b 1
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....	6c 60
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c	6d 299
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	6e 0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f 299
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....	6g 114
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6h 0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> 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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	b General Schedules (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) <input type="checkbox"/> 0 A (Insurance Information) (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information) (5) <input type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022

A Name of plan <u>AEL-SPAN, LLC 401(K) PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>AEL-SPAN, LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>20-8632406</u>	

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.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

(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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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:

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<p style="text-align: center;">SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Financial Information</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">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).</p> <p>► File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large;">2022</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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<p>A Name of plan AEL-SPAN, LLC 401(K) PLAN</p>	<p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001</p>
<p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 AEL-SPAN, LLC</p>	<p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-8632406</p>

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	
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
(1) Employer contributions.....	1b(1)	
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)	7943
(3) Other.....	1b(3)	7450
c General investments:		
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	1c(1)	878
(2) U.S. Government securities.....	1c(2)	0
(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)	8468
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)	13287
(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)	614030
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	531400
(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	631319	552137

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	631319	552137
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Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)		
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	116587	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2).....	2a(3)		116587
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	1	
(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)	401	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)		402
(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)	27324	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C).....	2b(2)(D)		27324
(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)		0
(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)		0

		(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)		
(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)		-143175
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		1138
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	74925	
(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)		74925
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	5395	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		5395
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		80320
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		-79182
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(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: EISNERAMPER LLP

(2) EIN: 87-1363769

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

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

	Yes	No	Amount
4a	X		11789

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

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

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

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

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) Yes No Not determined
 If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022

A Name of plan <u>AEL-SPAN, LLC 401(K) PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>AEL-SPAN, LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>20-8632406</u>	

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
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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): _____
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.....

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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	
6 b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....	6b	
6 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

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: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	14c	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....	15b	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....	16b	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
 0-3 years 3-6 years 6-9 years 9-12 years 12-15 years 15-18 years 18-21 years 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
 Effective duration Macaulay duration Modified duration Other (specify): _____

20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? Yes No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

Yes.

No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

No. Other. Provide explanation _____

AEL-SPAN, LLC 401(k) PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DECEMBER 31, 2022 and 2021
(with supplemental information)**

AEL-SPAN, LLC 401(k) PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator, Participants and Beneficiaries of the
AEL-Span, LLC 401(k) Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of AEL-Span, LLC 401(k) Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and for the year ended December 31, 2022, 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

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

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Other Matter

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year ended December 31, 2022 and of Assets Held (at end of year) as of December 31, 2022 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.

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

In our opinion:

- the form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, 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).

EISNERAMPER LLP
Iselin, New Jersey
November 15, 2024

AEL-SPAN, LLC 401(k) PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available For Benefits

	<i>December 31,</i>	
	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>
ASSETS		
<i>Investments</i> - at fair value	\$ 531,400	\$ 614,908
<i>Receivables:</i>		
Notes receivable from participants	13,287	8,468
Participant contributions	7,450	7,943
Employer contributions - other	919	919
	21,656	17,330
LIABILITIES		
<i>Excess contributions payable</i>	10,894	-
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ 542,162	\$ 632,238

AEL-SPAN, LLC 401(k) PLAN

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available For Benefits For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Additions to/ (deductions from) net assets attributable to:

Investment income (loss):

Net depreciation in value of investments	\$ (143,174)
Dividend income	<u>27,324</u>
	(115,850)

Interest income on notes receivable from participants 401

Contributions:

Participants 105,693

Benefits paid to participants (74,925)

Administrative expenses (5,395)

Net decrease in net assets available for benefits (90,076)

Net assets available for benefits - beginning of year 632,238

Net assets available for benefits - end of year \$ 542,162

1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

Effective January 1, 2013, AEL-Span, LLC established the AEL-Span, LLC 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") as a defined contribution plan for employees of AEL-Span, LLC (the "Company"). The Plan was restated effective January 1, 2021, to incorporate all amendments since the last restatement at January 1, 2015. The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") was passed by Congress, which included provisions relating to retirement plans. The CARES Act contains several provisions that temporarily impact 401(k) type plans, such as the waiver of required minimum distributions for 2020. The Plan allows eligible individuals to receive COVID-19 relief available under the CARES Act in the form of coronavirus-related distributions and a delay in the due date for repayments for outstanding plan loans occurring during the period beginning on March 27, 2020, and ending on December 31, 2020, for one year as provided. The Plan has not been formally amended to incorporate these provisions into the Plan. The extended deadline for adopting these amendments is December 31, 2025.

