

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) HURRICANE BERYL IR-2024-191.
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 CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/2001
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) CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 10811 W. FAIRMONT PARKWAY LAPORTE, TX 77571
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-0681548
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 281-471-0280
2d	Business code (see instructions) 453990

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.	02/03/2025	JASSECA TAYE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 152
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) 106 6a(2) 112 6b 0 6c 20 6d 132 6e 0 6f 132 6g(1) 149 6g(2) 131 6h 4
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3B 3D 3H

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1) ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) ☒ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 2
- (4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A Name of plan CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-0681548

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
LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(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
36-6071399	70688	897494 087	14	06/01/2023	12/31/2023

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

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

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

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

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
0			

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

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

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	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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	0
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	0
c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....	6c	0
d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	0

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 ▶

b Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	0
c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	81278
(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)	0
(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	17137
(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(4)	1239521
(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	44196
▶		
(6) Total additions	7c(6)	1382132
d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	1382132
e Deductions:		
(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	70949
(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	3329
(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3)	223224
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	70385
▶		
(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	367887
f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	1014245

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)	0
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 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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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-0681548

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
MASSMUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.

(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
04-1590850	65935	746664-01	0	01/01/2023	05/31/2023

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 11244	(b) Total amount of fees paid
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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
AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC 2525 BAY AREA BLVD STE 640
HOUSTON, TX 77058

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
11244			3

(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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	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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	0
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** 1449098

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	66534
(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)	0
(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	6814
(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(4)	107014
(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	8906

(6) Total additions..... **7c(6)** 189268**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) **7d** 1638366**e** Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year
 (2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(1) 1637035

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

7e(2) 0

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(3) 1331**7e(4)** 0(5) Total deductions..... **7e(5)** 1638366**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**) **7f** 0

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
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l ☐ Indemnity contract
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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)	0
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
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-0681548

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

Yes

No
- b

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

(b)	Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
	FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL
	04-2647786

(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)

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

38-2722519

(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	ADVISOR	6315	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE CO OF AME

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
64	RECORDKEEPER	300	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

LOREN D STARK COMPANY

10750 ROCKLEY ROAD
HOUSTON, TX 77099

(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	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	5722	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

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

FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL

04-2647786

(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?
37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	-3780	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
AF AMER MUTUAL R4 - AMERICAN FUNDS 95-2566717	0.35%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
AS SPL MD CP VAL ADM - SS&C GIDS, 2000 CROWN COLONY DRIVE QUINCY, MA 02169	0.35%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
COHEN & STEERS RLTY - SS&C GIDS, I 2000 CROWN COLONY DRIVE QUINCY, MA 02169	0.40%	

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.

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
JPM LG CAP GRTH R3 - DST ASSET MAN 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.50%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
JPM US EQUITY R3 - DST ASSET MANAG 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.50%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
MFS MID CAP GRTH R3 - MFS SERVICE	0.50%	
04-2865649		

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:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

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

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

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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 CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-0681548	

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	234048
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	16564
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	531
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	0	112865
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	10019433	11911928
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	1449098	1014247
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	11468531	13290183
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	0	2
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	2
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	11468531	13290181

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)	975057	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	668402	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	70275	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1713734
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	6	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	3487	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	19096	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		22589
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	187646	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		187646
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		670771
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		941579
c Other income	2c		680
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		3536999

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1682723	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		1682723
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	322	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	25836	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	6468	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		32626
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		1715349

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		1821650
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **WEINSTEIN SPIRA & COMPANY, P.C.**

(2) EIN: **74-2181616**

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.)	☒	☐	101179
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒	☐	1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	☐	☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒	☐	
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	☐	☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	☐	☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	☐	☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	☒	☐	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	☒	☐	

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

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

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

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 CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-0681548

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
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): 04-1590850 04-6568107	
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

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Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No 21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2). ☒ Design-based safe harbor method ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☒ "Current year" ADP test ☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702438A</u> .	

CCJ & Associates, LLC 401(k) Plan

Annual Financial Report
La Porte, Texas
December 31, 2023

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All other schedules listed by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 are omitted, as they are not applicable.

Independent Auditor's Report

February 3, 2025

Plan Administrator
CCJ & Associates, LLC 401(k) Plan
La Porte, Texas

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of the CCJ & Associates, LLC 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, as applicable, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements 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 qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the Plan, determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions and 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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.

February 3, 2025
CCJ & Associates, LLC 401(k) Plan

In performing an audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we:

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

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

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

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

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

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

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

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Houston, Texas

CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	December 31,	
	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Investments , at fair value	\$ 11,912,459	\$ 10,019,433
Investment , at contract value	1,014,245	1,449,098
Receivables:		
Employee contributions	16,564	40,472
Employer contributions, net of forfeitures	234,048	362,414
Notes receivable from participants	112,865	-
	363,477	402,886
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$ 13,290,181	\$ 11,871,417

See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes to financial statements.

CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Contributions:

Employee	\$ 627,930
Employer, net of forfeitures	612,643
Rollover	<u>70,275</u>

Total Contributions	1,310,848
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Investment Income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	1,605,398
Interest, dividends and other income	<u>214,380</u>

Total Investment Income	1,819,778
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Interest Income on Notes Receivable from Participants	3,487
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Benefit Payments	(1,682,723)
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Administrative Expenses	<u>(32,626)</u>
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Net Increase in Net Assets Available for Benefits	1,418,764
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Net Assets Available for Benefits - Beginning of Year	<u>11,871,417</u>
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Net Assets Available for Benefits - End of Year	<u><u>\$ 13,290,181</u></u>
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See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes to financial statements.

**CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2023 and 2022**

Note 1 - Plan Description

The following description of the CCJ & Associates, LLC 401(k) Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information only. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan which was established on January 1, 2001 for eligible employees of CCJ & Associates, LLC and adopting employers (the Company). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). CCJ & Associates, LLC serves as the plan administrator. Effective June 1, 2023, Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity) serves as the Plan's asset custodian and trustee. Prior to June 1, 2023, Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (Empower) served as the Plan's asset custodian and the president of the Company served as the Plan's trustee.

Eligibility

The Plan is provided for all eligible employees, as defined, who are at least 18 years of age and complete one month of service. Eligible employees may enter the Plan on the first day of each month following the date in which the eligibility requirements are met. Prior to June 1, 2023, employees who were at least 18 years of age were immediately eligible to participate in the Plan. The Plan includes a savings feature designed to permit the employee and the Company to contribute to the Plan, at amounts allowable under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).

Contributions

Eligible employees make pre-tax and or Roth contributions to the Plan by electing to defer up to 90% of their eligible compensation, as defined, subject to the maximum limits allowed by law. Eligible employees who have attained age 50 before the close of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions subject to the limitations of the IRC. Participants may also make rollover contributions from other qualified plans and certain other qualified sources as defined in the plan document.

Effective July 1, 2023, the Plan was amended to add automatic enrollment, and annual automatic deferral increases for eligible employees who were hired or rehired on or after July 1, 2023. Upon meeting the eligibility requirements, employees will automatically begin deferring 3% of their compensation, unless an affirmative election not to contribute or to contribute at a different percentage is made by the employee. The contributions are made on a pre-tax basis unless the employee affirmatively designates that any portion or all of the contributions be treated as Roth contributions. In March of each year, the automatic deferral percentage will increase by 1% up to a maximum contribution of 10% of eligible compensation, unless an affirmative election is made to opt out of the annual increase.

CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN
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December 31, 2023 and 2022

The Company makes safe harbor nonelective contributions to all eligible participants, as defined, in an amount equal to 3% of an employee's eligible compensation. The Company also has the option to make discretionary nonelective contributions such as profit-sharing contributions that are not safe harbor contributions. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company elected to make a 3% discretionary profit-sharing contribution to the Plan on behalf of eligible employees. The contribution is approximately \$370,000. The Company may also elect to make discretionary matching contributions. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company elected not to make discretionary matching contributions.

Participant Accounts

Separate accounts are maintained for each participant. Upon enrollment in the Plan, participants may direct the investment of their accounts into various investment options offered by the Plan. Participants may change their investment options daily. Under the Plan, earnings and losses are allocated to the participants' accounts daily based on their respective balances in the investments.

