

Form 5500-SF

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Short Form Annual Return/Report of Small Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed 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-SF.

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

- A This return/report is for: [X] a single-employer plan [] a multiple-employer plan (not multiemployer) (Pension Plan filers checking this box must attach Schedule MEP. Other plans must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
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 Check box if filing under: [] Form 5558 [] automatic extension [] DFVC program [] special extension (enter description)
D If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here []
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 BRIAN R. BRANDLIN, APC RETIREMENT PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN) 001
1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2019
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) BRIAN R. BRANDLIN, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
531 MAIN STREET #220 EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-2991734
2c Sponsor's telephone number 310-540-6000
2d Business code (see instructions) 541110
3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] 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
5a Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year 1
b Total number of participants at the end of the plan year 1
c(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)
c(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)
d(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year 1
d(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year 1
e Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested 0

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Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature, Date, and Name. Row 1: Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature, 06/26/2025, BRIAN R. BRANDLIN, Signature of plan administrator. Row 2: Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature, 06/26/2025, BRIAN R. BRANDLIN, Signature of employer/plan sponsor.

- 6a** Were all of the plan's assets during the plan year invested in eligible assets? (See instructions.) Yes No
- b** Are you claiming a waiver of the annual examination and report of an independent qualified public accountant (IQPA) under 29 CFR 2520.104-46? (See instructions on waiver eligibility and conditions.) Yes No
- If you answered "No" to either line 6a or line 6b, the plan cannot use Form 5500-SF and must instead use Form 5500.**
- c** If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? Yes No Not determined
- If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____ (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information			
7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	142534	199037
b Total plan liabilities	7b		
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	142534	199037
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions received or receivable from:			
(1) Employers	8a(1)	45000	
(2) Participants	8a(2)		
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)		
b Other income (loss)	8b	11503	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		56503
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d		
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions) .	8e		
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f		
g Other expenses	8g		
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		56503
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j		

Part IV Plan Characteristics	
9a	If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions: 1A 3D
b	If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

Part V Compliance Questions				
10 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)	10a		X	
b Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.)	10b		X	
c Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?	10c		X	
d Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	10d		X	
e Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.)	10e		X	
f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	10f		X	
g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)	10g		X	
h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	10h		X	
i If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	10i			

Part VI Pension Funding Compliance

11 Is this a defined benefit plan subject to minimum funding requirements? (If "Yes," see instructions and complete Schedule SB (Form 5500) and lines 11a and b below.) If this is a defined contribution pension plan, leave line 11 blank and complete line 12 below. Yes No

a Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 **11a** 0

b PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If the plan is covered by PBGC and the amount reported on line 11a is greater than \$0, 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 _____

12 Is this a defined contribution plan subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Code or section 302 of ERISA? (If "Yes," complete line 12a or lines 12b, 12c, 12d, and 12e below, as applicable.) If this is a defined benefit pension plan, leave line 12 blank and complete line 11 above. Yes No

a 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 letter ruling granting the waiver. _____ Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 12a, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB (Form 5500), and skip to line 13.

b Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year **12b**

c Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **12c**

d Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **12d**

e Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline? Yes No N/A

Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets

13a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year? Yes No

a If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year. **13a**

b Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? Yes No

c 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.)

13c(1) Name of plan(s):	13c(2) EIN(s)	13c(3) PN(s)

Part VIII IRS Compliance Questions

14a 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

14b 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

15 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 02 / 28 / 2023 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q705387A.

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**
 ▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan <u>BRIAN R. BRANDLIN, APC RETIREMENT PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>BRIAN R. BRANDLIN, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>84-2991734</u>	
E Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information

1	Enter the valuation date: Month <u>12</u> Day <u>31</u> Year <u>2024</u>		
2	Assets:		
	a Market value	2a	<u>154037</u>
	b Actuarial value	2b	<u>154037</u>
3	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target
	a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	b For terminated vested participants	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	c For active participants	<u>1</u>	<u>120073</u>
	d Total	<u>1</u>	<u>120073</u>
4	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... <input type="checkbox"/>		
	a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a	
	b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b	
5	Effective interest rate	5	<u>5.34 %</u>
6	Target normal cost		
	a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	<u>20619</u>
	b Expected plan-related expenses	6b	<u>0</u>
	c Target normal cost	6c	<u>20619</u>

