

<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: 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>▶ <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; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">2023</p> <hr/> <p style="font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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**Part I Annual Report Identification Information**  
 For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 11/01/2023 and ending 10/31/2024

**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>DUBOIS &amp; KING EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u></p>	<p><b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</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>DUBOIS &amp; KING, INC.</u></p> <p><u>PO BOX 339</u> <u>RANDOLPH, VT 05060-0339</u></p>	<p><b>1c</b> Effective date of plan <u>11/01/1993</u></p> <p><b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>03-0224555</u></p> <p><b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>802-728-3376</u></p> <p><b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) <u>541330</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.	08/12/2025	JOHN W BAUMANN
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	08/12/2025	JOHN W BAUMANN
	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>	212
<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>	126
	<b>6a(2)</b>	107
	<b>6b</b>	0
	<b>6c</b>	94
	<b>6d</b>	201
	<b>6e</b>	0
	<b>6f</b>	201
	<b>6g(1)</b>	184
	<b>6g(2)</b>	198
<b>6h</b>	10	
<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:  
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**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 type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MEP</b> (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	(5) <input 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

**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 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>	<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 <b>11/01/2023</b> and ending <b>10/31/2024</b>			
<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>DUBOIS &amp; KING EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</b>	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:80%;"><b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="width:20%; text-align: center;"><b>002</b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>002</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>DUBOIS &amp; KING, INC.</b>	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:80%;"><b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>03-0224555</b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>03-0224555</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>	43825	43825
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	712568	740000
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>		5262
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	1112832	1503801
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>		
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>		
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>		
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>		
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>		
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>		
<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>	62816	79653
<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>		

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		<b>(a)</b> Beginning of Year	<b>(b)</b> End of Year
<b>(1)</b> Employer securities .....	<b>1d(1)</b>	5935236	7152531
<b>(2)</b> Employer real property .....	<b>1d(2)</b>		
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....	<b>1e</b>		
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) .....	<b>1f</b>	7867277	9525072
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable .....	<b>1g</b>	5379	
<b>h</b> Operating payables .....	<b>1h</b>		
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness .....	<b>1i</b>		
<b>j</b> Other liabilities .....	<b>1j</b>		849
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) .....	<b>1k</b>	5379	849
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) .....	<b>1l</b>	7861898	9524223

**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>		<b>(a)</b> Amount	<b>(b)</b> Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
<b>(1)</b> Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers .....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	750000	
<b>(B)</b> Participants .....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers) .....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>		
<b>(2)</b> Noncash contributions .....	<b>2a(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		750000
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) .....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>	46161	
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments .....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>		
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>		
<b>(F)</b> Other .....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>		
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		46161
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock .....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common stock .....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Rents .....	<b>2b(3)</b>		
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds .....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) .....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result .....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate .....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Other .....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>	1234132	
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	<b>2b(6)</b>		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	<b>2b(7)</b>		
(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>		
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2d</b>		2030293

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	<b>2e(1)</b>	366298	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	<b>2e(2)</b>		
(3) Other.....	<b>2e(3)</b>		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		366298
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	<b>2f</b>		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	<b>2g</b>		
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	<b>2h</b>		
<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>		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	<b>2i(4)</b>		
(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>	1670	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		1670
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2j</b>		367968

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		1662325
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan .....	<b>2l(1)</b>		
(2) From this plan .....	<b>2l(2)</b>		

**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: MCSOLEY, MCCOY & COMPANY

(2) EIN: 03-0327374

**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		1000000
<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 11/01/2023 and ending 10/31/2024

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>DUBOIS &amp; KING EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>DUBOIS &amp; KING, INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>03-0224555</u>	

<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.....	1	
<b>2</b> 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): <u>20-1171923</u>		
<b>Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.</b>		
<b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....	3	

<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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<b>4</b> Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.</b>			
<b>5</b> 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. <b>Date:</b> Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ <b>If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.</b>			
<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	6a		
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....	6b		
<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) .....	6c		
<b>If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.</b>			
<b>7</b> Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>8</b> 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? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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<b>9</b> 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. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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<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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<b>10</b> Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>11 a</b> Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>b</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.) .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>12</b> Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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(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 Q704081A.

