

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Form 5500</b></p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p><b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b></p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b></p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large; text-align: center;"><b>2023</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b></p>
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**Part I Annual Report Identification Information**  
 For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 09/01/2023 and ending 08/31/2024

**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) \_\_\_\_\_

**B** This return/report is:  the first return/report  the final return/report

an amended return/report  a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

**C** If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . .

**D** Check box if filing under:  Form 5558  automatic extension  the DFVC program

special extension (enter description)

**E** If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . .

**Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information**

<p><b>1a</b> Name of plan <u>AACE EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN</u></p>	<p><b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>003</u></p>
<p><b>2a</b> Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>ARCHER WIRE INTERNATIONAL CORP.</u></p> <p><u>7300 S. NARRAGANSETT</u> <u>BEDFORD PARK, IL 60638</u></p>	<p><b>1c</b> Effective date of plan <u>10/01/1997</u></p> <p><b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-2486967</u></p> <p><b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>708-563-1700</u></p> <p><b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) <u>332900</u></p>

**Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.**

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	06/16/2025	TED PASQUINELLI
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	06/16/2025	TED PASQUINELLI
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> 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: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	248
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits ..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> . ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits ..... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> . ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	213
	<b>6a(2)</b>	216
	<b>6b</b>	1
	<b>6c</b>	32
	<b>6d</b>	249
	<b>6e</b>	3
	<b>6f</b>	252
	<b>6g(1)</b>	128
<b>6g(2)</b>	129	
<b>6h</b>	0	
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	<b>7</b>	

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2R 2T 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:

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor

**10** Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

<b>a Pension Schedules</b>	<b>b General Schedules</b>
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) – Number Attached _____
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DCG</b> (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MEP</b> (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	(5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
	(6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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**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.

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

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning **09/01/2023** and ending **08/31/2024**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>AACE EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>003</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>ARCHER WIRE INTERNATIONAL CORP.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>36-2486967</b>	

**Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)**

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

**1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation**

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

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

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

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

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

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(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?
70	ACCOUNTANT	53482	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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(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?
15 52 59 60 62 63 72	RECORD KEEPER	845	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

**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.

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

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

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

<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> 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)

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>SCHEDULE D</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	<b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <hr/> <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>ARCHER WIRE INTERNATIONAL CORP.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>36-2486967</b>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<b>PUTNAM STABLE VALUE FUND CLASS 75</b>	
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<b>PUTNAM FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY</b>	
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
<b>04-3159710-202</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>575309</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 code

**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)



<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  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).  ▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Asset and Liability Statement</b>
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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.

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>	0	0
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	748	553
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	2507	2631
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	0	0
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	40	10028
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>	0	0
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>	0	0
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>	0	0
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>	0	0
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>	0	0
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>	0	0
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>	176547	163794
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	857887	575309
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>		
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>		
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>		
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	9665609	10278680
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>		
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>	659272	41300

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)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) .....	1f	11362610	11072295
<b>Liabilities</b>			
g Benefit claims payable .....	1g		
h Operating payables .....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness .....	1i		
j Other liabilities .....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) .....	1k	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) .....	1l	11362610	11072295

**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.

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers .....	2a(1)(A)	111732	
(B) Participants .....	2a(1)(B)	379837	
(C) Others (including rollovers) .....	2a(1)(C)	0	
(2) Noncash contributions .....	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2) .....	2a(3)		491569
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) .....	2b(1)(A)	0	
(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)		
(E) Participant loans .....	2b(1)(E)	10670	
(F) Other .....	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F) .....	2b(1)(G)		10670
(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)	627251	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C) .....	2b(2)(D)		627251
(3) Rents .....	2b(3)		
(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)		
(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.....	<b>2b(6)</b>		25058
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	<b>2b(7)</b>		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	<b>2b(8)</b>		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	<b>2b(9)</b>		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(10)</b>		1015756
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		-7070
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2d</b>		2163234

