

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 KERN-LIEBERS 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 07/01/1983
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) KERN-LIEBERS USA INC. 1510 ALBON RD HOLLAND, OH 43528-0396
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1210887
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 419-865-2437
2d	Business code (see instructions) 332610

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.	12/20/2024	DAVID MAUGER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor PENTEGRA SERVICES, INC. 701 WESTCHESTER AVENUE, SUITE 320E WHITE PLAINS, NY 10604	3b Administrator's EIN 13-3745616 3c Administrator's telephone number 844-367-2848
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	5 225
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 182 6a(2) 181 6b 0 6c 48 6d 229 6e 2 6f 231 6g(1) 174 6g(2) 209 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: 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3H 3D 2E 2S 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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A Name of plan KERN-LIEBERS 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 KERN-LIEBERS USA INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1210887

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	518259-01	126	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	52367
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.**6d**

Specify nature of costs ▶

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**

0

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year**7c(1)**

11051

(2) Dividends and credits

7c(2)

0

(3) Interest credited during the year

7c(3)

617

(4) Transferred from separate account.....

7c(4)

114901

(5) Other (specify below)

7c(5)

0

(6) Total additions

7c(6)

126569

d Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)**7d**

126569

e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year

7e(1)

13569

(2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(2)

0

(3) Transferred to separate account.....

7e(3)

60633

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4)

0

(5) Total deductions

7e(5)

74202

f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)**7f**

52367

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
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A Name of plan KERN-LIEBERS 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 KERN-LIEBERS USA INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1210887

Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

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Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a

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

X

YesNo
- 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 INSURANCE COMPANY	
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)

PENTEGRA SERVICES INC

5350 77 CENTER DRIVE
SUITE 200
CHARLOTTE, NC 28217

(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	18275	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

OSAIC WEALTH, INC

10 EXCHANGE PLACE
SUITE 1410
JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

(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	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	10090	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

84-0467907

(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?
64	RECORDKEEPER	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan 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 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 KERN-LIEBERS USA INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1210887	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK DEVELOPED REAL ESTATE 1		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
c EIN-PN 38-4065314-411	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 214
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK MID CAP EQUITY INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
c EIN-PN 20-3802327-003	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2324
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK MSCI ACWI EX-U.S. INDEX R		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
c EIN-PN 81-1950980-013	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1681
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK RUSSELL 1000 INDEX 1		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
c EIN-PN 20-3802223-002	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2632
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK RUSSELL 2000 INDEX FUND R		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
c EIN-PN 20-3802587-004	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 255
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK U.S. TIPS INDEX 1		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
c EIN-PN 38-4116835-510	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 50
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CORE PLUS BOND CL I1		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
c EIN-PN 38-4116854-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 5759

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **FIXED INCOME ALLOCATION I1**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **GREAT GRAY**

c EIN-PN 38-4126269-573	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1104
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **LARGE CAP GROWTH I1**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **GREAT GRAY**

c EIN-PN 82-4435820-375	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 42980
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **LARGE CAP VALUE I1**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **GREAT GRAY**

c EIN-PN 38-4065329-426	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 10387
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **MY RETIREMENT PATH AGGR 2045 F**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **GREAT GRAY**

c EIN-PN 38-4097344-492	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3259
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **MY RETIREMENT PATH CONSERV 2025 F**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **GREAT GRAY**

c EIN-PN 38-4116826-503	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 139609
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **MY RETIREMENT PATH CONSERV 2035 F**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **GREAT GRAY**

c EIN-PN 38-4116827-504	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 600989
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **MY RETIREMENT PATH MODERATE 2025 F**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **GREAT GRAY**

c EIN-PN 38-4097347-495	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3562580
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **MY RETIREMENT PATH MODERATE 2035 F**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **GREAT GRAY**

c EIN-PN 38-4116822-496	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1971013
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **MY RETIREMENT PATH MODERATE 2045 F**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **GREAT GRAY**

c EIN-PN 38-4116823-497	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 548542
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **MY RETIREMENT PATH MODERATE 2055 F**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **GREAT GRAY**

c EIN-PN 38-4116824-498	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 543699
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MY RETIREMENT PATH MODERATE RETIREM**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY

c EIN-PN 38-4097346-494	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1816455
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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Part II **Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)**