Statement by Enrolled Actuary
 To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE			
	Signature of actuary	<u>06/23/2025</u>	Date
	<u>AARON VENOUIOU</u>	<u>23-02291</u>	Most recent enrollment number
	<u>PENCERT LTD</u>	<u>630-789-0700</u>	Telephone number (including area code)
	<u>735 N. CASS AVENUE WESTMONT, IL 60559-1100</u>		
	Address of the firm		

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost				
21 Discount rate:				
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 5.01 %	2nd segment: 5.26 %	3rd segment: 5.59 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code)				21b 0
22 Weighted average retirement age				22 62
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined <input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute			

Part VI Miscellaneous Items				
24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
26 Demographic and benefit information				
a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.....				27

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years				
28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years				28 0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a).....				29 0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29).....				30 0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year				
31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):				
a Target normal cost (line 6c)				31a 20619
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a				31b 20619
32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance		Installment	
a Net shortfall amortization installment	0		0	
b Waiver amortization installment.....	0		0	
33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount				33
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33).....				34 0
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance	
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0	
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)				36 0
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)				37 44332
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)				
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)				38a 44332
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances.....				38b 0
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)				39 0
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years				40 0

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)				
41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2021				

E-SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION
for
BRIAN R. BRANDLIN, APC RETIREMENT PLAN
84-2991734/001
For Plan Year 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2024

I/We, the undersigned, understand that a 5500 Series filing for the plan listed above must be prepared, electronically signed and electronically transmitted to the EBSA Electronic Filing Acceptance System (EFAST).

I/We authorize GOLDEN K PLANS, INC. to electronically sign the 5500 Series filing on my/our behalf and to transmit that signed form to EFAST on or before the filing due date.

I/We understand that by granting this authority:

- A manually signed and dated Form 5500-SF that has been provided must be returned to GOLDEN K PLANS, INC. before they can begin the electronic filing process. I/We will retain a copy of this manually signed form and any schedules and attachments in the plan records.
- GOLDEN K PLANS, INC. will not be responsible for any late filing penalty assessed under ERISA should I/we not return the manually signed and dated Form 5500-SF prior to the filing due date.
- An electronic copy of the manually signed and dated Form 5500-SF showing my/our signatures will be included in the electronic filing and will be posted by the EBSA to the Internet for public disclosure.
- GOLDEN K PLANS, INC. will maintain a copy of this written authorization in its records.
- GOLDEN K PLANS, INC. will notify all signers about any inquiries and correspondence it receives about this filing from EFAST, EBSA, IRS or PBGC.
- GOLDEN K PLANS, INC. shall not be deemed to be a plan fiduciary with respect to this plan solely on account of providing the electronic signature and filing of the 5500-SF for the plan year listed above.

Brian Brandlin

Plan Administrator

6/26/2025 | 10:29 AM PDT

Date

Brian Brandlin

Plan Sponsor

6/26/2025 | 10:29 AM PDT

Date

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2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-2991734

2c Sponsor's telephone number (310) 540-6000

2d Business code (see instructions) 541110

3a Plan administrator's name and address [x] 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. 4b EIN

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15 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 02/28/2023 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q705387a.