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	<b>2e(1)</b>	2394262	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	<b>2e(2)</b>		
(3) Other.....	<b>2e(3)</b>	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		2394262
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	<b>2f</b>		5130
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	<b>2g</b>		0
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	<b>2h</b>		0
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances.....	<b>2i(1)</b>		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	<b>2i(2)</b>		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	<b>2i(3)</b>	675	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	<b>2i(4)</b>	53482	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	<b>2i(5)</b>		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	<b>2i(6)</b>		
(7) Actuarial fees .....	<b>2i(7)</b>		
(8) Legal fees .....	<b>2i(8)</b>		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	<b>2i(9)</b>		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	<b>2i(10)</b>		
(11) Other expenses .....	<b>2i(11)</b>		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		54157
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2j</b>		2453549

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		-290315
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan .....	<b>2l(1)</b>		0
(2) From this plan .....	<b>2l(2)</b>		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: SMITH & CULL

(2) EIN: 36-3736640

**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
<b>a</b> 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.) .....		X	
<b>b</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.).....		X	
<b>c</b> 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.) .....		X	
<b>d</b> 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.).....		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?.....	X		500000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? .....		X	
<b>g</b> 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? .....		X	
<b>h</b> 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?.....		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....	X		
<b>j</b> 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.).....		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? .....		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? .....		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.).....		X	
<b>n</b> 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.)

<b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s)	<b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s)	<b>5b(3)</b> 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning **09/01/2023** and ending **08/31/2024**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>AACE EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN)	<b>003</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>ARCHER WIRE INTERNATIONAL CORP.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>36-2486967</b>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Distributions</b>
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**All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.**

<b>1</b> Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
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**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):  
EIN(s): 94-1687665

**Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.**

<b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....	<b>3</b>	
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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (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.**

<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	<b>6a</b>	
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> 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) .....	<b>6c</b>	

**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

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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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

<b>Part IV</b>	<b>ESOPs</b> (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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**10** Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....  Yes  No

**11 a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....  Yes  No

**b** If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) .....  Yes  No

**12** Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....  Yes  No

**Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

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

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**14** Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

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

**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:

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

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

<b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....	<b>16a</b>	
<b>b</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 .....	<b>16b</b>	

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

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

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

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

**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 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702803A.

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Bedford Park, Illinois 60638

Dear Mr. Svabek,

We audited the financial statements of the AACE Employee Savings 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] for the year ended August 31, 2024, and we will issue our report thereon dated June 4, 2025. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by Bank of America, N.A., the trustee, which is a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, that prepared and certified the statements or information regarding assets so held in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5. Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements and supplemental schedules, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of GAAP. 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 GAAP. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated August 31, 2024. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

## Significant Audit Matters

### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Plan management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the AACE Employee Savings Plan are described in the Notes to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted, and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2024. We noted no transactions entered into by the Plan during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements and are based on Plan management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future

Mr. Lawrence Svabek

June 4, 2025

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events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

*Form 5500 Procedures*

We are required to obtain and read a substantially complete draft of Form 5500 prior to dating our auditor's report. The purpose of this procedure is to identify any material inconsistencies between the draft Form 5500 and the Plan's financial statements. We identified no material inconsistencies in performing and completing our audit.

*Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in performing and completing our audit.

*Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Plan management has corrected all such misstatements.

*Disagreements with Management*


For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a disagreement on a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

*Other Matters*

With respect to the ERISA-required supplementary schedules accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of Plan management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the ERISA-required supplementary schedules to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Trustees and Plan management of the AACE Employee Savings Plan and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Smith & Cull, Ltd." in a cursive style.