Vesting and Forfeitures

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions, including rollovers, plus actual earnings thereon. Additionally, participants are 100% vested in safe harbor nonelective contributions made by the Company plus actual earnings thereon. A participant's interest in discretionary nonelective contributions and discretionary matching contributions made by the Company begins vesting at 20% after two years of service, increasing 20% each year thereafter, with the participant becoming 100% vested after six years of service. Regardless of the vesting schedule, participants become fully vested upon reaching normal retirement age, as defined, death, or total and permanent disability.

Forfeitures can be used to pay plan expenses or to reduce future Company contributions. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the balance in the forfeiture account was \$161,630 and \$102,162, respectively. During 2023, \$10,467 was utilized to reduce safe harbor nonelective contributions, and \$2,113 was utilized to pay plan expenses. Subsequent to year end, \$163,669 of forfeitures were utilized to offset the 2023 plan year discretionary profit-sharing contribution.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are loans to participants secured by the vested portion of their respective accounts. Participants may borrow a minimum of \$1,000 from their account balance. The loan may not be more than 50% of the participant's vested account balance or \$50,000 reduced by any outstanding loan balance, if any, during the previous 12 months, whichever is less. Interest rates are based on the prime rate plus 1%. Principal and interest are repaid directly to Fidelity. Loans are to be repaid within five years unless the purpose of the loan is to acquire a principal residence, which allows the loan to extend to 10 years. Participants are only allowed to have one loan outstanding at a time. Prior to June 1, 2023, notes receivable from participants were not permitted by the Plan.

CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
December 31, 2023 and 2022

Benefit Payments

Distributions may be made to participants upon termination of employment, retirement, disability, or death. Withdrawals may be made by active participants upon attainment of age 59½, as a qualified reservist, due to financial hardship, subject to the provisions of the Plan, as well as for other permitted reasons. The distribution may be made as a lump-sum payment, partial withdrawal or substantially equal installments. Upon termination, participants with an account balance of \$1,000 or less shall receive an automatic lump sum distribution from the Plan. For participants who terminate with an account balance of more than \$1,000 but less than \$5,000, the plan administrator shall make a direct rollover into an individual retirement account. Upon withdrawal from the Plan or termination of employment, participants may be subject to federal income taxes on contributions and income earned.

Note 2 - Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The Plan invests in a fully benefit-responsive investment contract. See Note 3.

Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of investments includes realized gains or losses on investments sold during the year as well as unrealized gains or losses on the investments held at the end of the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest is recorded on the accrual basis. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023, as the notes are collateralized by the participant's account balances. In general, notes receivable from participants are placed into default in the calendar quarter following the quarter in which no payment on the note is made, and such defaults are recognized as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document when a distributable event has occurred.

See independent auditor's report.

CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
December 31, 2023 and 2022

Benefit Payments

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses incurred in connection with the operation of the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless paid by the Company, at its discretion.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties

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

Subsequent Events

Management of the Plan evaluates events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that affect the financial statements. Subsequent events have been evaluated through February 3, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3 - Investment Contracts with Insurance Companies

Effective March 10, 2023, the Plan entered into an unallocated group fixed annuity contract with The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company (Lincoln). The Lincoln Stable Value Separate Account 1, a fully benefit-responsive investment contract, is reported at contract value which represents deposits made under the contracts, plus earnings at guaranteed crediting rates, and less participant withdrawals. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. Lincoln guarantees that the interest credited to the contract will never fall below 1% and is guaranteed for a six-month period.

CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
December 31, 2023 and 2022

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value. Such events include: termination of the contract by the plan sponsor due to full plan termination, which requires at least 90 days advance notice; termination of the contract with Lincoln, which is considered a market value event and could be subject to a market value adjustment pursuant to a formula specified in the contract which may be more or less than contract value or a book value installment option; and participant initiated withdrawals which must remain invested in the contract for at least 90 days before transferring to a competing fund. Plan management does not believe the occurrence of any events that would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants are probable.

Prior to June 1, 2023, the Plan had a fixed investment contract with Empower. The Guaranteed Investment Contract (GIA), a fully benefit-responsive investment contract, was reported at contract value which represented deposits made under the contracts, plus earnings at guaranteed crediting rates, less participant withdrawals and fees. Participants could have ordinarily directed the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. There were no reserves against contract value for the credit risk of Empower or otherwise. The crediting interest rate was based on a formula agreed upon with the issuer and could not be less than 1.00%. Such interest rates were reviewed on an annual basis for resetting.

In conjunction with the move from Empower to Fidelity, the Company liquidated their contract with Empower. The 60-day notice period was given to Empower in February 2023. During this period, participants were allowed to take distributions and/or transfer money out of the GIA; however, future contributions and/or transfers to the GIA were not permitted. In May 2023, the contract with Empower was fully liquidated and resulted in a negative market value adjustment of \$113,847. Lincoln contributed \$113,847 to the Plan so participant accounts would not be negatively impacted by the change from the GIA to the Lincoln Stable Value Separate Account 1.

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements

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

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

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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

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

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

The following are descriptions 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: These funds are valued daily based upon their quoted market prices.

Pooled Separate Accounts: These investments were valued at their net asset value (NAV) as reported by the issuer based on quoted market prices of the underlying investments, when available, net of certain expenses. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the investment will be sold for an amount different than the reported NAV.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value:

	December 31, 2023		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual funds	<u>\$ 11,912,459</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
			<u>\$ 11,912,459</u>

The pooled separate accounts were measured using NAV as the practical expedient and have been excluded from the fair value hierarchy in accordance with GAAP. The following provides additional information for the pooled separate accounts as of December 31, 2022.

The 90-day redemption notice period described in the table below applied only to transactions at the Plan level, and not to participants directed transactions.

Investment Class	Fair Value December 31, 2022	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Notice Period
Asset Allocation (a)	\$ 6,867,961	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Large-Cap (b)	674,658	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Mid-Cap (c)	861,772	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Growth (d)	1,064,286	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
International (e)	225,787	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Bond (f)	166,811	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Real Estate (g)	105,680	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Government (h)	<u>52,478</u>	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
	<u>\$ 10,019,433</u>			

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- (a) The strategy of the asset allocation funds was to achieve as high of a total return on an annual basis as was considered consistent with prudent investment risk and the preservation of capital by investing in a combination of mutual funds, stocks, and bonds using an asset allocation strategy designed for investors expected to retire around a specific target date class.
- (b) The strategy of the large-cap fund was to seek long-term growth of capital by investing primarily in equity securities and with generally less risk than the mid-cap funds.
- (c) The strategy of the mid-cap funds was to seek long-term capital appreciation with potential for greater long-term growth and risk than the large-cap fund.
- (d) The strategy of growth fund was to seek growth of capital over the long term by investing in common stocks of large and medium sized blue chip growth companies.
- (e) The strategy of the international fund was to provide investors with potential long-term growth of capital while diversifying their portfolios with a spread of security types.
- (f) The strategy of the bond funds was to provide returns and current income, while still considering the growth of capital.
- (g) The strategy of the real estate fund was to provide 40-60% of gross total returns generated by high quality credit leases, through the combination of global real estate investments, listed real estate, cash and cash equivalents for liquidity.
- (h) The strategy of the government fund was to seek total return with an emphasis on current income, but also considering capital appreciation. The fund normally invested at least 80% of its net assets in U.S. government securities.

Note 5 - Certified Information

The plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the plan administrator has obtained certifications from Fidelity Management Trust Company as of December 31, 2023 and for the period from June 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and from Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America as of December 31, 2022 for the period from January 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023, stating that all of the information provided is complete and accurate. Information included in the financial statements and accompanying notes to the financial statements as to investments, notes receivable from participants, investment income, interest income on notes receivable from participants, and all of the related information in the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) is presented in reliance solely upon these certifications.

The Plan's independent auditor did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements, the accompanying notes and the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year).

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Note 6 - Federal Income Tax

Prior to June 1, 2023, the Plan operated under a pre-approved plan document that received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated November 30, 2020, stating that it was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Effective June 1, 2023, the Plan adopted Fidelity's pre-approved plan document that received an opinion letter from the IRS dated June 30, 2020, stating that it was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. The pre-approved plan documents have been amended since receiving their IRS letter; however, the plan administrator, through its adoption of the pre-approved plan documents, believes that the Plan is currently designed and 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.

