

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

2023

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 12/31/2023 and ending 12/30/2024

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 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 ▶
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Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan RICHARDSON & ASSOCIATES DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN		1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
		1c Effective date of plan	12/31/2023
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) RICHARDSON & ASSOCIATES LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE LLC 4856 33RD ROAD NORTH ARLINGTON, VA 22207		2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)	46-4545825
		2c Sponsor's telephone number	202-670-4405
		2d Business code (see instructions)	541320
3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor.		3b Administrator's EIN	
		3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report. a Sponsor's name c Plan Name		4b EIN	
		4d PN	
5a Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5a		0
b Total number of participants at the end of the plan year.....	5b		7
c(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	5c(1)		
c(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	5c(2)		
d(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year.....	5d(1)		0
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e Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	5e		0

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Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including, if applicable, a Schedule SB or Schedule MB completed and signed by an enrolled actuary, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/24/2025	JOSEPH RICHARDSON
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/24/2025	JOSEPH RICHARDSON
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or 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 542221. (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information			
7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	0	126222
b Total plan liabilities	7b	0	0
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0	126222
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions received or receivable from:			
(1) Employers	8a(1)	125000	
(2) Participants	8a(2)	0	
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)	0	
b Other income (loss)	8b	1932	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		126932
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	0	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions) ..	8e	0	
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f	710	
g Other expenses	8g	0	
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		710
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		126222
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j	0	

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 1D
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			
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? Yes No
(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.

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 ___/___/___ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number _____.

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> 2023 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>RICHARDSON & ASSOCIATES DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>RICHARDSON & ASSOCIATES LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>46-4545825</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>2023</u>		
2	Assets:		
	a Market value	2a	0
	b Actuarial value	2b	0
3	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target
	a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	0	0
	b For terminated vested participants	0	0
	c For active participants	7	0
	d Total	7	0
4	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)		
	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	5.74 %
6	Target normal cost		
	a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	24830
	b Expected plan-related expenses	6b	0
	c Target normal cost	6c	24830

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>07/24/2025</u>
	<u>SAMUEL WINIKOR</u>	Date
	Type or print name of actuary	<u>23-04044</u>
	<u>NFP RETIREMENT, INC.</u>	Most recent enrollment number
	Firm name	<u>516-887-4433</u>
	<u>45 EXECUTIVE DRIVE, STE. 301</u> <u>PLAINVIEW, NY 11803</u>	Telephone number (including area code)
	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 _____ %	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)		0
	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>1.00</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		0
	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	0.00 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	189.99 %
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	100.00 %
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
07/08/2024	125000	0			
			Totals ▶	18(b)	125000
				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	0
	b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	0
	c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	121421
20	Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:	
	a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.00 %	3rd segment: 5.74 %	<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 24830
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a				31b 0
32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance		Installment	
a Net shortfall amortization installment	63909		5853	
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 30683
	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 30683
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c).....				37 121421
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)				
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)				38a 90738
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				

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SIGN HERE		07/24/2025	Joseph Richardson
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE		07/24/2025	Joseph Richardson
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor

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b Other income (loss)	8b	1,932	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		126,932
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	0	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions)	8e	0	
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g Other expenses	8g	0	
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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.

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No. Other. Provide explanation: _____

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If you completed line 12a, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB (Form 6500), 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 the 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

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 / / (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number

**SCHEDULE SB
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**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.

OMB No. 1210-0110

2023

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 12/31/2023 and ending 12/30/2024

▶ 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 RICHARDSON & ASSOCIATES DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF RICHARDSON & ASSOCIATES LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE LLC		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 46-4545825	
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>2023</u>			
2 Assets:			
a Market value	2a		0
b Actuarial value	2b		0
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	7	0	63,909
d Total	7	0	63,909
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		5.74 %
6 Target normal cost			
a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a		24,830
b Expected plan-related expenses	6b		0
c Target normal cost	6c		24,830

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	<i>Sam Winikor</i>	<u>07/24/2025</u>
	Signature of actuary	Date
	SAMUEL WINIKOR	23-04044
	Type or print name of actuary	Most recent enrollment number
	NFP RETIREMENT, INC.	(516) 997-4433
	Firm name	Telephone number (including area code)
	45 EXECUTIVE DRIVE, STE. 301	
	US PLAINVIEW NY 11803	
	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>0.00</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)		0
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>1.00</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		0
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	0.00 %
15 Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	189.99 %
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	100.00 %
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
07/08/2024	125,000				
Totals ▶ 18(b)				125,000	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	121,421

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: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.00 %	3rd segment: 5.74 %
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 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) Prescribed - combined Prescribed - separate 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 Yes No

25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment Yes 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 Yes No

b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment Yes 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** 24,830

b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a **31b** 0

32 Amortization installments:

	Outstanding Balance	Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment	63,909	5,853
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** 30,683

	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 30,683
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)			37 121,421

38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)

a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36) **38a** 90,738

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

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SCHEDULE SB, LINE 22 – DESCRIPTION OF WEIGHTED AVERAGE RETIREMENT AGE

<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate of Retirement</u>
62	100%

The methodology used to compute the weighted average retirement was to add up each active participant's Assumed Retirement Age and divide by the number of active participants.