**SMITH & CULL, LTD.**

**Attachment to 2023 Form 5500**  
**Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)**

**Plan Name: AACE Employee Savings Plan**  
**Plan Sponsor's Name: Archer Wire International Corp.**

**EIN:36-2486967**  
**PN:003**

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	ACCRUED INCOME	ACCRUED INCOME	85	85
	PUTNAM STABLE VALUE FD 75 GM	COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUSTS	130,152	130,152
	PUTNAM STABLE VALUE FUND 75	COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUSTS	445,157	445,157
	LOAN FUND	LOANS	163,794	163,794
	BLF FEDFUND	MONEY MARKET	9,943	9,943
	BLACKROCK EQ DIVIDEND A	MUTUAL FUNDS	35,034	37,260
	BLACKROCK EQ DIVIDEND A GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,465,073	1,543,825
	BLACKROCK GLOBAL ALLOC A	MUTUAL FUNDS	13,446	13,498
	BLACKROCK IMPACT MORTG FD A GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,372,327	1,259,257
	BLACKROCK IMPACT MORTGAGE FD A	MUTUAL FUNDS	25,044	23,619
	BNY MELLON OPP MIDCAP VAL FD A	MUTUAL FUNDS	32,052	33,489
	CLEARBRIDGE LARGE CAP GR A GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	834,892	1,078,376
	CLEARBRIDGE LARGE CAP GRTH A	MUTUAL FUNDS	85,910	96,433
	DELAWARE INVST DIV INC CL A GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,623,859	1,477,461
	DELAWARE INVSTMNT DIV INC CL A	MUTUAL FUNDS	65,161	62,048
	DELAWARE IVY MID CAP GRTH FD Y	MUTUAL FUNDS	10,551	11,128
	DELAWARE IVY MID CAP GRTH Y GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	459,118	479,477
	DELAWARE SM CAP VAL FD CL A GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	421,960	556,601
	DELAWARE SM CAP VALUE FD CL A	MUTUAL FUNDS	20,029	19,933

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	FEDERATED HERMES MD SM CP A GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	270,740	332,131
	FEDERATED HERMES MDT SML CAP A	MUTUAL FUNDS	13,481	15,954
	FRANKLIN RISING DIVIDENDS CL A	MUTUAL FUNDS	6,018	6,795
	INVESCO DEVELOPING MKTS FD A	MUTUAL FUNDS	19,357	19,863
	INVESCO MAIN STRT SML CP FD A	MUTUAL FUNDS	17,124	20,070
	INVESCO OPPNHMR INTL GROWTH A	MUTUAL FUNDS	21,246	22,117
	INVESCO OPPNHMR INTL GRTH A GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,067,526	1,109,549
	JANUS HENDERSON BALANCED A	MUTUAL FUNDS	38,382	44,041
	THE OAKMARK INTL FD INV	MUTUAL FUNDS	3,998	4,387
	THORNBURG INTERNATIONAL EQ R4	MUTUAL FUNDS	25,651	26,953
	THORNBURG INTRNL EQUITY R4 GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	977,070	1,133,037
	VICTORY SYCAMORE EST VAL FD A	MUTUAL FUNDS	13,347	15,672
	VICTORY SYCAMORE EST VAL FD GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	618,998	835,703
	SELF-DIRECT ACCT	OTHER ASSETS	1,684	1,684
	SELF-DIRECT ACCT	OTHER ASSETS	39,616	39,616
	UNINVESTED CASH	UNINVESTED CASH	0	0

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## AACE EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the  
AACE Employee Savings Plan

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of AACE Employee Savings Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of August 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of AACE Employee Savings 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 obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of August 31, 2024 and 2023 and for the years then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in the notes 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 section for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

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

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of AACE Employee Savings Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT - CONTINUED

with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of AACE Employee Savings 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 AACE Employee Savings Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT - CONTINUED

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

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

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

### **Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA**

The supplemental Schedule of Assets as of and for the year ended August 31, 2024, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion –

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule 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 schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

*Smith & Cull, Ltd.*

Smith & Cull, Ltd.  
Chicago, Illinois  
June 4, 2025

**AACE EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN**  
**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**  
**AUGUST 31,**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Investments:		
At fair value		
Registered Investment Companies	\$ 10,278,680	\$ 9,665,609
Common Collective Trusts	575,309	857,887
Self Directed Brokerage	41,300	659,272
Cash	10,028	40
Total Investments	10,905,317	11,182,808
Receivables:		
Employer's contributions	553	748
Participants' contributions	2,631	2,507
Notes receivable from participants	163,794	176,547
Total Receivables	166,978	179,802
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>11,072,295</b>	<b>11,362,610</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Liabilities:		
Accrued expenses	-	26,309
Benefits payable	25,000	-
Excess contributions payable	39,179	5,130
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>64,179</b>	<b>31,439</b>
<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$ 11,008,116</b>	<b>\$ 11,331,171</b>