GAAP requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 7 - Plan Termination

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

Note 8 - Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions

As reported on supplemental Schedule H, Line 4a – Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year ended December 31, 2023, there were unintentional delays in remitting \$101,179 of participant contributions to the Plan within the timeframe specified by the DOL's Regulation 29 CFR 2510.3-102. The participant contributions have been remitted to the Plan; however, management is in the process of calculating lost earnings on the late remittances.

Note 9 - Party-in-Interest Transactions

Certain investments in the Plan are issued by an affiliate of Fidelity, and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Prior to June 1, 2023, the Plan engaged in investment transactions with funds managed by Empower, and therefore, these transactions qualified as party-in-interest transactions. These transactions were also covered by an exemption from the "prohibited transaction" provisions of ERISA and the IRC.

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Note 10 - Reconciliation of Financial Statements to the Form 5500

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

	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 11,871,417
Employee contributions receivable – December 31, 2022	(40,472)
Employer contributions receivable – December 31, 2022	<u>(362,414)</u>
Net assets per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 11,468,531</u>

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

Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 1,418,764
2022 Employee contributions receivable	40,472
2022 Employer contributions receivable	<u>362,414</u>
Net income per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 1,821,650</u>

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN

PLAN SPONSOR'S EIN: 27-0681548

PLAN NUMBER: 001

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

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
<u>\$ 101,179</u>	<u>\$ 101,179</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN
SPONSOR'S EIN: 27-0681548
PLAN NUMBER: 001
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
December 31, 2023

(a) (b) Identity of issue or similar party	(c) Description of investment	(e) Current value
	Mutual Funds:	
JPMorgan Asset Management	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth Fund	\$ 1,343,868
Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc.	Cohen & Steers Realty Shares Fund	131,389
Allspring Global Investments	Allspring Special Mid Cap Value Fund	385,561
American Funds	American Funds American Mutual Fund	530,903
Massachusetts Financial Services	MFS Mid Cap Growth Fund	58,693
JPMorgan Asset Management	JPMorgan U.S. Equity Fund	52,606
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Investment Conversion Account	163
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Government Income Fund	726
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Emerging Markets Fund	19,251
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity International Capital Appreciation Fund	241,722
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Total Bond Fund	273,288
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Small Cap Growth Fund	40,977
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity U.S. Bond Index Fund	3,912
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	233,362
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Global ex U.S. Index Fund	41,947
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund	321,465
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund	32,562
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Inflation-Protected Bond Index Fund	18
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Government Money Market Fund	531
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund	206,791
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund	1,196,654
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund	12,375
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund	2,825,459
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund	6,680
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2045 Fund	3,153,313
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2050 Fund	66,214
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2055 Fund	707,419
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2060 Fund	18,954
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2065 Fund	5,656
		11,912,459
	Fixed Annuity Contract:	
The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company	Lincoln Stable Value Separate Account 1	1,014,245
	Participant Loans:	
* Participant Loans	Interest rates ranging from 9.25% to 9.50% due at various dates through 2028	112,865
		\$ 13,039,569
* Indicates a party-in-interest		

This schedule has been prepared from information certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company as complete and accurate.

See independent auditor's report.

CCJ & Associates, LLC 401(k) Plan

Annual Financial Report
La Porte, Texas
December 31, 2023

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All other schedules listed by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 are omitted, as they are not applicable.

Independent Auditor's Report

February 3, 2025

Plan Administrator
CCJ & Associates, LLC 401(k) Plan
La Porte, Texas

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of the CCJ & Associates, LLC 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, as applicable, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements 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 qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the Plan, determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions and 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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.

February 3, 2025
CCJ & Associates, LLC 401(k) Plan

In performing an audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we:

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

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

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

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

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

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

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

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Houston, Texas

CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	December 31,	
	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Investments , at fair value	\$ 11,912,459	\$ 10,019,433
Investment , at contract value	1,014,245	1,449,098
Receivables:		
Employee contributions	16,564	40,472
Employer contributions, net of forfeitures	234,048	362,414
Notes receivable from participants	112,865	-
	363,477	402,886
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$ 13,290,181	\$ 11,871,417

See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes to financial statements.

CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Contributions:

Employee	\$ 627,930
Employer, net of forfeitures	612,643
Rollover	<u>70,275</u>

Total Contributions	1,310,848
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Investment Income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	1,605,398
Interest, dividends and other income	<u>214,380</u>

Total Investment Income	1,819,778
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Interest Income on Notes Receivable from Participants	3,487
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Benefit Payments	(1,682,723)
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Administrative Expenses	<u>(32,626)</u>
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Net Increase in Net Assets Available for Benefits	1,418,764
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Net Assets Available for Benefits - Beginning of Year	<u>11,871,417</u>
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Net Assets Available for Benefits - End of Year	<u><u>\$ 13,290,181</u></u>
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See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes to financial statements.

CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note 1 - Plan Description

The following description of the CCJ & Associates, LLC 401(k) Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information only. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan which was established on January 1, 2001 for eligible employees of CCJ & Associates, LLC and adopting employers (the Company). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). CCJ & Associates, LLC serves as the plan administrator. Effective June 1, 2023, Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity) serves as the Plan's asset custodian and trustee. Prior to June 1, 2023, Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (Empower) served as the Plan's asset custodian and the president of the Company served as the Plan's trustee.

Eligibility

The Plan is provided for all eligible employees, as defined, who are at least 18 years of age and complete one month of service. Eligible employees may enter the Plan on the first day of each month following the date in which the eligibility requirements are met. Prior to June 1, 2023, employees who were at least 18 years of age were immediately eligible to participate in the Plan. The Plan includes a savings feature designed to permit the employee and the Company to contribute to the Plan, at amounts allowable under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).

Contributions

Eligible employees make pre-tax and or Roth contributions to the Plan by electing to defer up to 90% of their eligible compensation, as defined, subject to the maximum limits allowed by law. Eligible employees who have attained age 50 before the close of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions subject to the limitations of the IRC. Participants may also make rollover contributions from other qualified plans and certain other qualified sources as defined in the plan document.

Effective July 1, 2023, the Plan was amended to add automatic enrollment, and annual automatic deferral increases for eligible employees who were hired or rehired on or after July 1, 2023. Upon meeting the eligibility requirements, employees will automatically begin deferring 3% of their compensation, unless an affirmative election not to contribute or to contribute at a different percentage is made by the employee. The contributions are made on a pre-tax basis unless the employee affirmatively designates that any portion or all of the contributions be treated as Roth contributions. In March of each year, the automatic deferral percentage will increase by 1% up to a maximum contribution of 10% of eligible compensation, unless an affirmative election is made to opt out of the annual increase.

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The Company makes safe harbor nonelective contributions to all eligible participants, as defined, in an amount equal to 3% of an employee's eligible compensation. The Company also has the option to make discretionary nonelective contributions such as profit-sharing contributions that are not safe harbor contributions. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company elected to make a 3% discretionary profit-sharing contribution to the Plan on behalf of eligible employees. The contribution is approximately \$370,000. The Company may also elect to make discretionary matching contributions. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company elected not to make discretionary matching contributions.

Participant Accounts

Separate accounts are maintained for each participant. Upon enrollment in the Plan, participants may direct the investment of their accounts into various investment options offered by the Plan. Participants may change their investment options daily. Under the Plan, earnings and losses are allocated to the participants' accounts daily based on their respective balances in the investments.

Vesting and Forfeitures

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions, including rollovers, plus actual earnings thereon. Additionally, participants are 100% vested in safe harbor nonelective contributions made by the Company plus actual earnings thereon. A participant's interest in discretionary nonelective contributions and discretionary matching contributions made by the Company begins vesting at 20% after two years of service, increasing 20% each year thereafter, with the participant becoming 100% vested after six years of service. Regardless of the vesting schedule, participants become fully vested upon reaching normal retirement age, as defined, death, or total and permanent disability.