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

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

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		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 KERN-LIEBERS 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 KERN-LIEBERS USA INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1210887	

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)	
	(3) Other	1b(3)	
c	General investments:		
	(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	1477043 0
	(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)	109713 66041
	(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0 9253534
	(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)	9285078 279634
	(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	0 52367
	(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	10871834	9651576
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	10871834	9651576

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)	299948	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	511570	
(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)		811518
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)	4855	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	617	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		5472
(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)	15304	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		15304
(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)		837807
(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)		33642
c Other income	2c		10588
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		1714331

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	2905140	
(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)		2905140
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		624
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	18275	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	10090	
(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)	460	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		28825
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		2934589

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-1220258
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: **DONOVAN, KLIMCZAK AND COMPANY**

(2) EIN: **20-5135806**

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.)	☒	☐	60637
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?	☒	☐	2000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	☐	☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒	☐	
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	☐	☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	☐	☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	☐	☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	☒	☐	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	☒	☐	

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan KERN-LIEBERS 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 KERN-LIEBERS USA INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1210887	

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

1	Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	0
2	Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 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.)
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4	Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.				
5	If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6	a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
	b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
	c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.				
7	Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8	If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for: a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment) b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment) c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14a 14b 14c	
15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	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>Q702776A</u> .	
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Kern-Liebers 401(k) Plan
Audited Financial Statements
For the Years Ended
December 31, 2023 and 2022

**Kern-Liebers 401(k) Plan
December 31, 2023 and 2022**

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DONOVAN, KLIMCZAK & COMPANY

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator of the
Kern-Liebers 401 (k) Plan

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Kern-Liebers 401 (k) 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, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of Kern-Liebers 401 (k) Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

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

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Kern-Liebers 401 (k) 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 these 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 Kern-Liebers 401 (k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Kern-Liebers 401 (k) 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 Kern-Liebers 401 (k) 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.

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

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

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Strongsville, Ohio
December 10, 2024

Kern-Liebers 401(k) Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ -	\$ 1,477,043
Investments at fair value	279,611	9,285,078
Investments at net asset value	9,253,534	-
Fixed annuity at contract value	41,509	-
Receivables:		
Participant contributions receivable	12,121	16,316
Employer contributions receivable	6,995	6,885
Notes receivable from participants	66,691	109,713
Total receivables	<u>85,807</u>	<u>132,914</u>
Forfeitures	<u>10,881</u>	<u>-</u>
LIABILITIES		
Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u><u>\$ 9,671,342</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 10,895,035</u></u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

Kern-Liebers 401(k) Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
ADDITIONS		
Additions to Net Assets Attributed to:		
Contributions:		
Employers, net forfeitures	\$ 319,949	\$ 316,329
Participants	487,484	637,230
Rollovers	-	37,517
Total contributions	<u>807,433</u>	<u>991,076</u>
Investment gain:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	871,448	-
Dividend income	15,304	773,115
Interest earned	617	19,490
Total investment gain, net	<u>\$ 887,369</u>	<u>\$ 792,605</u>
Interest earned on notes receivable from participants	5,088	6,907
Other income	<u>10,588</u>	<u>-</u>
Total additions	<u><u>1,710,478</u></u>	<u><u>1,790,588</u></u>
DEDUCTIONS		
Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to:		
Benefits paid:		
Participants	2,905,347	5,299,851
Investment loss:		
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	-	4,003,818
Administrative expenses	28,364	3,878
Total investment loss, net	<u>28,364</u>	<u>4,007,696</u>
Other expense	<u>460</u>	<u>-</u>
Total deductions	<u><u>2,934,171</u></u>	<u><u>9,307,547</u></u>
Net Decrease in Net Assets Available for Benefits	(1,223,693)	(7,516,959)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS		
Beginning of year	<u>10,895,035</u>	<u>18,411,994</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 9,671,342</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 10,895,035</u></u>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

Kern-Liebers 401(k) Plan
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note 1 - Description of Plan

The following description of the Kern-Liebers 401(k) Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Summary Plan Description (SPD) or the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

General – The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of Kern-Liebers USA, Inc., Kern Liebers Pieron Inc., Kern-Liebers Texas, Inc., Michigan Spring & Stamping of Muskegon, LLC, and Kern-Liebers USA Textile Inc. (collectively the “Companies”). It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”). Empower Retirement, LLC is the third part administrator (TPA) and trustee of the Plan.