**DuBois & King, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan**

Financial Statements and Schedule  
(With Independent Auditors' Report)

October 31, 2024 and 2023

**DuBois & King, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan**  
October 31, 2024 and 2023

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## Independent Auditors' Report

To the Trustees of  
DuBois & King, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan  
Randolph, Vermont

### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of DuBois & King, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of October 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.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of DuBois & King, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of October 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of DuBois & King, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about DuBois & King, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership 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.

### **Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

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 auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

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

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

### **Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA**

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of October 31, 2024 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is 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 has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare

the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

The supplemental Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of October 31, 2024, that accompanies the Plan's financial statements does not disclose historical cost of certain nonparticipant-directed plan assets held by a Plan custodian. Disclosure of this information is required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

*McSoley McCoy & Co.*

South Burlington, Vermont  
August 13, 2025  
VT Reg. No. 92-349

**DuBois & King, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan**

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

October 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets:		
Investments at fair value	\$ 8,784,223	\$ 7,153,860
Employer contribution receivable	<u>740,000</u>	<u>712,568</u>
Total assets	9,524,223	7,866,428
Liabilities:		
Payable to the plan sponsor	<u>-</u>	<u>4,530</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 9,524,223</u>	<u>\$ 7,861,898</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**DuBois & King, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan**  
**Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits**  
**For the Years Ended October 31, 2024 and 2023**

	2024	2023
Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Net investment income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 1,230,950	\$ 592,418
Interest and dividends	49,343	32,358
Total investment income	1,280,293	624,776
Employer contributions	750,000	750,000
Total additions	2,030,293	1,374,776
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid	366,298	342,335
Administrative expenses	1,670	1,285
Total deductions	367,968	343,620
Net increase in net assets	1,662,325	1,031,156
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	7,861,898	6,830,742
End of year	\$ 9,524,223	\$ 7,861,898

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

## DuBois & King, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

October 31, 2024 and 2023

### (1) Description of the Plan

The following brief description of the DuBois & King, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (“ESOP”) (the “Plan”) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for complete information.

- (a) General – DuBois & King, Inc. (the “Company”), established the ESOP effective November 1, 1993. The Plan is designed to comply with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended. The Trustees oversee governance of the Plan.

On June 25, 2005, the Plan purchased 620,400 shares from stockholders for \$3.60 per share. A note was issued for a portion of these shares. In 2008, due to financial hardships the Company was facing, the note holder took back 361,979 shares in exchange for forgiveness of the note. In 2009, the Company made a stock contribution of 40,441 shares. In 2015, the Company made a stock contribution of 41,799 shares. In 2019, the Company made a stock contribution of 28,217 shares.

- (b) Eligibility – Employees of the Company are generally eligible to participate in the Plan after attaining the age of 21 and completing 12 months of service, provided they worked at least 1,000 hours during the Plan year. The entry dates for the Plan are the first day of the first month or first day of the seventh month of the Plan year coincident with or next following the date the eligibility requirements are met. Participants must be employed on the last day of the Plan year in order to receive an allocation of the Company’s contribution. Union employees, leased employees, and non-resident aliens are not permitted to join the Plan.
- (c) Contributions – The Company is obligated to make contributions in cash to the Plan which, when aggregated with the Plan’s dividends and interest earnings, equal the amount necessary to enable the Plan to make its distribution payments. Employees are not permitted to make contributions.
- (d) Vesting – Participants’ accounts vest according to the following schedule:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vesting Percentage</u>
Less than 2 years	0%
2 years	20%
3 years	40%
4 years	60%
5 years	80%
6 years or more	100%

Normal retirement occurs at age 65.