Forfeitures can be used to pay plan expenses or to reduce future Company contributions. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the balance in the forfeiture account was \$161,630 and \$102,162, respectively. During 2023, \$10,467 was utilized to reduce safe harbor nonelective contributions, and \$2,113 was utilized to pay plan expenses. Subsequent to year end, \$163,669 of forfeitures were utilized to offset the 2023 plan year discretionary profit-sharing contribution.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are loans to participants secured by the vested portion of their respective accounts. Participants may borrow a minimum of \$1,000 from their account balance. The loan may not be more than 50% of the participant's vested account balance or \$50,000 reduced by any outstanding loan balance, if any, during the previous 12 months, whichever is less. Interest rates are based on the prime rate plus 1%. Principal and interest are repaid directly to Fidelity. Loans are to be repaid within five years unless the purpose of the loan is to acquire a principal residence, which allows the loan to extend to 10 years. Participants are only allowed to have one loan outstanding at a time. Prior to June 1, 2023, notes receivable from participants were not permitted by the Plan.

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December 31, 2023 and 2022

Benefit Payments

Distributions may be made to participants upon termination of employment, retirement, disability, or death. Withdrawals may be made by active participants upon attainment of age 59½, as a qualified reservist, due to financial hardship, subject to the provisions of the Plan, as well as for other permitted reasons. The distribution may be made as a lump-sum payment, partial withdrawal or substantially equal installments. Upon termination, participants with an account balance of \$1,000 or less shall receive an automatic lump sum distribution from the Plan. For participants who terminate with an account balance of more than \$1,000 but less than \$5,000, the plan administrator shall make a direct rollover into an individual retirement account. Upon withdrawal from the Plan or termination of employment, participants may be subject to federal income taxes on contributions and income earned.

Note 2 - Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The Plan invests in a fully benefit-responsive investment contract. See Note 3.

Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of investments includes realized gains or losses on investments sold during the year as well as unrealized gains or losses on the investments held at the end of the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest is recorded on the accrual basis. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023, as the notes are collateralized by the participant's account balances. In general, notes receivable from participants are placed into default in the calendar quarter following the quarter in which no payment on the note is made, and such defaults are recognized as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document when a distributable event has occurred.

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Benefit Payments

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses incurred in connection with the operation of the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless paid by the Company, at its discretion.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties

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

Subsequent Events

Management of the Plan evaluates events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that affect the financial statements. Subsequent events have been evaluated through February 3, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3 - Investment Contracts with Insurance Companies

Effective March 10, 2023, the Plan entered into an unallocated group fixed annuity contract with The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company (Lincoln). The Lincoln Stable Value Separate Account 1, a fully benefit-responsive investment contract, is reported at contract value which represents deposits made under the contracts, plus earnings at guaranteed crediting rates, and less participant withdrawals. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. Lincoln guarantees that the interest credited to the contract will never fall below 1% and is guaranteed for a six-month period.

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Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value. Such events include: termination of the contract by the plan sponsor due to full plan termination, which requires at least 90 days advance notice; termination of the contract with Lincoln, which is considered a market value event and could be subject to a market value adjustment pursuant to a formula specified in the contract which may be more or less than contract value or a book value installment option; and participant initiated withdrawals which must remain invested in the contract for at least 90 days before transferring to a competing fund. Plan management does not believe the occurrence of any events that would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants are probable.

Prior to June 1, 2023, the Plan had a fixed investment contract with Empower. The Guaranteed Investment Contract (GIA), a fully benefit-responsive investment contract, was reported at contract value which represented deposits made under the contracts, plus earnings at guaranteed crediting rates, less participant withdrawals and fees. Participants could have ordinarily directed the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. There were no reserves against contract value for the credit risk of Empower or otherwise. The crediting interest rate was based on a formula agreed upon with the issuer and could not be less than 1.00%. Such interest rates were reviewed on an annual basis for resetting.

In conjunction with the move from Empower to Fidelity, the Company liquidated their contract with Empower. The 60-day notice period was given to Empower in February 2023. During this period, participants were allowed to take distributions and/or transfer money out of the GIA; however, future contributions and/or transfers to the GIA were not permitted. In May 2023, the contract with Empower was fully liquidated and resulted in a negative market value adjustment of \$113,847. Lincoln contributed \$113,847 to the Plan so participant accounts would not be negatively impacted by the change from the GIA to the Lincoln Stable Value Separate Account 1.

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements

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

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

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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

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

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

The following are descriptions 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: These funds are valued daily based upon their quoted market prices.

Pooled Separate Accounts: These investments were valued at their net asset value (NAV) as reported by the issuer based on quoted market prices of the underlying investments, when available, net of certain expenses. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the investment will be sold for an amount different than the reported NAV.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value:

	December 31, 2023		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual funds	\$ 11,912,459	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 11,912,459		

The pooled separate accounts were measured using NAV as the practical expedient and have been excluded from the fair value hierarchy in accordance with GAAP. The following provides additional information for the pooled separate accounts as of December 31, 2022.

The 90-day redemption notice period described in the table below applied only to transactions at the Plan level, and not to participants directed transactions.

Investment Class	Fair Value December 31, 2022	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Notice Period
Asset Allocation (a)	\$ 6,867,961	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Large-Cap (b)	674,658	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Mid-Cap (c)	861,772	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Growth (d)	1,064,286	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
International (e)	225,787	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Bond (f)	166,811	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Real Estate (g)	105,680	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Government (h)	52,478	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
	\$ 10,019,433			

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- (a) The strategy of the asset allocation funds was to achieve as high of a total return on an annual basis as was considered consistent with prudent investment risk and the preservation of capital by investing in a combination of mutual funds, stocks, and bonds using an asset allocation strategy designed for investors expected to retire around a specific target date class.
- (b) The strategy of the large-cap fund was to seek long-term growth of capital by investing primarily in equity securities and with generally less risk than the mid-cap funds.
- (c) The strategy of the mid-cap funds was to seek long-term capital appreciation with potential for greater long-term growth and risk than the large-cap fund.
- (d) The strategy of growth fund was to seek growth of capital over the long term by investing in common stocks of large and medium sized blue chip growth companies.
- (e) The strategy of the international fund was to provide investors with potential long-term growth of capital while diversifying their portfolios with a spread of security types.
- (f) The strategy of the bond funds was to provide returns and current income, while still considering the growth of capital.
- (g) The strategy of the real estate fund was to provide 40-60% of gross total returns generated by high quality credit leases, through the combination of global real estate investments, listed real estate, cash and cash equivalents for liquidity.
- (h) The strategy of the government fund was to seek total return with an emphasis on current income, but also considering capital appreciation. The fund normally invested at least 80% of its net assets in U.S. government securities.

Note 5 - Certified Information

The plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the plan administrator has obtained certifications from Fidelity Management Trust Company as of December 31, 2023 and for the period from June 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and from Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America as of December 31, 2022 for the period from January 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023, stating that all of the information provided is complete and accurate. Information included in the financial statements and accompanying notes to the financial statements as to investments, notes receivable from participants, investment income, interest income on notes receivable from participants, and all of the related information in the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) is presented in reliance solely upon these certifications.

The Plan's independent auditor did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements, the accompanying notes and the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year).

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Note 6 - Federal Income Tax

Prior to June 1, 2023, the Plan operated under a pre-approved plan document that received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated November 30, 2020, stating that it was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Effective June 1, 2023, the Plan adopted Fidelity's pre-approved plan document that received an opinion letter from the IRS dated June 30, 2020, stating that it was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. The pre-approved plan documents have been amended since receiving their IRS letter; however, the plan administrator, through its adoption of the pre-approved plan documents, believes that the Plan is currently designed and 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.

GAAP requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 7 - Plan Termination

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

Note 8 - Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions

As reported on supplemental Schedule H, Line 4a – Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year ended December 31, 2023, there were unintentional delays in remitting \$101,179 of participant contributions to the Plan within the timeframe specified by the DOL's Regulation 29 CFR 2510.3-102. The participant contributions have been remitted to the Plan; however, management is in the process of calculating lost earnings on the late remittances.

Note 9 - Party-in-Interest Transactions

Certain investments in the Plan are issued by an affiliate of Fidelity, and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Prior to June 1, 2023, the Plan engaged in investment transactions with funds managed by Empower, and therefore, these transactions qualified as party-in-interest transactions. These transactions were also covered by an exemption from the "prohibited transaction" provisions of ERISA and the IRC.