Eligibility – An employee, who is 18 years old, is eligible to participate in the plan on the first day following the day the employee completes 30 days of service. After one year of service, eligibility for nonelective contributions begins the first day of the following plan year quarter. Leased employees or residents of Puerto Rico are not eligible to participate in the plan.

Contributions – Participants may make both pre-tax and Roth 401(k) contributions. Participants may authorize the Companies to withhold his or her eligible compensation which would have been received in the Plan year, not to exceed the annual limits established by the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). A participant’s pre-tax and Roth 401(k) contributions are separately accounted for, as are gains and losses attributable to each. Participants who have reached fifty years of age before the end of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions, which are also eligible for employer matching contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans, or rollovers by participants that will not jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the Plan or create adverse tax consequences for the employer. The Plan is a safe harbor plan whereby the Companies contribute 100% of the first 4% of base compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan. The Companies’ contributions are allocated based on the participant elections. The Plan also allows for employer discretionary contributions. The Plan also contains an automatic enrollment feature, beginning with 2% of eligible compensation with an annual 1% increase not to exceed 10% of eligible compensation.

Participant accounts – Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contribution and allocations of the Companies’ contributions and plan earnings and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocation of expenses is based on the ratio of participant account balances to the total balance for each account. Income for each participant is based on the performances of investment options selected by the participant. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s vested account. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

Vesting – Participants are immediately 100% vested in their pre-tax, Roth 401(k), and employer safe-harbor matching contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Employer discretionary contributions and earnings vest incrementally in 20% increments based on participants length of service ranging from up to 6 years. Participants may also become fully vested upon reaching full retirement age or upon termination of employment due to disability or death.

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Note 1 - Description of Plan (continued)

Forfeitures – Forfeitures by participants of unvested employer contributions are used to pay Plan administrative expenses and to reduce future employer contributions. The forfeited unvested account balance totaled \$10,881 and \$0 for the years ended as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Forfeitures totaling \$691 and \$0 were used to reduce the Companies' contributions during the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Participant Loans – Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 and up to a maximum of 1) \$50,000 or 2) 50% of their vested account balance, whichever is less. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the prime rate plus 1%. Participants may only have one loan outstanding at a time. Notes receivable repayments are deducted through after-tax payroll deductions over a period not to exceed five years, unless the note receivable is for the purchase of a participant's primary residence, in which case the repayment period may not exceed 10 years.

When a participant fails to comply with the terms of a plan loan the outstanding principal is defaulted, and the participant is required to pay income taxes and penalties if applicable on the defaulted amount. The plan administrator defaults loans on a periodic basis.

Payment of benefits – Upon reaching age 59 ½, disability, death, retirement or termination of employment, a participant or beneficiary may elect to receive a lump sum amount equal to the value of the vested interest in his or her account, substantially equal instalment payments or are permitted to rollover balances to other qualified plans. The plan administrator may distribute terminated participant accounts balances that are at least \$1,000 but less than \$5,000 in a lump sum without the participant's consent into an Individual Retirement Account, if no election was made by the participant. In-service and rollover distributions may be made at any time. The Plan also permits hardship withdrawals, if certain criteria are met.

Note 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies

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

Use of estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties - The Plan holds various investments which in general are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate risk, credit risk and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

**Kern-Liebers 401(k) Plan
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Note 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Investment valuation and income recognition – The Plan’s investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Kern-Liebers 401(k) Plan Governance Committee determines the Plan’s valuation policies utilizing information provided by the Trustee and investment advisors.