## DuBois & King, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan

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### Description of the Plan (continued)

- (e) Payment of Benefits – Distributions from the Plan are made when a qualified participant retires, dies, or otherwise terminates employment with the Company. Distributions are paid in cash over a period up to five years. The distribution is based on the number of shares vested in the participant's account and the fair market value of those shares, as determined by the most recent appraisal of the Company's shares. If the participant's vested balance is less than \$1,000, the vested account balance will be paid in a lump sum. Under provisions of the Plan, the Company is obligated to repurchase participant shares which have been distributed under the terms of the Plan as long as the shares are not publicly traded or if the shares are subject to trading limitations.
- (f) Diversification – Participants who are at least age 55 with at least 10 years of participation in the Plan are able to elect to diversify a portion of their account. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over a six-year period. During the first five years after a participant is qualified for this option, the participant can diversify the investment up to 25% of their investment in Company stock. In the sixth year, the participant may elect to diversify 50% of their ESOP account balance. The diversification amounts are included in benefits paid on the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.
- (g) Forfeitures – Forfeitures represent amounts not paid to terminated participants due to failure to meet vesting requirements. Forfeitures are reallocated to remaining participants. Forfeited, non-vested balances allocated to participant accounts for the years ended October 31, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$37,826 and \$12,903, respectively. There were no unallocated forfeitures as of October 31, 2024 and 2023.
- (h) Termination – Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. Additionally, the Company may amend the Plan at any time without the consent of any participant or beneficiary, provided that no amendment deprives any participant of the participant's non-forfeitable accrued benefit.
- (i) Voting Rights – Each participant is entitled to exercise voting rights attributable to the shares allocated to their account and is notified by the Trustee prior to the time that such rights are to be exercised. The Trustee is not permitted to vote any allocated share for which instructions have not been given by a participant. The Trustee is required, however, to vote any unallocated shares on behalf of the collective best interest of Plan participants and beneficiaries.

## DuBois & King, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

October 31, 2024 and 2023

### Description of the Plan (continued)

- (j) Participant Accounts – The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which a separate individual account is established for each participant. Each participant’s account is credited as of the last day of each Plan year with an allocation of the Company’s contribution and forfeitures of terminated participants’ non-vested accounts. Only those participants who are eligible employees of the Company as of the last day of the Plan year will receive an allocation. Allocations are based on a participant’s eligible compensation, relative to total eligible compensation. Plan earnings are allocated to each participant’s account based on the ratio of the participant’s beginning of the year account balance to all participants’ beginning of the year account balances.
- (k) Put Option – Under federal income tax regulations, the Company stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradable on an established market, or is subject to trading limitations, includes a put option. The put option is a right to demand that the Company buy any shares of its stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The put price is representative of the current appraised value of the stock. The Company can pay for the purchase with interest over a period of five years. The purpose of the put option is to ensure that the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash.

### (2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

- (a) Basis of Accounting – The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting.
- (b) Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.
- (c) Risks and Uncertainties – The Plan provides for investment in various securities. 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 such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

The Plan maintains bank account balances which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Plan has not experienced any losses with these accounts. Management believes the Plan is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash balances.

In addition, the Plan has a significant concentration of risk in DuBois & King, Inc. common stock due to the concentration of investment in one company.

- (d) Investments – The Plan’s investments are recorded at fair value using quoted market prices in an active market except for the Company’s common stock which is valued by an independent appraiser annually. All investments are non-participant directed.

## DuBois & King, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

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### Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Dividend income is accrued on the ex-dividend date. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are reported on the average cost method. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains on losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

- (e) Administrative Expenses – Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Company and are therefore excluded from these financial statements. Fees for the administration of distributions are included in administrative expenses and are paid by the Plan.
- (f) Payment of Benefits – Benefit payments are recorded when paid.
- (g) Subsequent Events – The Plan evaluated subsequent events through August 13, 2025, the date the Plan's financial statements were available to be issued.

### (3) Fair Value Measurements

Generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America establish a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a 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 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

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

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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

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

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

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Fair Value Measurements (continued)

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 October 31, 2024 and 2023.

*Mutual funds:* Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

*Money market accounts:* Valued at cost.

*Common stock - sponsor company:* Valued by an independent third party.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation 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 determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan assets at fair value as of October 31, 2024 and 2023:

Assets at Fair Value as of October 31, 2024

	<u>(Level 1)</u>	<u>(Level 2)</u>	<u>(Level 3)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Money market accounts	\$ 1,552,038	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,552,038
Mutual funds	79,654	-	-	79,654
Common stock - sponsor company	-	-	7,152,531	7,152,531
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,631,692</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 7,152,531</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 8,784,223</u></b>

Assets at Fair Value as of October 31, 2023

	<u>(Level 1)</u>	<u>(Level 2)</u>	<u>(Level 3)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Money market accounts	\$ 1,155,808	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,155,808
Mutual funds	62,816	-	-	62,816
Common stock - sponsor company	-	-	5,935,236	5,935,236
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,218,624</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5,935,236</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 7,153,860</u></b>

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### Fair Value Measurements (continued)

There were no purchases or sales for the Level 3 investments for the years ended October 31, 2024 and 2023.