Schedule SB, Part V Summary of Plan Provisions

Brian R. Brandlin. APC Retirement Plan
84-2991734 / 001

For the plan year 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2024

<u>Employer:</u>	Brian R. Brandlin. APC
Type of Entity -	Professional Service Corporation taxed as S Corp
EIN: 84-2991734	TIN: Plan #: 001 Plan Type: Defined Benefit
<u>Dates:</u>	Effective - 01/01/2019 Valuation - 12/31/2024
	Top Heavy Years - 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
<u>Eligibility:</u>	All employees excluding non-resident aliens, members of an excluded class and union
	Minimum age - 21 Months of service - 12
Hours Required for -	Eligibility - 1000 Benefit accrual - 1000 Vesting - 1000
Plan Entry -	First day of 1st or 7th month of plan year on or next following eligibility satisfaction
<u>Retirement:</u>	Normal - First of month coincident with or next following attainment of age 62 and completion of 5 years of participation
	Early - Not provided
<u>Average Compensation:</u>	Highest 3 consecutive years of participation
Top Heavy Minimum Benefit -	Highest 5 consecutive top heavy years of participation
<u>Plan Benefits:</u>	Retirement - Derived from the fixed benefit formula below:
	30% of average monthly compensation reduced by 1/25 for each year of participation less than 25 years
Accrued Benefit -	Pro-rata based on participation
	Minimum Benefit - None
	Maximum Benefit - None
	Maximum allowable distribution is lump sum equivalent of normal form not to exceed 415 maximum allowable distribution, which is the lesser amount computed using a) 5.5% interest and the Applicable Mortality Table or b) the greater of plan actuarial equivalence interest and mortality or 417(e) Minimum
Early Retirement -	None
Death Benefit -	Present Value of Accrued Benefit
Disability Benefit -	None
<u>Top Heavy Minimum:</u>	2% of average compensation per top heavy year of participation excluding years prior to the adoption date of the plan and 1984 (if earlier), limited to 10 years
<u>IRS Limitations:</u>	415 Limits - Percent: 100 Dollar: \$275,000
	Maximum 401(a)(17) compensation - \$345,000
<u>Normal Form:</u>	Life Annuity
<u>Optional Forms:</u>	Lump Sum
	Life Annuity Guaranteed for 10 Years
	Joint with 50%, 75% or 100% Survivor Benefit
<u>Vesting Schedule:</u>	Years Percent
	0-1 0%
	2 20%
	3 40%
	4 60%
	5 80%
	6 100%
	Service is calculated using all years of service

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Present Value of Accrued Benefit: Based on the greater of 417(e) or Actuarial Equivalence

417(e):

Interest Rates -	Second Month Prior to Plan Yr Beg		
	<u>Segment #</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Rate %</u>
	Segment 1	0 - 5	5.50
	Segment 2	6 - 20	5.76
	Segment 3	> 20	5.83

Mortality Table - 24E - 2024 Applicable Mortality Table for 417(e) (unisex)

Actuarial Equivalence:

Pre-Retirement -	Interest -	5%
	Mortality Table -	None
Post-Retirement -	Interest -	5%
	Mortality Table -	G94 - 1994 Group Annuity Reserving Proj 2002, Scale AA (unisex)

Schedule SB, Part V

Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Brian R. Brandlin. APC Retirement Plan
84-2991734 / 001

For the plan year 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2024

Valuation Date: 12/31/2024

Funding Method: As prescribed in IRC Section 430
Age - Eligibility age at last birthday and other ages at nearest birthday

Retrospective Compensation - Highest 3 consecutive years of participation

Form of Payment - Assumed form of payment for funding is lump sum equivalent of normal form. Funding Target for lump sum is the greater of the present value of accrued benefit computed using funding segment rates and 417(e) Applicable Mortality Table or lump sum at the assumed retirement date of accrued benefit using plan actuarial equivalence discounted using appropriate segment rate. Lump sum on plan actuarial equivalence rates will not exceed 415 maximum allowable distribution, which is the lesser amount computed using a) 5.5% interest and the Applicable Mortality Table or b) the greater of plan actuarial equivalence interest and mortality or 417(e) Minimum

Interest Rates -

Segment rates for the Valuation Date as permitted under IRC 430(h)(2)(C)

Segment #	Year	Rate %
Segment 1	0 - 5	5.01
Segment 2	6 - 20	5.26
Segment 3	> 20	5.36

Segment rates as of September 30, 2023 As permitted under IRC 430(h)(2)(C)(iv)(II) - ARP

Segment #	Year	Rate %
Segment 1	0 - 5	5.01
Segment 2	6 - 20	5.26
Segment 3	> 20	5.59

Pre-Retirement - Mortality Table - None
Improvement Scale - None
Early Retirement Table - None
Turnover Table - None
Disability Table - None
Salary Scale - None
Expense Load - None
Ancillary Ben Load - None