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Note 10 - Reconciliation of Financial Statements to the Form 5500

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

	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 11,871,417
Employee contributions receivable – December 31, 2022	(40,472)
Employer contributions receivable – December 31, 2022	<u>(362,414)</u>
Net assets per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 11,468,531</u>

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

Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 1,418,764
2022 Employee contributions receivable	40,472
2022 Employer contributions receivable	<u>362,414</u>
Net income per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 1,821,650</u>

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN

PLAN SPONSOR'S EIN: 27-0681548

PLAN NUMBER: 001

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

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
<u>\$ 101,179</u>	<u>\$ 101,179</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN
SPONSOR'S EIN: 27-0681548
PLAN NUMBER: 001
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
December 31, 2023

(a) (b) Identity of issue or similar party	(c) Description of investment	(e) Current value
	Mutual Funds:	
JPMorgan Asset Management	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth Fund	\$ 1,343,868
Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc.	Cohen & Steers Realty Shares Fund	131,389
Allspring Global Investments	Allspring Special Mid Cap Value Fund	385,561
American Funds	American Funds American Mutual Fund	530,903
Massachusetts Financial Services	MFS Mid Cap Growth Fund	58,693
JPMorgan Asset Management	JPMorgan U.S. Equity Fund	52,606
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Investment Conversion Account	163
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Government Income Fund	726
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Emerging Markets Fund	19,251
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity International Capital Appreciation Fund	241,722
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Total Bond Fund	273,288
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Small Cap Growth Fund	40,977
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity U.S. Bond Index Fund	3,912
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	233,362
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Global ex U.S. Index Fund	41,947
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund	321,465
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund	32,562
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Inflation-Protected Bond Index Fund	18
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Government Money Market Fund	531
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund	206,791
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund	1,196,654
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund	12,375
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund	2,825,459
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund	6,680
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2045 Fund	3,153,313
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2050 Fund	66,214
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2055 Fund	707,419
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2060 Fund	18,954
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2065 Fund	5,656
		11,912,459
	Fixed Annuity Contract:	
The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company	Lincoln Stable Value Separate Account 1	1,014,245
	Participant Loans:	
* Participant Loans	Interest rates ranging from 9.25% to 9.50% due at various dates through 2028	112,865
		\$ 13,039,569
* Indicates a party-in-interest		

This schedule has been prepared from information certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company as complete and accurate.

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Annual Financial Report
La Porte, Texas
December 31, 2023

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All other schedules listed by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 are omitted, as they are not applicable.

Independent Auditor's Report

February 3, 2025

Plan Administrator
CCJ & Associates, LLC 401(k) Plan
La Porte, Texas

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of the CCJ & Associates, LLC 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, as applicable, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements 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 qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the Plan, determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions and 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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.

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CCJ & Associates, LLC 401(k) Plan

In performing an audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we:

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

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

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

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

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Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

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

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

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

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WEINSTEIN SPIRA & COMPANY, P.C.
Houston, Texas

CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	December 31,	
	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Investments , at fair value	\$ 11,912,459	\$ 10,019,433
Investment , at contract value	1,014,245	1,449,098
Receivables:		
Employee contributions	16,564	40,472
Employer contributions, net of forfeitures	234,048	362,414
Notes receivable from participants	112,865	-
	363,477	402,886
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$ 13,290,181	\$ 11,871,417

See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes to financial statements.

CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Contributions:

Employee	\$ 627,930
Employer, net of forfeitures	612,643
Rollover	<u>70,275</u>

Total Contributions	1,310,848
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Investment Income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	1,605,398
Interest, dividends and other income	<u>214,380</u>

Total Investment Income	1,819,778
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Interest Income on Notes Receivable from Participants	3,487
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Benefit Payments	(1,682,723)
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Administrative Expenses	<u>(32,626)</u>
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Net Increase in Net Assets Available for Benefits	1,418,764
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Net Assets Available for Benefits - Beginning of Year	<u>11,871,417</u>
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Net Assets Available for Benefits - End of Year	<u><u>\$ 13,290,181</u></u>
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See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes to financial statements.

**CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2023 and 2022**

Note 1 - Plan Description

The following description of the CCJ & Associates, LLC 401(k) Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information only. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan which was established on January 1, 2001 for eligible employees of CCJ & Associates, LLC and adopting employers (the Company). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). CCJ & Associates, LLC serves as the plan administrator. Effective June 1, 2023, Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity) serves as the Plan's asset custodian and trustee. Prior to June 1, 2023, Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (Empower) served as the Plan's asset custodian and the president of the Company served as the Plan's trustee.

Eligibility

The Plan is provided for all eligible employees, as defined, who are at least 18 years of age and complete one month of service. Eligible employees may enter the Plan on the first day of each month following the date in which the eligibility requirements are met. Prior to June 1, 2023, employees who were at least 18 years of age were immediately eligible to participate in the Plan. The Plan includes a savings feature designed to permit the employee and the Company to contribute to the Plan, at amounts allowable under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).

Contributions

Eligible employees make pre-tax and or Roth contributions to the Plan by electing to defer up to 90% of their eligible compensation, as defined, subject to the maximum limits allowed by law. Eligible employees who have attained age 50 before the close of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions subject to the limitations of the IRC. Participants may also make rollover contributions from other qualified plans and certain other qualified sources as defined in the plan document.

Effective July 1, 2023, the Plan was amended to add automatic enrollment, and annual automatic deferral increases for eligible employees who were hired or rehired on or after July 1, 2023. Upon meeting the eligibility requirements, employees will automatically begin deferring 3% of their compensation, unless an affirmative election not to contribute or to contribute at a different percentage is made by the employee. The contributions are made on a pre-tax basis unless the employee affirmatively designates that any portion or all of the contributions be treated as Roth contributions. In March of each year, the automatic deferral percentage will increase by 1% up to a maximum contribution of 10% of eligible compensation, unless an affirmative election is made to opt out of the annual increase.

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The Company makes safe harbor nonelective contributions to all eligible participants, as defined, in an amount equal to 3% of an employee's eligible compensation. The Company also has the option to make discretionary nonelective contributions such as profit-sharing contributions that are not safe harbor contributions. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company elected to make a 3% discretionary profit-sharing contribution to the Plan on behalf of eligible employees. The contribution is approximately \$370,000. The Company may also elect to make discretionary matching contributions. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company elected not to make discretionary matching contributions.

Participant Accounts

Separate accounts are maintained for each participant. Upon enrollment in the Plan, participants may direct the investment of their accounts into various investment options offered by the Plan. Participants may change their investment options daily. Under the Plan, earnings and losses are allocated to the participants' accounts daily based on their respective balances in the investments.

Vesting and Forfeitures

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions, including rollovers, plus actual earnings thereon. Additionally, participants are 100% vested in safe harbor nonelective contributions made by the Company plus actual earnings thereon. A participant's interest in discretionary nonelective contributions and discretionary matching contributions made by the Company begins vesting at 20% after two years of service, increasing 20% each year thereafter, with the participant becoming 100% vested after six years of service. Regardless of the vesting schedule, participants become fully vested upon reaching normal retirement age, as defined, death, or total and permanent disability.

Forfeitures can be used to pay plan expenses or to reduce future Company contributions. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the balance in the forfeiture account was \$161,630 and \$102,162, respectively. During 2023, \$10,467 was utilized to reduce safe harbor nonelective contributions, and \$2,113 was utilized to pay plan expenses. Subsequent to year end, \$163,669 of forfeitures were utilized to offset the 2023 plan year discretionary profit-sharing contribution.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are loans to participants secured by the vested portion of their respective accounts. Participants may borrow a minimum of \$1,000 from their account balance. The loan may not be more than 50% of the participant's vested account balance or \$50,000 reduced by any outstanding loan balance, if any, during the previous 12 months, whichever is less. Interest rates are based on the prime rate plus 1%. Principal and interest are repaid directly to Fidelity. Loans are to be repaid within five years unless the purpose of the loan is to acquire a principal residence, which allows the loan to extend to 10 years. Participants are only allowed to have one loan outstanding at a time. Prior to June 1, 2023, notes receivable from participants were not permitted by the Plan.

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Benefit Payments

Distributions may be made to participants upon termination of employment, retirement, disability, or death. Withdrawals may be made by active participants upon attainment of age 59½, as a qualified reservist, due to financial hardship, subject to the provisions of the Plan, as well as for other permitted reasons. The distribution may be made as a lump-sum payment, partial withdrawal or substantially equal installments. Upon termination, participants with an account balance of \$1,000 or less shall receive an automatic lump sum distribution from the Plan. For participants who terminate with an account balance of more than \$1,000 but less than \$5,000, the plan administrator shall make a direct rollover into an individual retirement account. Upon withdrawal from the Plan or termination of employment, participants may be subject to federal income taxes on contributions and income earned.