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

Fixed annuity account – guaranteed investment contract – The Plan contains a Fixed Group Annuity investment option that meets the criteria of a fully benefit-responsive investment contract and is therefore reported at contract value. Contract value represents contributions made to the Fund, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals. The Fund is comprised of a portfolio of bonds and other fixed income securities and an investment contract issued by an insurance company or other financial institution, designed to provide a contract value “wrapper” around the fixed income portfolio to guarantee a specific interest rate which is reset quarterly and that cannot be less than zero. The wrapper contract provides that realized and unrealized gains and losses on the underlying fixed income portfolio are not reflected immediately in the net assets of the Fund; rather, they are amortized over the duration of the underlying assets through adjustments to the future interest crediting rate. Primary variables impacting future crediting rates of the Fund include the current yield, duration, and existing differences between market and contract value of the underlying assets within the wrapper contract. This specified crediting rate ranged from 1.15% to 1.30% for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Limitations on the ability of the Guaranteed Investment Contract to transact at contract value –

Certain events may limit the ability of the Fund to transact at contract value or may allow for the termination of the wrapper contract at less than contract value. The following employer-initiated events may limit the ability of the Fund to transact at contract value:

- a) A failure of the plan to qualify for exemption for federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA.
- b) Any communication given to participants designed to influence a participant not to invest in the Fund or to transfer assets out of the Fund.
- c) Any transfer of assets from the Fund directly into a competing investment option.
- d) The establishment of a defined contribution plan that competes for employee contributions.
- e) Complete or partial termination of a Company Sponsored plan or merger of plans.

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Note 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

The wrapper contract contains provisions that limits the ability of the Fund to transact at contract value upon the occurrence of certain events. These events include: any substantive modification of the Fund or the administration of the Fund that is not consented to by the wrapper issuer; any change in law, regulation, or administrative ruling applicable to a plan that could have a material adverse effect on the Fund's cash flow; and employer-initiated transactions described above.

In the event that the wrapper contract fails to perform as intended, the Fund's net asset value may decline if the market value of its assets declines. The Fund's ability to receive amounts due pursuant to the wrapper contract is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The wrapper issuer's ability to meet contractual obligations under the wrapper contract may be affected by future economic and regulatory development.

The Fund is unlikely to maintain a stable net asset value if, for any reason, it cannot obtain or maintain wrapper contracts covering all of its underlying assets. This could result from the Fund's inability to promptly find a replacement wrapper contract following termination of a wrapper contract. Wrapper contracts are not transferable and have no trading market. There are limited number of wrapper issuers. The Fund may lose the benefit of wrapper contracts on any portion of its assets in default in excess of a certain percentage of portfolio assets.

The Companies' management believes that the occurrence of events that may limit the ability of the Fund to transact at contract value is not probable.

Participant loans – Notes receivable from participants are measured at the unpaid principal balance plus any accrued interest. Interest rates range from 4.25% to 9.5%. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 or 2022. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document.

Payment of benefits and withdrawals – Benefits and withdrawals are recorded when paid.

Administrative expenses – Certain expenses of the Plan are periodically paid by the sponsor and are not included in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits. There were no such expenses for the year ended December 31, 2023. Fees related to the administration of participant accounts totaling \$28,364 are included in administrative expenses. Fees for the administration of distributions and loans are charged directly to the participant's account and are not included in administrative expenses, but rather included in Benefits paid. Investment related expenses are included in the net appreciation or depreciation of the fair value of investments.

Plan termination – Although they have not expressed any intent to do so, the Companies have the right under the Plan to discontinue their contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants would become 100% vested in their employer contributions.