Post-Retirement - Mortality Table - 24C - 2024 Combined
Improvement Scale - None
Cost of Living - None
Lump Sum - G94 - 1994 Group Annuity Reserving Proj 2002, Scale AA (unisex) at 5%
or
24E - 2024 Applicable Mortality Table for 417(e) (unisex)

Asset Valuation Method: Fair market value of assets adjusted for contributions under IRC 430(g)(4)

Discrimination Test Assumptions:

HCE Determination - Based on all employees
Otherwise Excludable - Otherwise Excludable HCEs are included with the Not Otherwise Excludable employees

Schedule SB, Part V

Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Brian R. Brandlin. APC Retirement Plan

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For the plan year 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2024

410(b)/401(a)(4) Testing:

Pre-Retirement - Interest - 8.5%

Post-Retirement - Interest - 8.5%

Mortality Table - U84 - 1984 Unisex

Permissively Aggregated Plans - Not tested As Single Plan

Compensation - Use current compensation to calculate the benefit accrual rate (annual method)

Testing Age - Normal retirement age or attained age, if older

Normal Form for MVAR - Joint with 100% Survivor Benefits

401(a)(26) Testing:

Compensation - Use current compensation to calculate the benefit accrual rate for 401(a)(26)

Testing Age - Normal retirement age or attained age, if older

**Schedule SB, line 22 -
Description of Weighted Average Retirement Age**

Brian R. Brandlin. APC Retirement Plan

84-2991734 / 001

For the plan year 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2024

The age reported is the weighted average of the assumed retirement ages for all active participants as of the valuation date based on their funding target or target normal cost should the funding target of the plan be zero rounded to the nearest whole age. For an active late retiree, the assumed retirement age may be later than the Plan's normal retirement age. Each participant's rate of retirement is assumed to be 100% of his/her assumed retirement age.

Schedule SB, line 19 - Discounted Employer Contributions

Brian R. Brandlin. APC Retirement Plan

84-2991734 / 001

For the plan year 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2024

Valuation Date: 12/31/2024

	Date	Amount	Adjusted Contribution	Adjusted Prior Year Contribution	Adjusted Quarterly	Effective Rate	Penalty Rate
Deposited Contribution	04/15/2025	\$45,000					
Applied to Additional Contribution	12/31/2024	45,000	44,332	0	0	5.34	0.00
Totals for Deposited Contribution		\$45,000	\$44,332	\$0	\$0		

**SCHEDULE SB
(Form 5500)**

**Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan
Actuarial Information**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2024

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.**

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**

▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan Brian R. Brandlin	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF Brian R. Brandlin, APC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-2991734	
E Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information			
1 Enter the valuation date: Month <u>12</u> Day <u>31</u> Year <u>2024</u>			
2 Assets:			
a Market value	2a		154,037
b Actuarial value	2b		154,037
3 Funding target/participant count breakdown:	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	0	0	0
b For terminated vested participants	0	0	0
c For active participants	1	120,073	120,073
d Total	1	120,073	120,073
4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) <input type="checkbox"/>			
a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a		
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b		
5 Effective interest rate	5		5.34 %
6 Target normal cost			
a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a		20,619
b Expected plan-related expenses	6b		0
c Target normal cost	6c		20,619

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE		
	Signature of actuary	06/23/2025
	Samuel Venouziou	Date
	Type or print name of actuary	23-08976
	Pencert, LTD	Most recent enrollment number
	Firm name	(630) 789-0700
	735 N. Cass Ave	Telephone number (including area code)
	US Westmont	
	IL 60559-1100	
	Address of the firm	

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>10.36</u> %	0	0
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a	Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		19,604
b(1)	Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.22</u> % ...		0
b(2)	Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
c	Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		19,604
d	Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d - line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages			
14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	128.28 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	140.99 %
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	131.58 %
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls						
18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:						
(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	
04/15/2025	45,000					
Totals ▶			18(b)	45,000	18(c)	0

19 Discounted employer contributions -- see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:

a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a	0
b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	44,332

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? Yes No

b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? Yes No

c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V Assumptions Used To Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:			
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 5.01 %	2nd segment: 5.26 %	3rd segment: 5.59 %
			<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code)			21b 0
22 Weighted average retirement age			22 62
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined	<input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute

Part VI Miscellaneous items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
26 Demographic and benefit information	
a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment	27

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years	28	0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a)	29	0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)	30	0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):			
a Target normal cost (line 6c)	31a	20,619	
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	20,619	
32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance		Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment	0		0
b Waiver amortization installment	0		0
33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount	33		
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)	34	0	
	Carryover balance	Prefunding Balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	36	0	
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	37	44,332	
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	38a	44,332	
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	38b	0	
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	39	0	
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	40	0	

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)

41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. 2019 2020 2021

Actuarial Certification and Disclosures

Brian R. Brandlin. APC Retirement Plan

For the plan year 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2024

Valuation Date: 12/31/2024

The Actuarial Report is comprised of the Actuarial Communications and Documents listed below for the above reference plan year:

- Valuation report including Plan Provisions and applied Actuarial Assumptions and Methods
- Form 5500 Schedule SB and its attachments
- AFTAP Certification(s)
- Contribution letter/communication
- Any other written, electronic or oral communications with respect to actuarial services provided in connection with the issuance of the valuation report

Additional Communications: No additional materials are incorporated into this Actuarial Report.

Compliance with Actuarial Standards: The Actuarial Standards of Practice (ASOPs) offer broad guidelines on whether the assumptions, data, methods, and models utilized in the Actuarial Report are suitable for the intended purpose, ensuring they are adequately reasonable, consistent, and comprehensive. The Actuary, in their professional judgment, has applied the pertinent ASOPs to assess, document, disclose, and present the Actuarial Report, along with the mentioned materials, to the designated recipients. Details regarding the Actuary's assessments, comments, modifications, and disclosures are outlined in this Actuarial Certification and Disclosure report.

Intended Users and Scope: The Actuarial Report is exclusively intended for the Plan Sponsor, ERISA Plan Administrator, and Trustee(s) of the Plan. It should not be relied upon for purposes beyond its specified scope, such as FAS Accounting, Participant Distribution, or Plan Termination. The report's focus is on providing the Minimum Required Contribution for the plan year, supporting compliance with Internal Revenue Code Sections 430 and 436.

Legislative Considerations: The Actuarial Report takes into account the provisions of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, incorporating modifications introduced by the Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act of 2008 (WRERA), the Preservation of Access to Care for Medicare Beneficiaries and Pension Relief Act of 2010 (PRA 2010), Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), the Cooperative and Small Employer Charity Pension Flexibility Act of 2014 (CSEC Act), the Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014 (HATFA), the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 (BBA'15), the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), and any other amendments to the funding rules that have been enacted. It's essential to note that the report doesn't assess the likelihood or consequences of potential future changes in laws and regulations.

Reliability and Quality of Data: Data, including employer contribution(s) and plan documents, are sourced from the Plan Sponsor, ERISA Plan Administrator, Trustee(s), or their representatives. Data is relied upon for accuracy while quality reviews have been conducted consistent with ASOP 23. Inaccurate data may impact the correctness of the Actuarial Report.

Selection of Economic Assumptions: The Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods and Summary of Plan Provisions provides a comprehensive overview of the techniques, procedures, and assumptions utilized in forming the actuarial opinion for the plan year. Prescribed assumptions, mandated or selected within specified acceptable ranges by legal, regulatory, or authoritative constraints, are meticulously outlined. This includes details on the prescribed funding method, interest and mortality rates, plan asset value, and valuation date permissible under Internal Revenue Code Section 430. In instances where multiple options exist within these prescribed items, the Plan Sponsor's choices are clearly indicated. Importantly, since prescribed assumptions are mandated, their reasonableness is not subject to evaluation within the scope of the valuation report.

The Salary Scale assumption is employed to enhance the current considered compensation for projecting ultimate benefits under the plan. However, it is explicitly clarified that any assumed salary scale in this plan is expected to have minimal impact on funding computations. This is primarily due to the compensation for the majority owner significantly exceeding any anticipated allowable increase under Internal Revenue Code 401(a) (17), and the present value of the majority owner's retirement benefit being constrained by Internal Revenue Code 415.