Note 2 - Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The Plan invests in a fully benefit-responsive investment contract. See Note 3.

Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of investments includes realized gains or losses on investments sold during the year as well as unrealized gains or losses on the investments held at the end of the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest is recorded on the accrual basis. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023, as the notes are collateralized by the participant's account balances. In general, notes receivable from participants are placed into default in the calendar quarter following the quarter in which no payment on the note is made, and such defaults are recognized as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document when a distributable event has occurred.

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December 31, 2023 and 2022

Benefit Payments

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses incurred in connection with the operation of the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless paid by the Company, at its discretion.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties

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

Subsequent Events

Management of the Plan evaluates events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that affect the financial statements. Subsequent events have been evaluated through February 3, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3 - Investment Contracts with Insurance Companies

Effective March 10, 2023, the Plan entered into an unallocated group fixed annuity contract with The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company (Lincoln). The Lincoln Stable Value Separate Account 1, a fully benefit-responsive investment contract, is reported at contract value which represents deposits made under the contracts, plus earnings at guaranteed crediting rates, and less participant withdrawals. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. Lincoln guarantees that the interest credited to the contract will never fall below 1% and is guaranteed for a six-month period.

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Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value. Such events include: termination of the contract by the plan sponsor due to full plan termination, which requires at least 90 days advance notice; termination of the contract with Lincoln, which is considered a market value event and could be subject to a market value adjustment pursuant to a formula specified in the contract which may be more or less than contract value or a book value installment option; and participant initiated withdrawals which must remain invested in the contract for at least 90 days before transferring to a competing fund. Plan management does not believe the occurrence of any events that would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants are probable.

Prior to June 1, 2023, the Plan had a fixed investment contract with Empower. The Guaranteed Investment Contract (GIA), a fully benefit-responsive investment contract, was reported at contract value which represented deposits made under the contracts, plus earnings at guaranteed crediting rates, less participant withdrawals and fees. Participants could have ordinarily directed the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. There were no reserves against contract value for the credit risk of Empower or otherwise. The crediting interest rate was based on a formula agreed upon with the issuer and could not be less than 1.00%. Such interest rates were reviewed on an annual basis for resetting.

In conjunction with the move from Empower to Fidelity, the Company liquidated their contract with Empower. The 60-day notice period was given to Empower in February 2023. During this period, participants were allowed to take distributions and/or transfer money out of the GIA; however, future contributions and/or transfers to the GIA were not permitted. In May 2023, the contract with Empower was fully liquidated and resulted in a negative market value adjustment of \$113,847. Lincoln contributed \$113,847 to the Plan so participant accounts would not be negatively impacted by the change from the GIA to the Lincoln Stable Value Separate Account 1.

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements

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

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

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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

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

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

The following are descriptions 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: These funds are valued daily based upon their quoted market prices.

Pooled Separate Accounts: These investments were valued at their net asset value (NAV) as reported by the issuer based on quoted market prices of the underlying investments, when available, net of certain expenses. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the investment will be sold for an amount different than the reported NAV.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value:

	December 31, 2023		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual funds	<u>\$ 11,912,459</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
			<u>\$ 11,912,459</u>

The pooled separate accounts were measured using NAV as the practical expedient and have been excluded from the fair value hierarchy in accordance with GAAP. The following provides additional information for the pooled separate accounts as of December 31, 2022.

The 90-day redemption notice period described in the table below applied only to transactions at the Plan level, and not to participants directed transactions.

Investment Class	Fair Value December 31, 2022	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Notice Period
Asset Allocation (a)	\$ 6,867,961	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Large-Cap (b)	674,658	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Mid-Cap (c)	861,772	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Growth (d)	1,064,286	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
International (e)	225,787	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Bond (f)	166,811	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Real Estate (g)	105,680	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Government (h)	<u>52,478</u>	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
	<u>\$ 10,019,433</u>			

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- (a) The strategy of the asset allocation funds was to achieve as high of a total return on an annual basis as was considered consistent with prudent investment risk and the preservation of capital by investing in a combination of mutual funds, stocks, and bonds using an asset allocation strategy designed for investors expected to retire around a specific target date class.
- (b) The strategy of the large-cap fund was to seek long-term growth of capital by investing primarily in equity securities and with generally less risk than the mid-cap funds.
- (c) The strategy of the mid-cap funds was to seek long-term capital appreciation with potential for greater long-term growth and risk than the large-cap fund.
- (d) The strategy of growth fund was to seek growth of capital over the long term by investing in common stocks of large and medium sized blue chip growth companies.
- (e) The strategy of the international fund was to provide investors with potential long-term growth of capital while diversifying their portfolios with a spread of security types.
- (f) The strategy of the bond funds was to provide returns and current income, while still considering the growth of capital.
- (g) The strategy of the real estate fund was to provide 40-60% of gross total returns generated by high quality credit leases, through the combination of global real estate investments, listed real estate, cash and cash equivalents for liquidity.
- (h) The strategy of the government fund was to seek total return with an emphasis on current income, but also considering capital appreciation. The fund normally invested at least 80% of its net assets in U.S. government securities.

Note 5 - Certified Information

The plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the plan administrator has obtained certifications from Fidelity Management Trust Company as of December 31, 2023 and for the period from June 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and from Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America as of December 31, 2022 for the period from January 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023, stating that all of the information provided is complete and accurate. Information included in the financial statements and accompanying notes to the financial statements as to investments, notes receivable from participants, investment income, interest income on notes receivable from participants, and all of the related information in the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) is presented in reliance solely upon these certifications.

The Plan's independent auditor did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements, the accompanying notes and the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year).

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Note 6 - Federal Income Tax

Prior to June 1, 2023, the Plan operated under a pre-approved plan document that received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated November 30, 2020, stating that it was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Effective June 1, 2023, the Plan adopted Fidelity's pre-approved plan document that received an opinion letter from the IRS dated June 30, 2020, stating that it was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. The pre-approved plan documents have been amended since receiving their IRS letter; however, the plan administrator, through its adoption of the pre-approved plan documents, believes that the Plan is currently designed and 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.

GAAP requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 7 - Plan Termination

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

Note 8 - Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions

As reported on supplemental Schedule H, Line 4a – Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year ended December 31, 2023, there were unintentional delays in remitting \$101,179 of participant contributions to the Plan within the timeframe specified by the DOL's Regulation 29 CFR 2510.3-102. The participant contributions have been remitted to the Plan; however, management is in the process of calculating lost earnings on the late remittances.

Note 9 - Party-in-Interest Transactions

Certain investments in the Plan are issued by an affiliate of Fidelity, and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Prior to June 1, 2023, the Plan engaged in investment transactions with funds managed by Empower, and therefore, these transactions qualified as party-in-interest transactions. These transactions were also covered by an exemption from the "prohibited transaction" provisions of ERISA and the IRC.

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December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note 10 - Reconciliation of Financial Statements to the Form 5500

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

	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 11,871,417
Employee contributions receivable – December 31, 2022	(40,472)
Employer contributions receivable – December 31, 2022	<u>(362,414)</u>
Net assets per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 11,468,531</u>

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

Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 1,418,764
2022 Employee contributions receivable	40,472
2022 Employer contributions receivable	<u>362,414</u>
Net income per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 1,821,650</u>

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN

PLAN SPONSOR'S EIN: 27-0681548

PLAN NUMBER: 001

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

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
<u>\$ 101,179</u>	<u>\$ 101,179</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN
SPONSOR'S EIN: 27-0681548
PLAN NUMBER: 001
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
December 31, 2023

(a) (b) Identity of issue or similar party	(c) Description of investment	(e) Current value
	Mutual Funds:	
JPMorgan Asset Management	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth Fund	\$ 1,343,868
Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc.	Cohen & Steers Realty Shares Fund	131,389
Allspring Global Investments	Allspring Special Mid Cap Value Fund	385,561
American Funds	American Funds American Mutual Fund	530,903
Massachusetts Financial Services	MFS Mid Cap Growth Fund	58,693
JPMorgan Asset Management	JPMorgan U.S. Equity Fund	52,606
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Investment Conversion Account	163
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Government Income Fund	726
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Emerging Markets Fund	19,251
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity International Capital Appreciation Fund	241,722
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Total Bond Fund	273,288
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Small Cap Growth Fund	40,977
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity U.S. Bond Index Fund	3,912
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	233,362
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Global ex U.S. Index Fund	41,947
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund	321,465
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund	32,562
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Inflation-Protected Bond Index Fund	18
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Government Money Market Fund	531
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund	206,791
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund	1,196,654
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund	12,375
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund	2,825,459
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund	6,680
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2045 Fund	3,153,313
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2050 Fund	66,214
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2055 Fund	707,419
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2060 Fund	18,954
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2065 Fund	5,656
		11,912,459
	Fixed Annuity Contract:	
The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company	Lincoln Stable Value Separate Account 1	1,014,245
	Participant Loans:	
* Participant Loans	Interest rates ranging from 9.25% to 9.50% due at various dates through 2028	112,865
		\$ 13,039,569
* Indicates a party-in-interest		

This schedule has been prepared from information certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company as complete and accurate.