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Schedule SB, Part V – Summary of Plan Provisions
As of December 30, 2024

Plan Effective Date	December 31, 2023
Plan Year	From December 31 to December 30
Eligibility	<p>All employees are eligible to enter on the December 31 preceding the following requirements:</p> <p>8 Months of service Minimum Age 20</p> <p>Notwithstanding the above, all employees other than Jordan Clough, Mark Finlayson, Stacy Kellogg, Jamie Richardson, Joseph Richardson, Lindley Richardson and Adam Sexton, shall not be eligible to participate under the plan</p>
Normal Retirement Age	<p>All participants are eligible to retire with their full retirement benefit on the later of the following:</p> <p>Attainment of age 62 Completion of 5 years of participation</p>
Normal Retirement Benefit	<p>Upon attainment of normal retirement each participant will be entitled to a benefit payable in the normal form equal to the following:</p> <p>0.5 Percent times credited years</p> <p>Notwithstanding the above,</p> <p>Jamie Richardson and Joseph Richardson shall receive .9.5 Percent times credited years</p> <p>Credited years are plan years commencing with the year of employment and ending with the retirement year excluding the following:</p> <p>Years with less than 1000 hours</p>

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Years prior to December 31, 2022
Years in excess of 20 years

The benefit as determined above shall be offset by an Actuarially Equivalent Benefit consisting of the Participant's vested account balance under the Richardson & Associates Profit Sharing Plan. For purposes of determining a Participant's Accrued Benefit the offset shall be applied after determining the Accrued Benefit without regard to the offset.

The benefit is based on salary during the highest 3 consecutive years of employment after December 31, 2022

Normal Form of Benefit

A benefit payable for the life of the participant

Accrued Benefit

Unit Benefit Method

Credited years are plan years commencing with the year of employment and ending with the retirement year excluding the following:

Years with less than 1000 hours

Years prior to December 31, 2022

Years in excess of 20 years

Termination Benefit

Upon termination for any reason other than death, disability or retirement, a participant shall be entitled to a portion of the actuarial equivalent of his accrued benefit in accordance with the following vesting schedule:

Credited Years	Vested Percent
1	0%
2	20%
3	40%

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4	60%
5	80%
6	100%

Credited years are plan years commencing with the year of hire and ending with the retirement year excluding the following:

Years with less than 1000 hours

Years prior to the effective date of the Plan

Death Benefit

Actuarial equivalent of the accrued benefit earned to date of death

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SCHEDULE SB, LINE 19 – DISCOUNTED EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year Applied to</u>	<u>Applicable Effective Interest Rate</u>	<u>Interest-Adjusted Contribution</u>
07/08/2024	125,000	2023	5.74%	121,421

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SCHEDULE SB, LINE 32 – SCHEDULE OF AMORTIZATION BASES

<u>Type of Base</u>	<u>Present Value Of Remaining Installments</u>	<u>Valuation Date as of which Base Was Established</u>	<u># Years Remaining Amortization Period</u>	<u>Amortization Installment</u>
SHORTFALL	63,909	12/31/2023	15	5,853

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Schedule SB, Part V – Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods
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Actuarial Cost Method

Under the provisions of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA), a single Actuarial Cost Method is prescribed for the annual determination of the range of acceptable Employer contributions for all tax-qualified defined benefit retirement plans subject to the funding requirements of IRC §430 as added by PPA. Under this method, the actuarially determined present value of benefits accrued as of the beginning of the plan year, referred to as the 'Funding Target', is determined on the valuation date. The value of additional benefits accrued or expected to be accrued during the plan year, known as the 'Target Normal Cost' is also determined. Simply stated, and unless the plan is considered fully funded, the Employer's minimum funding requirement for the year consists of the Target Normal Cost along with a payment toward amortizing any shortfall between the Funding target and the adjusted actuarial value of the Plan's assets.

Asset Valuation Method	Market Value	
Actuarial Assumptions		
Interest: Based upon anticipated date of benefit payment measured from the valuation date	For I.R.C. §430	For I.R.C. §404(o)
Within the first 5 years	5.01%	5.01%
Beyond 5, not more then 20 years	5.26%	5.26%
More than 20 years	5.59%	5.36%
Mortality:		
Pre-retirement	None	
Post-retirement	2024 Static Combined Mortality Table for Small Plans for Males and for Females	
Assumed Retirement Age	Age 62	
Form of Benefit Payment	Joint and 100% Survivor Life Annuity	
Pre-retirement Withdrawal	None	

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Salary Increases	None
Disability Incidence	None
Expenses	Assumed to be paid outside of the trust fund