- a. **General** - The Plan is a 401(k) defined contribution plan. Employees of the Company not covered by a collective bargaining agreement are eligible to participate in the Plan on the first day of the calendar month coinciding with or following the completion of two consecutive months of continuous service, and the attainment of age 21. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). The custodian of the Plan is Capital Bank and Trust Company and the recordkeeper is Capital Group, home of American Funds.
- b. **Contributions** - Plan contributions consist of participant pre-tax and roth contributions, rollovers, employer discretionary matching and profit-sharing contributions, as defined. Under the terms of the Plan, the Company may make a discretionary matching contribution equal to a uniform percentage of each tier of the participants' salary deferrals. Under the terms of the Plan, each year the Company will determine the amount of the discretionary percentage. For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company elected not to make discretionary matching contributions or profit-sharing contributions. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") limitations.

All investments are participant-directed. Participants direct the investment of the contributions into a variety of mutual funds and a money market fund as offered through Capital Bank and Trust Company (the "Custodian").

- c. **Participant Accounts** - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, the Company's contributions to the Plan on behalf of the participant, and allocations of Plan earnings or losses. 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.

- d. **Vesting** - Participants are immediately vested in their elective contributions and the rollover portion of their account balances, and the earnings or losses thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary contribution portion of their accounts plus earnings or losses thereon is based on years of continuous credited service, according to a vesting schedule of 20% per year of credited service, beginning with the first full year of credited service. A participant is 100% vested in the employer discretionary contribution and earnings or losses thereon after five years of credited service, or upon attaining normal retirement age, or in the event of disability or death, if earlier. A participant is 100% vested in the employer profit sharing contribution portion of their accounts plus earnings or losses thereon after three years of credited service, or upon attaining normal retirement age, or in the event of disability or death, if earlier.
- e. **Notes Receivable from Participants** - Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance, plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Participants may borrow from their Plan accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of: \$50,000 reduced by the participant's highest outstanding note balance to the Plan during the one-year period ending on the day before the date on which the note is made; or 50% of their vested account balance, less current outstanding note balances. All notes, other than those used to purchase a principal residence, must be repaid within five years. Notes used to purchase a principal residence must be repaid within 30 years. Interest rates are set by the plan administrator at issuance based on comparable rates offered by local commercial lenders. At December 31, 2022 and 2021, interest rates on outstanding loan balances range from 4.25% to 8.00% and 4.25% to 5.75%, respectively. Principal and interest are paid ratably through periodic payroll deductions. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred.
- f. **Payment of Benefits** - Participants are eligible to receive a distribution of their benefits upon retirement, termination of employment, or in the event of death of the participant. Normal retirement age is 59-1/2. Participants who are eligible to receive distributions may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the participant's vested interest in his or her account or installment payments over a period of years that does not exceed the life expectancy of the participant or, if applicable, the beneficiary.
- g. **Forfeitures** - Forfeited nonvested accounts may be used to reduce future Company contributions and pay Plan expenses. During the year ended December 31, 2022, forfeitures of approximately \$1,300 was used to pay Plan expenses. Forfeited nonvested accounts available at December 31, 2022 and 2021 were approximately \$1 and \$878, respectively.

2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A summary of the significant accounting policies of the Plan follows:

- a. **Basis of Accounting** - The financial statements are prepared on the accrual method of accounting.
- b. **Subsequent events** - The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through November 15, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.
- c. **Use of Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and when applicable, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

- d. **Investment Valuation and Income Recognition** - Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

- e. **Payments of Benefits** - Benefits are recorded when paid.
- f. **Plan 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 the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in the net appreciation of fair value of investments.
- g. **Excess Contributions payable** - Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions

3 - INVESTMENT CERTIFICATION

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the U.S. Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, Capital Bank and Trust Company, the custodian of the Plan, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments and related investment activity and notes receivable from participants and related activity in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2022 and the accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2022.

4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The FASB's Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. The framework 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 measurements), and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

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

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

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

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

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

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

Money Market Fund - The Plan holds an investment in the American Funds U.S. Government Money Market Fund. Fair value of the money market fund is based on NAV, which is the fund's readily determinable fair value. This investment is categorized as a Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy below. This portfolio represents a commingled fund with an investment objective to provide a way to earn income on cash reserves while preserving capital and maintaining liquidity.