Accounting changes - In July 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-12, *Plan Accounting: Defined Contribution Pension Plans (Topic 962): (Part I) Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts, (Part II) Plan Investment Disclosures, (Part III) Measurement Date Practical Expedient*. Part I eliminates the requirements to measure the fair value of fully benefit-responsive investment

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Note 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

contracts and provide certain disclosures. Contract value is the only required measure of fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Part II eliminates the requirements to disclose individual investments that represent 5% or more of net assets available for benefits and the net appreciation or depreciation in fair value of investments by general type. Part II also simplifies the level of disaggregation of investments that are measured using fair value. Plans will continue to disaggregate investments that are measured using fair value by general type; however, plans are no longer required to also disaggregate investments by nature, characteristics and risks. Further, the disclosure of information about fair value measurements shall be provided by general type of plan assets. Part III is not applicable to the Plan. The ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015. The Plan has adopted parts I and II.

In 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-07, *Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities that Calculate Net Asset Value (NAV) per Share*. The amendments in this update removed the requirements to categorize within the fair value hierarchy all investments for which fair value is measured using the NAV per share practical expedient. The amendments also remove the requirements to make certain disclosures for all investments that are eligible to be measured at fair value using the NAV per share practical expedient. Rather, those disclosures are limited to investments for which the entity has elected to measure the fair value using that practical expedient. The amendments in this update are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016. The amendments should be applied retrospectively. Management has elected to adopt this ASU.

Note 3 - Information prepared and certified by the trustee

The following information included in the accompanying 2023 and 2022 financial statements and supplemental schedule was obtained from data that has been prepared and certified as complete and accurate by the Trustee, Empower Retirement, LLC, in accordance with Section 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Investments at Fair Value		
Cash	\$ -	\$ 1,477,043
Mutual funds	\$ 279,611	\$ 9,285,078
Common collective trusts	\$ 9,253,534	\$ -
Fixed annuity	\$ 41,509	\$ -
Participant loans	\$ 66,691	\$ 109,713
Forfeitures	\$ 10,881	\$ -
Investment income and interest on notes receivable	\$ 892,457	\$ (3,204,306)

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Note 4 – Income Tax status

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated March 31, 2008, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administration has analyzed the tax position taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2023, there are no uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for the years prior to 2020.

Note 5 - Fair Value Measurements

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) *Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That 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 under ASC 820-10 are described below:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets at the measurement date.

Level 2 – Observable inputs other than quoted prices for assets, either directly or indirectly observable, that reflect assumptions market participants would use to price the asset based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Plan. This may include the asset matrix pricing, yield curves and indices. No Level 2 inputs were available to the Plan.

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs that reflect the Plan's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use to price an asset based on the best information available in the circumstances. No Level 3 inputs were available to the Plan.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any inputs 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, 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 (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

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Note 5 - Fair Value Measurements (continued)

Common/Collective Trust Funds – The fair value of the investment in these funds are based on NAV at the end of the trade date.

Fixed Annuity Contracts – Are measured at contract value which is based on contractual terms of the underlying agreements which seek to provide a competitive interest rate without the risk of principal loss.

Participant Loans – Valued at amortized costs, which approximates fair value.

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2023 and 2022 were as follows:

	Fair Value at December 31, 2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual funds	279,611	279,611	-	-
	<u>\$ 279,611</u>	<u>\$ 279,611</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Fixed annuity (contract value)	\$ 41,509			
Common collective trusts (net asset value)	9,253,534			
	<u>\$ 9,574,654</u>			
	Fair Value at December 31, 2022	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,477,043	\$ 1,477,043	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual funds	9,285,078	9,285,078	-	-
Common collective trusts	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 10,762,121</u>	<u>\$ 10,762,121</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

- (a) Certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statement of net assets available for benefits. They are valued daily, and can be redeemed with limited restrictions. There are no unfunded commitments.

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Note 6 - Party-in-interest transactions

Parties-in-interest transactions includes those with fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan, an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan, and employee organization whose members are covered by the Plan, a person who owns 50 percent or more of such an employer or employee association, or relatives of such persons.

Empower Retirement, LLC provides trust and custodial services to the Plan. It also performs various administrative and recordkeeping services for the Plan. Administrative fees related to the administration of the Plan are paid by the Plan. Certain administrative functions are performed by the officers and employees of the Plan Sponsor (who may also be participants in the Plan) at no cost to the Plan. These transactions are not deemed prohibited party-in-interest transactions because they are covered by the statutory or administrative exceptions from the Internal Revenue Code's and ERISA's rules on prohibited transactions.