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Annual Financial Report
La Porte, Texas
December 31, 2023

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All other schedules listed by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 are omitted, as they are not applicable.

Independent Auditor's Report

February 3, 2025

Plan Administrator
CCJ & Associates, LLC 401(k) Plan
La Porte, Texas

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of the CCJ & Associates, LLC 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, as applicable, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements 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 qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the Plan, determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions and 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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.

February 3, 2025
CCJ & Associates, LLC 401(k) Plan

In performing an audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we:

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

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

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

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

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

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

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

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WEINSTEIN SPIRA & COMPANY, P.C.
Houston, Texas

CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	December 31,	
	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Investments , at fair value	\$ 11,912,459	\$ 10,019,433
Investment , at contract value	1,014,245	1,449,098
Receivables:		
Employee contributions	16,564	40,472
Employer contributions, net of forfeitures	234,048	362,414
Notes receivable from participants	112,865	-
	363,477	402,886
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$ 13,290,181	\$ 11,871,417

See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes to financial statements.

CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Contributions:

Employee	\$ 627,930
Employer, net of forfeitures	612,643
Rollover	<u>70,275</u>

Total Contributions	1,310,848
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Investment Income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	1,605,398
Interest, dividends and other income	<u>214,380</u>

Total Investment Income	1,819,778
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Interest Income on Notes Receivable from Participants	3,487
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Benefit Payments	(1,682,723)
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Administrative Expenses	<u>(32,626)</u>
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Net Increase in Net Assets Available for Benefits	1,418,764
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Net Assets Available for Benefits - Beginning of Year	<u>11,871,417</u>
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Net Assets Available for Benefits - End of Year	<u><u>\$ 13,290,181</u></u>
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See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes to financial statements.

**CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2023 and 2022**

Note 1 - Plan Description

The following description of the CCJ & Associates, LLC 401(k) Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information only. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan which was established on January 1, 2001 for eligible employees of CCJ & Associates, LLC and adopting employers (the Company). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). CCJ & Associates, LLC serves as the plan administrator. Effective June 1, 2023, Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity) serves as the Plan's asset custodian and trustee. Prior to June 1, 2023, Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (Empower) served as the Plan's asset custodian and the president of the Company served as the Plan's trustee.

Eligibility

The Plan is provided for all eligible employees, as defined, who are at least 18 years of age and complete one month of service. Eligible employees may enter the Plan on the first day of each month following the date in which the eligibility requirements are met. Prior to June 1, 2023, employees who were at least 18 years of age were immediately eligible to participate in the Plan. The Plan includes a savings feature designed to permit the employee and the Company to contribute to the Plan, at amounts allowable under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).

Contributions

Eligible employees make pre-tax and or Roth contributions to the Plan by electing to defer up to 90% of their eligible compensation, as defined, subject to the maximum limits allowed by law. Eligible employees who have attained age 50 before the close of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions subject to the limitations of the IRC. Participants may also make rollover contributions from other qualified plans and certain other qualified sources as defined in the plan document.

Effective July 1, 2023, the Plan was amended to add automatic enrollment, and annual automatic deferral increases for eligible employees who were hired or rehired on or after July 1, 2023. Upon meeting the eligibility requirements, employees will automatically begin deferring 3% of their compensation, unless an affirmative election not to contribute or to contribute at a different percentage is made by the employee. The contributions are made on a pre-tax basis unless the employee affirmatively designates that any portion or all of the contributions be treated as Roth contributions. In March of each year, the automatic deferral percentage will increase by 1% up to a maximum contribution of 10% of eligible compensation, unless an affirmative election is made to opt out of the annual increase.

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The Company makes safe harbor nonelective contributions to all eligible participants, as defined, in an amount equal to 3% of an employee's eligible compensation. The Company also has the option to make discretionary nonelective contributions such as profit-sharing contributions that are not safe harbor contributions. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company elected to make a 3% discretionary profit-sharing contribution to the Plan on behalf of eligible employees. The contribution is approximately \$370,000. The Company may also elect to make discretionary matching contributions. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company elected not to make discretionary matching contributions.

Participant Accounts

Separate accounts are maintained for each participant. Upon enrollment in the Plan, participants may direct the investment of their accounts into various investment options offered by the Plan. Participants may change their investment options daily. Under the Plan, earnings and losses are allocated to the participants' accounts daily based on their respective balances in the investments.

Vesting and Forfeitures

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions, including rollovers, plus actual earnings thereon. Additionally, participants are 100% vested in safe harbor nonelective contributions made by the Company plus actual earnings thereon. A participant's interest in discretionary nonelective contributions and discretionary matching contributions made by the Company begins vesting at 20% after two years of service, increasing 20% each year thereafter, with the participant becoming 100% vested after six years of service. Regardless of the vesting schedule, participants become fully vested upon reaching normal retirement age, as defined, death, or total and permanent disability.

Forfeitures can be used to pay plan expenses or to reduce future Company contributions. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the balance in the forfeiture account was \$161,630 and \$102,162, respectively. During 2023, \$10,467 was utilized to reduce safe harbor nonelective contributions, and \$2,113 was utilized to pay plan expenses. Subsequent to year end, \$163,669 of forfeitures were utilized to offset the 2023 plan year discretionary profit-sharing contribution.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are loans to participants secured by the vested portion of their respective accounts. Participants may borrow a minimum of \$1,000 from their account balance. The loan may not be more than 50% of the participant's vested account balance or \$50,000 reduced by any outstanding loan balance, if any, during the previous 12 months, whichever is less. Interest rates are based on the prime rate plus 1%. Principal and interest are repaid directly to Fidelity. Loans are to be repaid within five years unless the purpose of the loan is to acquire a principal residence, which allows the loan to extend to 10 years. Participants are only allowed to have one loan outstanding at a time. Prior to June 1, 2023, notes receivable from participants were not permitted by the Plan.

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Benefit Payments

Distributions may be made to participants upon termination of employment, retirement, disability, or death. Withdrawals may be made by active participants upon attainment of age 59½, as a qualified reservist, due to financial hardship, subject to the provisions of the Plan, as well as for other permitted reasons. The distribution may be made as a lump-sum payment, partial withdrawal or substantially equal installments. Upon termination, participants with an account balance of \$1,000 or less shall receive an automatic lump sum distribution from the Plan. For participants who terminate with an account balance of more than \$1,000 but less than \$5,000, the plan administrator shall make a direct rollover into an individual retirement account. Upon withdrawal from the Plan or termination of employment, participants may be subject to federal income taxes on contributions and income earned.

Note 2 - Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The Plan invests in a fully benefit-responsive investment contract. See Note 3.

Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of investments includes realized gains or losses on investments sold during the year as well as unrealized gains or losses on the investments held at the end of the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest is recorded on the accrual basis. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023, as the notes are collateralized by the participant's account balances. In general, notes receivable from participants are placed into default in the calendar quarter following the quarter in which no payment on the note is made, and such defaults are recognized as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document when a distributable event has occurred.

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Benefit Payments

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses incurred in connection with the operation of the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless paid by the Company, at its discretion.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties

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

Subsequent Events

Management of the Plan evaluates events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that affect the financial statements. Subsequent events have been evaluated through February 3, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3 - Investment Contracts with Insurance Companies

Effective March 10, 2023, the Plan entered into an unallocated group fixed annuity contract with The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company (Lincoln). The Lincoln Stable Value Separate Account 1, a fully benefit-responsive investment contract, is reported at contract value which represents deposits made under the contracts, plus earnings at guaranteed crediting rates, and less participant withdrawals. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. Lincoln guarantees that the interest credited to the contract will never fall below 1% and is guaranteed for a six-month period.