Actuarial Certification and Disclosures

Brian R. Brandlin. APC Retirement Plan

For the plan year 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2024

Valuation Date: 12/31/2024

Selection of Demographic and Other Noneconomic Assumptions: 1. Pre-Retirement Mortality Assumption: This assumption is employed to determine the likelihood of an employee, not eligible for retirement, passing away. Given the plan's census, all participants are assumed to survive until retirement. The use of a pre-retirement mortality table is not expected to yield materially different results due to the plan's small covered population.

2. Withdrawal Assumption: This assumption determines when an employee, not eligible for retirement, will terminate employment. Based on the plan's census, participants are assumed to remain employed until retirement. In the event of early termination, a similar employee is assumed to be hired to sustain the benefits stream.

3. Disability Assumption: This assumption is utilized to determine when an employee becomes disabled and qualifies for disability benefits. However, as the plan does not provide disability benefits or subsidies, no disability assumption is incorporated.

4. Form of Payment Assumption: A lump sum payment is assumed. While this assumption inherently includes a subsidy per 417(e), the valuation method for funding benefits payable as lump sums considers the impact of prescribed method and funding segment rates, requiring no further assumption.

5. Marital Status Assumption: This assumption considers the impact of marriage, divorce, or remarriage on benefit payments. Since the value of benefits is not contingent on marital status, and lump sum payments are assumed for all participants, no assumption regarding marital status is applied.

Any non-prescribed assumption, not chosen by the Plan Sponsor, incorporated in the valuation is reasonably related to the Plan's experience and reflect the best estimate of anticipated Plan experience.

Asset Valuation Method: The asset valuation method employed is the Market Value of Assets (MVA). In this method, the Actuarial Value of Assets is determined by utilizing the MVA and includes interest-adjusted contribution(s) from the prior plan year not included and excludes interest adjusted contribution(s) for the current plan year made during the year. The Actuarial Value of Assets is then reduced by credit and prefunding balances elected by the Plan Sponsor. Opting for the MVA as the asset valuation method allows for the recognition of full value of market fluctuations within a plan year. Consequently, both the Actuarial Value of Assets and plan cost may exhibit less stability even when assets are prudently invested.

Measuring Obligations and Determining Contributions: The Minimum Required Contribution (MRC) represents the outcome of the funding method based on census data, asset value, and assumptions, both prescribed and non-prescribed by laws and regulations. It signifies the minimum amount to be contributed to fulfill the plan's liabilities for the given plan year. The Low-Default-Risk Obligation Measure (LDROM) goes beyond the MRC, calculated using an interest rate derived from a high-quality bond yield rate of 4% and/or non-stabilized segment rates higher than those used to determine the MRC.

The LDROM suggests a contribution level, typically larger than the MRC, indicating the potential additional cost the Plan Sponsor might need to cover if the plan's investments shift to an all-bond or more conservative asset portfolio. Alternate LDROM measures project potential savings based on a diversified portfolio. It's crucial to note that the funded status in the actuarial valuation isn't based on LDROM rates. However, if the plan's investment policy were to change, especially towards all bonds or conservative assets, the LDROM predicts a lower or significantly lower reported funded status.

Risk Assessment: While the Actuarial Report outlines its scope, it is important to acknowledge certain events and anomalies that are now identified to transparently disclose risks and their potential impact on the Plan and its cost. Recognizing that the assessment and disclosure of these risks may reasonably anticipate differences from actual future results, it is crucial to note that these risks can significantly influence pension obligations, actuarially determined contributions, and the funded status of the Plan.

Investment Risk: As the return on the plan trust assets is subject to market return, should the actual rate of return be lower than the expected return the cost of the plan will rise and vice versa.

Asset Liability Mismatch Risk: The changes in assets are not tied to the changes in the value of liabilities.

Interest Rate Risk: As the prescribed interest segment rates mandated under Section 430 are 24-month averaged rates further constrained to stated corridors change, the valuing of liabilities of the plan benefits are adjusted. If the segment rates are higher than previous years, the impact will be to lower the stated liabilities owed by the plan. This may not align with the payable liabilities and thus, the plan liabilities may need to be reviewed on a plan termination basis. This amount has been estimated by the shortfall on a plan termination basis provided by the Contribution Requirements report included in the annual valuation.