Note 7 - Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Schedule H of Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2023 and 2022 to Form 5500:

	2023	2022
Net Assets Available for Benefits per the financial Statements	\$ 9,671,342	\$ 10,895,035
401K Contributions Receivable	(19,116)	(23,201)
Deemed Loans	(650)	-
Net Assets Available per Form 5500	<u>\$ 9,651,576</u>	<u>\$ 10,871,834</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the Statement of Changes in Plan Assets to Form 5500 for the plan year ended December 31, 2023:

	2023	2022
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Available for Benefits per the financial Statements	\$ (1,223,693)	\$ (7,516,959)
401K Contributions Receivable	4,085	23,201
Deemed Loans	(650)	-
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Available for Benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ (1,220,258)</u>	<u>\$ (7,493,758)</u>

Note 8 - Secure 2.0

On December 29, 2022, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 was signed into law, which includes the package of retirement provisions referred to as "SECURE 2.0". These provisions continue the themes and reforms that began with the 2019 SECURE Act, focusing on getting more participants into the retirement system and finding ways for them to accumulate more assets. These changes have various effective dates starting in 2022 and forward. Since the provisions include both required and optional elements, the Plan administrator will determine the optional provisions to elect.

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Note 9 - Subsequent Events

In preparing these financial statements, the Plan's management has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through December 10, 2024, the date the Plan's financial statements were available to be issued. No events have been identified for inclusion in the financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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Schedule H Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions
at December 31, 2023

Participant Contributions Transferred late to plan	Total that Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included: X	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside of VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
60,637	-	60,637	-	-

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at December 31, 2023

(a) *	(b) Identity of Issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description **	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	<u>Mutual Funds:</u>			
	FIDELITY 500 INDEX	Mutual Fund	\$ 180,243	\$ 208,277
	FIDELITY ADVISOR FOCUSED EMERGING MRKT	Mutual Fund	51,920	50,128
	FIDELITY ADVISOR INTERNATIONAL GROWTH Z	Mutual Fund	5,384	5,751
	FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL INDEX	Mutual Fund	14,420	15,455
	<u>Collective Trust Funds:</u>			
	BLACKROCK DEVELOPED REAL ESTATE I	Common Collective Trust	194	214
	BLACKROCK MSCI ACWI EX-U.S. INDEX R	Common Collective Trust	1,578	1,682
	BLACKROCK MID CAP EQUITY INDEX FUND R	Common Collective Trust	2,045	2,324
	BLACKROCK RUSSELL 1000 INDEX I	Common Collective Trust	2,414	2,632
	BLACKROCK RUSSELL 2000 INDEX FUND R	Common Collective Trust	229	255
	BLACKROCK U.S. TIPS INDEX I	Common Collective Trust	49	49
	CORE PLUS BOND CL II	Common Collective Trust	5,456	5,759
	FIXED INCOME ALLOCATION II	Common Collective Trust	1,078	1,104
	LARGE CAP GROWTH II	Common Collective Trust	38,910	42,981
	LARGE CAP VALUE II	Common Collective Trust	9,295	10,387
	MY RETIREMENT PATH AGGR 2045 F	Common Collective Trust	3,049	3,259
	MY RETIREMENT PATH CONSERV 2025 F	Common Collective Trust	132,082	139,609
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	MY RETIREMENT PATH MODERATE 2055 F	Common Collective Trust	472,719	543,699
	MY RETIREMENT PATH MODERATE RETIREMENT	Common Collective Trust	1,698,303	1,816,455
	<u>Fixed Annuities:</u>			
*	EI FIXED ACCOUNT - SERIES CLASS I	1.3%	41,112	41,509
			<u>\$ 8,778,847</u>	<u>\$ 9,574,654</u>
	Participant Loans	Bearing interest between 4.25% to 9.50% with varying payment schedules	<u>\$ 65,917</u>	<u>\$ 66,691</u>
	Forfeitures		<u>\$ 10,764</u>	<u>\$ 10,881</u>
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