DuBois & King, Inc. common stock held by the Plan is valued at estimated fair value based upon an independent appraisal. The appraisal valued the common stock of the Company on a going-concern basis and it was based on a combination of the cost, market, and income valuation techniques consistent with prior years. The appraisal took into account historical and projected cash flow and net income, return on assets, return on equity, market comparables, and estimated fair value of Company assets and liabilities. Significant reliance was placed on a calculation of value using the discounted cash flow method.

### (4) Investments

The Plan's investment in Company common shares (100% allocated) at October 31 is as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Sponsor Company Common Shares:		
Number of shares	<u>368,877</u>	<u>368,877</u>
Cost	<u>\$ 3,391,876</u>	<u>\$ 2,922,372</u>
Fair Market Value	<u>\$ 7,152,531</u>	<u>\$ 5,935,236</u>

The Plan's assets, which consist primarily of Company common stock, are held by the Trustee of the Plan.

Company contributions are held and managed by the Trustee, which invests cash received, interest, and dividend income and makes distributions to participants.

### (5) Parties-In-Interest

DuBois & King, Inc. is the Plan Sponsor as defined by the Plan, and therefore, the corporate stock held by the Plan qualifies as party-in-interest transactions. The Plan has multiple other service providers as well. Such providers are also considered parties-in-interest under ERISA.

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. Administrative expenses for the Trustee's fees are paid directly by the Company.

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(6) Withdrawing Participants

There were no distributions that had been requested but not paid as of October 31, 2024.

(7) Income Tax

The Plan is based on a prototype plan and is relying on the prototype sponsor's opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated June 30, 2020. This letter states that the prototype plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the plan administrator believes the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authorities. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of October 31, 2024, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan was selected for an IRS audit for plan year ending October 31, 2022. The audit is still in progress as of the date the financial statements were available to be issued. The plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2021.

**DuBois & King, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan**  
Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)  
October 31, 2024

Plan Sponsor: DuBois & King, Inc.

Administrator's EIN: 03-0224555

Plan number: 002

( a )	( b )	( c )			( d )	( e )
	Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value			Cost	Current Value
*	DuBois & King, Inc. common stock	368,877.299	shares	\$	3,391,876	\$ 7,152,531
*	M&T Bank money market accounts	1,552,038.000	units		1,552,038	1,552,038
*	American Funds Europacific Growth Fund	569.924	shares		**	32,104
*	American Funds Capital World Growth and Income	707.375	shares		**	47,550
	Total investments					<u>\$ 8,784,223</u>

\* Party-in-interest

\*\* Cost information not available

**Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan**  
 This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b), and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  
 ▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the Instructions to the Form 5500.**

**Part I Annual Report Identification Information**

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning **11/01/2023** and ending **10/31/2024**

**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**

<b>1a</b> Name of plan DuBois & King Employee Stock Ownership Plan	<b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
	<b>1c</b> Effective date of plan 11/01/1993
<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)  DuBois & King, Inc.  PO Box 339  US Randolph VT 05060-0339	<b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) 03-0224555
	<b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number (802) 728-3376
	<b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) 541330

**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>		8/12/2025	John W Baumann
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>		8/12/2025	John W Baumann
	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  <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
<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 and 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> 212
<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>6a(1)</b> 126
<b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year . . . . .	<b>6a(2)</b> 107
<b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits . . . . .	<b>6b</b> 0
<b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits . . . . .	<b>6c</b> 94
<b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> . . . . .	<b>6d</b> 201
<b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits . . . . .	<b>6e</b> 0
<b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> . . . . .	<b>6f</b> 201
<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>6g(1)</b> 184
<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>6g(2)</b> 198
<b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested . . . . .	<b>6h</b> 10
<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:

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**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 (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (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)

**a Pension Schedules**

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

**b General Schedules**

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

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