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

**AACE EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN**

**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

**YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31,**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:</b>		
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		
Net appreciation		
in fair value of investments	\$ 1,015,756	\$ 310,556
Dividends	652,309	464,981
Other income	7,091	219,968
	1,675,156	995,505
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	10,670	9,885
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
Participants, payroll deferrals	379,837	533,167
Employer	111,732	109,566
	491,569	642,733
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONS</b>	<b>2,177,395</b>	<b>1,648,123</b>
<b>DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:</b>		
Benefits paid to participants	2,475,585	570,040
Administration expenses	24,865	23,681
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS</b>	<b>2,500,450</b>	<b>593,721</b>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>(323,055)</b>	<b>1,054,402</b>
<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>11,331,171</b>	<b>10,276,769</b>
<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 11,008,116</b>	<b>\$ 11,331,171</b>

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

**AACE EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN**

The following description of the AACE Employee Savings Plan ("the Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering, with certain exceptions, all employees of Archer Wire International Corporation and Capron Manufacturing Company ("the Company"), a controlled group, who have completed one hour of service. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

A participant may elect to enter into a voluntary pay deferral agreement with the employer. Under this agreement, amounts withheld from an employee's compensation, not to exceed the maximum allowed by the Internal Revenue Code and not to exceed \$23,000 for any year (or such larger amount as is permitted for that year by the Code), shall be credited to the participants' Pay Deferral Account. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. A participant can choose how the pay deferral account is invested through the Custodian's website. The Plan offered nineteen investment options for participants as of August 31, 2024.

In addition, employees may contribute to the Plan amounts representing certain distributions from other qualified plans.

The Plan provides employer matching contributions to eligible employees. Under the terms of this provision, the Company match is discretionary. The Company currently provides for a 50% employer match for each participant's pay deferral contribution, not to exceed \$3,000 of employer matching contributions per Plan year. Union employees receive a 50% employer match, up to a maximum employer contribution of \$100 in a Plan year.

In order to comply with relevant nondiscrimination provisions of the Plan, the Plan corrects for any excess contributions and related income of certain active participants. At August 31, 2024 and 2023, excess participant contributions, company match contributions and related income of \$39,179 and \$5,130, respectively, needed to be removed from certain participant's accounts.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and an allocation of (a) the Company's matching contributions, (b) if applicable, the Company's profit sharing contribution, and (c) Plan earnings (losses), and charged with an allocation of any administrative expenses. Allocations are based on the participant's wages, earnings, contributions or account balances as defined by the Plan. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

**AACE EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**  
**AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN - CONTINUED**

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their pay deferral, rollover contributions, and company match plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting for any profit sharing contribution portion of their accounts plus earnings thereon is based on continuous services and begins after two years of service and the participant is 100% vested after six years of service. A year of service is 1,000 hours completed during a calendar year.

Notes Receivable from Participants

The Plan Administrator may in its discretion direct the Custodian to grant loans to participants under the terms set forth in the Plan Agreement. Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of the participant's nonforfeitable account balance. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear a commercially reasonable rate of interest. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions. As of August 31, 2024 and 2023, participant loans were \$163,794 and \$176,547, respectively.

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service, termination of service due to death, disability or retirement, a participant may receive a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in the participant's account.

In-Service Withdrawals are permitted and may be made from any of the participant's vested accounts, at any time upon or after the participant's attainment of age 59 1/2.

Participants are also allowed to request a Hardship Distribution from a portion of a participant's account, if they meet certain criteria identified by the Internal Revenue Service.

Forfeitures

At August 31, 2024 and 2023, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$26,405 and \$2,272, respectively. Total forfeitures during the Plan year ended August 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$3,953 and \$20,797, respectively. Forfeitures are used by the Plan to pay expenses.

Administration of Plan Assets

The Plan's assets are held by the Custodian of the Plan, Bank of America, N.A. Company contributions are held and managed by the Custodian. The Custodian invests cash received, reinvests interest and dividend income and makes distributions to participants.

Certain administrative functions are performed by employees of the Company. No such employee receives compensation from the Plan. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of certain administrative expenses for Custodian and Plan administration fees.