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

The following tables sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investment assets at fair value as of December 31, 2022 and 2021:

	<i>Investments at Fair Value</i>				
	<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Investments at NAV</i>	<i>Total</i>
December 31, 2022					
Mutual funds	\$ 529,206	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 529,206
Money market fund	-	2,194	-	-	2,194
Total Investments at Fair Value	\$ 529,206	\$ 2,194	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 531,400

	<i>Investments at Fair Value</i>				
	<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Investments at NAV</i>	<i>Total</i>
December 31, 2021					
Mutual funds	\$ 608,392	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 608,392
Money market fund	-	6,516	-	-	6,516
Total Investments at Fair Value	\$ 608,392	\$ 6,516	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 614,908

Changes in Fair Value Levels

The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another.

5 - INCOME TAX STATUS

The Plan has adopted a Non-standardized Pre-Approved Profit Profit/Sharing/Money Purchase/CODA sponsored by Ascensus LLC. On June 30, 2020, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") stated in an opinion letter that the prototype adopted by the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") and therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. The Plan has been amended since receiving the letter. However, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, the Plan administrator 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 a government authority. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2022, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine examinations by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no examinations for any tax periods in progress.

6 - RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Plan investments include mutual funds and a money market fund, which are managed by Capital Bank and Trust Company. Capital Bank and Trust Company, is the Plan's custodian and therefore transactions related to these investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan to Capital Bank and Trust Company were \$5,395 for the year ended December 31, 2022.

7 - RISK 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 the participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Volatility in the financial markets may significantly impact the subsequent valuation of the Plan's investments. Accordingly, the valuation of investments at December 31, 2022 may not necessarily be indicative of amounts that could be realized in a current market exchange.

8 - PLAN TERMINATION

On November 21, 2023, the plan sponsor decided to terminate the plan effective 12/31/23. Upon termination, participants became 100% vested in the value in their accounts. The plan was liquidated as of June 2024.

9 - RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT AMOUNTS TO SCHEDULE H OF FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of certain financial statement amounts to Schedule H of Form 5500:

Line Item	Financial Statements	Reconciling Items	Form 5500
Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits - 2022:			
Employer contributions - other	\$ 919	\$ (919)	\$ -
Excess contributions payable	(10,894)	10,894	-
Net assets available for benefits	542,162	9,975	552,137
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits - 2022:			
Participant contributions	\$ 105,693	\$ 10,894	\$ 116,587
Net decrease in net assets available for benefits	(90,076)	10,894	(79,182)
Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits - 2021:			
Employer contributions - other	\$ 919	\$ (919)	\$ -
Net assets available for benefits	632,238	(919)	631,319

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Supplemental Information - Schedule H, Line 4(a) - Schedule of
 Delinquent Participant Contributions
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

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Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan (check here if late participant loan repayments are included)	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	
✓	\$ 3,241	\$ 8,548	\$ -	\$ -

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Supplemental Information - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
12/31/2022

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
<i>Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party</i>		<i>Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Current Value</i>
Mutual Funds				
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	American Funds 2050 Target Date	**	\$ 176,026
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	American Funds 2040 Target Date	**	72,998
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	American Funds 2025 Target Date	**	51,496
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	American Funds 2035 Target Date	**	49,209
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	American Funds 2045 Target Date	**	46,476
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	American Funds AMCAP	**	25,183
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	American Funds 2030 Target Date	**	21,795
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	Investment Company of America	**	20,047
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	American Funds 2055 Target Date	**	15,467
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	American Funds Washington Mutual	**	13,035
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	EuroPacific Growth Fund	**	10,999
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	Intermediate Bond Fund of America	**	5,723
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	American Funds US Government Sec	**	5,145
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	American Funds 2060 Target Date	**	4,942
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	Smallcap World Fund	**	2,767
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	American Funds 2020 Target Date	**	2,449
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	Bond Fund of America	**	2,181
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	New World Fund	**	1,538
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	American Funds 2015 Target Date	**	915
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	Capital World Bond Fund	**	799
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	Inflation Linked Bond Fund	**	9
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	American Funds 2065 Target Date	**	7
				529,206
Money Market Fund				
*	American Funds Distributors, Inc.	U.S. Government Money Market Fund	**	2,194
				531,400
Notes Receivable from Participants		Notes receivable from participants - interest rates range from 4.25% to 8.00%, collateralized by the participants' account balances - maturities through September 2024	- 0-	13,287
				<u>\$ 544,687</u>

* Represents party-in-interest transactions

** Participant directed, information not applicable