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Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value. Such events include: termination of the contract by the plan sponsor due to full plan termination, which requires at least 90 days advance notice; termination of the contract with Lincoln, which is considered a market value event and could be subject to a market value adjustment pursuant to a formula specified in the contract which may be more or less than contract value or a book value installment option; and participant initiated withdrawals which must remain invested in the contract for at least 90 days before transferring to a competing fund. Plan management does not believe the occurrence of any events that would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants are probable.

Prior to June 1, 2023, the Plan had a fixed investment contract with Empower. The Guaranteed Investment Contract (GIA), a fully benefit-responsive investment contract, was reported at contract value which represented deposits made under the contracts, plus earnings at guaranteed crediting rates, less participant withdrawals and fees. Participants could have ordinarily directed the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. There were no reserves against contract value for the credit risk of Empower or otherwise. The crediting interest rate was based on a formula agreed upon with the issuer and could not be less than 1.00%. Such interest rates were reviewed on an annual basis for resetting.

In conjunction with the move from Empower to Fidelity, the Company liquidated their contract with Empower. The 60-day notice period was given to Empower in February 2023. During this period, participants were allowed to take distributions and/or transfer money out of the GIA; however, future contributions and/or transfers to the GIA were not permitted. In May 2023, the contract with Empower was fully liquidated and resulted in a negative market value adjustment of \$113,847. Lincoln contributed \$113,847 to the Plan so participant accounts would not be negatively impacted by the change from the GIA to the Lincoln Stable Value Separate Account 1.

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements

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

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

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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

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

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

The following are descriptions 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: These funds are valued daily based upon their quoted market prices.

Pooled Separate Accounts: These investments were valued at their net asset value (NAV) as reported by the issuer based on quoted market prices of the underlying investments, when available, net of certain expenses. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the investment will be sold for an amount different than the reported NAV.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value:

	December 31, 2023		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual funds	\$ 11,912,459	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 11,912,459		

The pooled separate accounts were measured using NAV as the practical expedient and have been excluded from the fair value hierarchy in accordance with GAAP. The following provides additional information for the pooled separate accounts as of December 31, 2022.

The 90-day redemption notice period described in the table below applied only to transactions at the Plan level, and not to participants directed transactions.

Investment Class	Fair Value December 31, 2022	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Notice Period
Asset Allocation (a)	\$ 6,867,961	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Large-Cap (b)	674,658	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Mid-Cap (c)	861,772	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Growth (d)	1,064,286	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
International (e)	225,787	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Bond (f)	166,811	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Real Estate (g)	105,680	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
Government (h)	52,478	None	Daily	Up to 90 days
	\$ 10,019,433			

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- (a) The strategy of the asset allocation funds was to achieve as high of a total return on an annual basis as was considered consistent with prudent investment risk and the preservation of capital by investing in a combination of mutual funds, stocks, and bonds using an asset allocation strategy designed for investors expected to retire around a specific target date class.
- (b) The strategy of the large-cap fund was to seek long-term growth of capital by investing primarily in equity securities and with generally less risk than the mid-cap funds.
- (c) The strategy of the mid-cap funds was to seek long-term capital appreciation with potential for greater long-term growth and risk than the large-cap fund.
- (d) The strategy of growth fund was to seek growth of capital over the long term by investing in common stocks of large and medium sized blue chip growth companies.
- (e) The strategy of the international fund was to provide investors with potential long-term growth of capital while diversifying their portfolios with a spread of security types.
- (f) The strategy of the bond funds was to provide returns and current income, while still considering the growth of capital.
- (g) The strategy of the real estate fund was to provide 40-60% of gross total returns generated by high quality credit leases, through the combination of global real estate investments, listed real estate, cash and cash equivalents for liquidity.
- (h) The strategy of the government fund was to seek total return with an emphasis on current income, but also considering capital appreciation. The fund normally invested at least 80% of its net assets in U.S. government securities.

Note 5 - Certified Information

The plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the plan administrator has obtained certifications from Fidelity Management Trust Company as of December 31, 2023 and for the period from June 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and from Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America as of December 31, 2022 for the period from January 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023, stating that all of the information provided is complete and accurate. Information included in the financial statements and accompanying notes to the financial statements as to investments, notes receivable from participants, investment income, interest income on notes receivable from participants, and all of the related information in the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) is presented in reliance solely upon these certifications.

The Plan's independent auditor did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements, the accompanying notes and the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year).

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Note 6 - Federal Income Tax

Prior to June 1, 2023, the Plan operated under a pre-approved plan document that received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated November 30, 2020, stating that it was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Effective June 1, 2023, the Plan adopted Fidelity's pre-approved plan document that received an opinion letter from the IRS dated June 30, 2020, stating that it was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. The pre-approved plan documents have been amended since receiving their IRS letter; however, the plan administrator, through its adoption of the pre-approved plan documents, believes that the Plan is currently designed and 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.

GAAP requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 7 - Plan Termination

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

Note 8 - Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions

As reported on supplemental Schedule H, Line 4a – Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year ended December 31, 2023, there were unintentional delays in remitting \$101,179 of participant contributions to the Plan within the timeframe specified by the DOL's Regulation 29 CFR 2510.3-102. The participant contributions have been remitted to the Plan; however, management is in the process of calculating lost earnings on the late remittances.

Note 9 - Party-in-Interest Transactions

Certain investments in the Plan are issued by an affiliate of Fidelity, and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Prior to June 1, 2023, the Plan engaged in investment transactions with funds managed by Empower, and therefore, these transactions qualified as party-in-interest transactions. These transactions were also covered by an exemption from the "prohibited transaction" provisions of ERISA and the IRC.

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Note 10 - Reconciliation of Financial Statements to the Form 5500

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

	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 11,871,417
Employee contributions receivable – December 31, 2022	(40,472)
Employer contributions receivable – December 31, 2022	<u>(362,414)</u>
Net assets per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 11,468,531</u>

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

Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 1,418,764
2022 Employee contributions receivable	40,472
2022 Employer contributions receivable	<u>362,414</u>
Net income per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 1,821,650</u>

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN

PLAN SPONSOR'S EIN: 27-0681548

PLAN NUMBER: 001

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

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
<u>\$ 101,179</u>	<u>\$ 101,179</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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CCJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(k) PLAN
SPONSOR'S EIN: 27-0681548
PLAN NUMBER: 001
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
December 31, 2023

(a) (b) Identity of issue or similar party	(c) Description of investment	(e) Current value
	Mutual Funds:	
JPMorgan Asset Management	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth Fund	\$ 1,343,868
Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc.	Cohen & Steers Realty Shares Fund	131,389
Allspring Global Investments	Allspring Special Mid Cap Value Fund	385,561
American Funds	American Funds American Mutual Fund	530,903
Massachusetts Financial Services	MFS Mid Cap Growth Fund	58,693
JPMorgan Asset Management	JPMorgan U.S. Equity Fund	52,606
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Investment Conversion Account	163
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Government Income Fund	726
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Emerging Markets Fund	19,251
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity International Capital Appreciation Fund	241,722
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Total Bond Fund	273,288
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Small Cap Growth Fund	40,977
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity U.S. Bond Index Fund	3,912
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	233,362
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Global ex U.S. Index Fund	41,947
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund	321,465
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund	32,562
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Inflation-Protected Bond Index Fund	18
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Government Money Market Fund	531
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund	206,791
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund	1,196,654
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund	12,375
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund	2,825,459
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund	6,680
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2045 Fund	3,153,313
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2050 Fund	66,214
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2055 Fund	707,419
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2060 Fund	18,954
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Freedom 2065 Fund	5,656
		11,912,459
	Fixed Annuity Contract:	
The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company	Lincoln Stable Value Separate Account 1	1,014,245
	Participant Loans:	
* Participant Loans	Interest rates ranging from 9.25% to 9.50% due at various dates through 2028	112,865
		\$ 13,039,569
* Indicates a party-in-interest		

This schedule has been prepared from information certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company as complete and accurate.

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