**AACE EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**  
**AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023**

**SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Date of Management's Review

Subsequent events were evaluated through June 4, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires the Plan Administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Basis of Accounting

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

Investments held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Contract value is the relevant measure for that 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.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Related fees are charged directly to the borrowing participant's account and are included in administrative expenses when incurred. As of August 31, 2024 and 2023, no allowance for credit losses has been recorded. If a participant does not make loan repayments and the Plan Administrator considers the participant loan to be in default, the loan balance is reduced, and the delinquent participant note receivable is recorded as a benefit payment based on the terms of the Plan document.

**AACE EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**  
**AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023**

**SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED**

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. 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 Fair Value Measurements for further details related to the Plan's valuations.

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

Payment of Benefits

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Operating Expenses

All operating expenses of the Plan are paid from the forfeiture account or allocated among the participants of the Plan.

**TAX STATUS**

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has determined and informed Bank of America, N.A./Merrill Lynch, the provider of the prototype plan document, by a letter dated March 31, 2014, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the Plan Administrator to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability for any uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by tax authorities; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan Administrator believes the Plan is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2021.

**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, regardless of service time, would become 100% vested in their employer contributions.

**AACE EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**  
**AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023**

**RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

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

**INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE PLAN'S CUSTODIAN**

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Bank of America, N.A., the custodian of the Plan's assets, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments reflected on the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits as of August 31, 2024 and 2023, and the supplemental Schedules H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year), and the related investment activity reflected in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended August 31, 2024.

**FEES PAID BY THE PLAN**

Fees paid (or accrued) by the participants for administrative fees and loan and distribution fees at August 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$24,865 and \$23,681, respectively.

The Company pays certain employees for administrative work done on behalf of the Plan as part of their employment with the Company. Such payments are not reimbursed by the Plan.

**FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value in the accompanying statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits. The methods used to measure fair value may produce an amount that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to measure the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value at the reporting date.

The fair value measurements accounting literature establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. This hierarchy under Topic 820 consists of three broad levels:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan can access at the measurement date.

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Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included with Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as: (a) Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, (b) Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets, (c) Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, or (d) Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable inputs for the asset and liability.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at August 31, 2024 and 2023.

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

Stable value collective trust fund: The fair value of the Putnam Stable Value Fund is primarily composed of fully benefit-responsive investment contracts valued at the net asset value of units of the collective trust. The net asset value is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported net asset value. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. If the Plan initiates a full redemption of the collective trust, the issuers can reserve the right to require 12 months notification in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

Self directed brokerage accounts: Accounts primarily consist of mutual funds and common stocks that are valued on the basis of readily determinable market prices.

The following tables set forth, by level within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of August 31, 2024 and 2023:

	Total	Assets at Fair Value as of August 31, 2024		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Cash	\$ 10,028	\$ 10,028	\$ -	\$ -
Self directed brokerage	41,300	41,300	-	-
Mutual funds	10,278,680	10,278,680	-	-
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	10,330,008	10,330,008	-	-
Investments measured at net asset value (a)	575,309	-	-	-
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 10,905,317</u>	<u>\$ 10,330,008</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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**FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS - CONTINUED**

	Assets at Fair Value as of August 31, 2023			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Cash	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ -	\$ -
Self directed brokerage	659,272	659,272	-	-
Mutual funds	9,665,609	9,665,609	-	-
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	10,324,921	10,324,921	-	-
Investments measured at net asset value <sup>(a)</sup>	857,887	-	-	-
Investments at fair value	\$ 11,182,808	\$ 10,324,921	\$ -	\$ -

(a) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

**COMMON COLLECTIVE FUND**

Participants can select the Putnam Stable Value Fund as an investment option. The Putnam Stable Value Fund seeks to maintain the stability of a money market fund while offering returns similar to those of intermediate term bonds.

The Putnam Stable Value Fund is maintained by Putnam Fiduciary Trust Company as Trustee. The fund invests in high quality guaranteed investment contracts and similar contracts issued by insurance companies, banks and other financial institutions. The fund also invests up to 75% of its assets in security-backed investment contracts, including separate account products of insurance companies. The underlying investments the Putnam Stable Value Fund holds may be considered fully benefit responsive investment contracts.

The Putnam Stable Value Fund strives to maintain at least 5% of its assets in high quality money market instruments, cash, cash equivalents and stable value funds with investment policies and other provisions similar to those of the fund, and may invest without limit in these investments. The fund can utilize the full opportunity set within the stable value universe.

The investments the Putnam Stable Value Fund hold are valued at contract value. Contract value represents invested principal plus accrued interest earned thereon. The investment contracts are not transferable, but provide for benefit responsive withdrawals by participants at contract value. The December 31, 2024 audited financial statements for the Putnam Stable Value Fund indicate a contract value approximately equivalent to fair value.

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Certain events may limit the ability to transact at contract value with the issuer. No known events existed at the date of these financial statements. Funds that invest in bonds are subject to certain risks including interest rate risk, credit risk, and inflation risk. Certain securities are subject to prepayment risk and involve the use of derivatives.

**RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO SCHEDULE H OF FORM 5500**

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to Schedule H of Form 5500 for the year ended August 31,

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 11,008,116	\$ 11,331,171
Accrued expenses	-	26,309
Benefits payable	25,000	-
Excess contributions payable	<u>39,179</u>	<u>5,130</u>
Net assets available for benefits per Schedule H of Form 5500	<u>\$ 11,072,295</u>	<u>\$ 11,362,610</u>

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

	<u>2024</u>
Changes in net assets per the financial statements	\$ (323,055)
Current year excess contributions payable	39,179
Prior year excess contributions payable	(5,130)
Current year benefits payable	25,000
Current year accrued expenses	-
Prior year accrued expenses	<u>(26,309)</u>
Net (loss) per Form 5500	<u>\$ (290,315)</u>

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See Schedule H, line 4i

**SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF PLAN YEAR)**

**AUGUST 31, 2024**

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(e) Current Value
	BlackRock Equity Dividend Fund, CI A	Mutual Fund, 76,270.3496 shares	\$ 1,581,085
	BlackRock Global Allocation, CI A	Mutual Fund, 697.5777 shares	13,498
	BlackRock Impact Mortgage, Fd A	Mutual Fund, 137,795.4393 shares	1,282,875
	BlackRock Liquidity FedFund	Money Market Fund	9,943
	BNY Mellon Opportunity Midcap Value Fund, A	Mutual Fund, 1,005.3882 shares	33,489
	Clearbridge Large Cap Growth Fund, CI A	Mutual Fund, 18,833.1137 shares	1,174,810
	Delaware Diversified Income Fund, CI A	Mutual Fund, 198,390.3388 shares	1,539,509
	Delaware Ivy Mid Cap Growth Fund, CI Y	Mutual Fund, 16,830.3489 shares	490,605
	Delaware Small Cap Value Fund, CI A	Mutual Fund, 7,960.9845 shares	576,535
	Federated Hermes MDT Small Cap, CI A	Mutual Fund, 13,884.5399 shares	348,085
	Franklin Rising Dividends Fund, CI A	Mutual Fund, 69.0185 shares	6,795
	Invesco Developing Markets Fund, CI A	Mutual Fund, 487.6769 shares	19,863
	Invesco Main Street Small Cap Fund, CI A	Mutual Fund, 875.2938 shares	20,070
	Invesco Oppenheimer International Growth Fund, CI A	Mutual Fund, 29,039.4370 shares	1,131,667
	Janus Henderson Balanced Fund, CI A	Mutual Fund, 929.7191 shares	44,041
	Oakmark International Fund	Mutual Fund, 161.5971 shares	4,387
	Putnam Stable Value Fund	Common Collective, 575,308.4983 shares	575,309
	Thornburg International Equity Fund, CI R4	Mutual Fund, 41,576.7274 shares	1,159,991
	Victory Sycamore Established Value Fund, CI A	Mutual Fund, 16,400.9805 shares	851,375
*	Bank of America/Merrill Lynch	Self Directed Brokerage Account Investments	41,300
*	Participant Loans	Varying maturities and interest rate of 4.25% - 9.5%	163,794
	Cash	Cash	85
			<u>\$ 11,069,111</u>

\* Represents a party-in-interest to the Plan.