

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2023

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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 10/01/2023 and ending 09/30/2024

- A This return/report is for: [] a multiemployer plan [] a multiple-employer plan... [X] a single-employer plan [] a DFE... B This return/report is: [] the first return/report [] the final return/report... [X] an amended return/report [] a short plan year return/report... C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here... [] D Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [] automatic extension [] the DFVC program... [] special extension... E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here... []

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: BROWN AND CALDWELL EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 002
1c Effective date of plan: 10/01/1962
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): BROWN AND CALDWELL
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 94-1446346
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 303-239-5400
2d 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.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature, Date, and Name. Rows include: 1. Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature, 09/08/2025, MAURENE CARLSON; 2. Signature of plan administrator; 3. Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature, 09/08/2025, MAURENE CARLSON; 4. Signature of employer/plan sponsor; 5. Signature of DFE.

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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	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	2360
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1)	2070
	6a(2)	2224
	6b	95
	6c	200
	6d	2519
	6e	5
	6f	2524
	6g(1)	2349
6g(2)	2524	
6h	79	
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	7	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
2I 2O 3I

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	9b 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)

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 0
- (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)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE C (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>	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning **10/01/2023** and ending **09/30/2024**

A Name of plan BROWN AND CALDWELL EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BROWN AND CALDWELL	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-1446346	

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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SCHEDULE H (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>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BROWN AND CALDWELL	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-1446346

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

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

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	57861733	75771538
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	57861733	75771538
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	57861733	75771538

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)		
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	7377526	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		7377526
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		0
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	15760698	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		15760698

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		
c Other income.....	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		23138224

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	2939354	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other.....	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		2939354
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances.....	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees.....	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees.....	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees.....	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees.....	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees.....	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses.....	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses.....	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		0
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		2939354

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		20198870
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		2289065

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: **BAKER TILLY US, LLP**

(2) EIN: **30-1413443**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		X	
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	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		3000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)
BROWN AND CALDWELL SAVINGS PLAN	94-1446346	005

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) Yes No Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning **10/01/2023** and ending **09/30/2024**

A Name of plan BROWN AND CALDWELL EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BROWN AND CALDWELL	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-1446346	

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	5227607
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 42-0127290		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
12 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 _____

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a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	

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

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
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	16b	

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

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

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

Report of Independent Auditors

The Participants and Plan Administrator
Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership 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 September 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of September 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Brown and Caldwell 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 GAAP, 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 Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Brown and Caldwell 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 Brown and Caldwell 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.

Supplementary Information Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules of Schedule H, Line 4(i) – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of September 30, 2024, and Schedule H, Line 4(j) – Schedule of Reportable Transactions for the year ended September 30, 2024, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information 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 GAAS.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedules 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.

Baker Tilly US, LLP

San Francisco, California
June 9, 2025

Report of Independent Auditors and
Financial Statements with
Supplementary Information

**Brown and Caldwell
Employee Stock Ownership Plan**

September 30, 2024 and 2023

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

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Baker Tilly US, LLP

San Francisco, California
June 9, 2025

Financial Statements

Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
September 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value		
Brown and Caldwell common stock	<u>\$ 75,771,538</u>	<u>\$ 57,861,733</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 75,771,538</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 57,861,733</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Years Ended September 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO		
Investment income		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 15,760,698	\$ 4,793,280
Contributions		
Employer	7,377,526	3,285,961
Total additions	23,138,224	8,079,241
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO		
Withdrawals and distributions	2,939,354	2,740,248
NET INCREASE PRIOR TO TRANSFER	20,198,870	5,338,993
TRANSFER OF ASSETS TO THE BROWN AND CALDWELL SAVINGS PLAN	(2,289,065)	(1,628,583)
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	17,909,805	3,710,410
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS		
Beginning of year	57,861,733	54,151,323
End of year	\$ 75,771,538	\$ 57,861,733

See accompanying notes.

Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 – The Plan and Its Significant Accounting Policies

The following description of the Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General – The Plan was originally established in 1962 by Brown and Caldwell (the Company) as a profit-sharing plan and was subsequently amended and restated as an employee stock ownership plan in 1975. The Plan provides benefits to eligible employees as defined in the plan document. The Plan is currently designed to be qualified under the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The Plan may receive loans or other extensions of credit to finance the acquisition of Company common stock, with such loans to be repaid by employer contributions to the Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership Plan Trust (the Trust) and dividends received on such Company common stock. During the Plan years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, the Plan did not receive any loans or other extensions of credit.

Administration – Under the terms of the Plan, the Board of Trustees of the Company act as the Plan trustee. The Company has appointed an ESOP Committee (the Committee) to manage the operation and administration of the Plan. The Company has contracted with a third-party administrator to process and maintain the records of participant data. Substantially all expenses incurred for administering the Plan are paid by the Company.

Basis of accounting – The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP), using the accrual method of accounting.

Use of estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the use of estimates and assumptions that may affect certain amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Forfeited accounts – Forfeited nonvested accounts are first used to reinstate previously forfeited account balances of former participants, if any, in accordance with the plan document, and thereafter are allocated to the accounts of eligible participants in the Plan at the end of the Plan year. Forfeitures in the amount of 1,347 and 977 shares of Company common stock (valued at approximately \$374,000 and \$215,000, respectively) were allocated for the Plan years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Investment valuation – The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (the exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 2 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Income recognition – Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade date basis. The net appreciation in fair value of investments consists of both the realized gains and losses and unrealized appreciation and depreciation of those investments.

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Plan assets, which consist principally of Company common stock, are nonparticipant-directed, and are maintained by the trustee in the Trust. The fair value of the Company common stock is determined by independent appraisal.

Income taxes – The Plan received its latest favorable determination letter dated February 16, 2018, from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The Company believes that the Plan is operated in accordance with, and qualifies under, the applicable requirements of the Code and related state statutes, and that the Trust, which forms a part of the Plan, is exempt from federal income and state franchise taxes.

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 (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. No uncertain positions have been identified that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements as of September 30, 2024. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Risks and uncertainties – The net assets of the Plan are comprised primarily of Company common stock. The value of the Company common stock is subject to the annual operating results and financial position of the Company. It is at least reasonably possible that changes in the estimated value of the Company's common stock in the near term would materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits and the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits. In addition, because of the inherent subjectivity in any independent valuation, the estimated value may differ significantly from the value that would be used had a ready market for the securities existed, and the difference could be material.

Subsequent events – The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through June 9, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 2 – Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value 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) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3).

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 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; and 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.

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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 maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodology used for the Plan's asset measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the techniques used at September 30, 2024 and 2023.

Company common stock: Valued by an annual independent appraisal utilizing three methods of valuation: the discounted cash flows method, the guideline public company method, and the market transaction method. Significant unobservable inputs used by the appraiser included estimated future returns discounted to present value at an appropriate rate of return for the investment, weighted average cost of capital and market comparables among other factors.

The method described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair value. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation method is appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of a different methodology or assumptions to determine the fair value of Company common stock could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following tables disclose the fair value hierarchy of the Plan's assets by level as of September 30, 2024 and 2023:

	Fair Value Measurement at September 30, 2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Company common stock	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,771,538	\$ 75,771,538
Total assets at fair value	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,771,538	\$ 75,771,538
	Fair Value Measurement at September 30, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Company common stock	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,861,733	\$ 57,861,733
Total assets at fair value	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,861,733	\$ 57,861,733

Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership Plan

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Each participant’s account is credited with an allocation of unrealized appreciation or depreciation in the value of the Plan’s investment in the Company’s common stock. Participants are entitled to share in minimum contributions for each plan year in which their Company Stock Account balance consists of less than ten shares of Company common stock and they are eligible employees on the allocation date. Generally, participants who have completed at least 1,000 hours of service during the year and are eligible employees on the allocation date are entitled to share in discretionary contributions and forfeitures. Allocations of forfeitures are based on participant compensation, as defined in the Plan.

Vesting percentage – Effective October 1, 2007, all participants credited with an hour of service on or after October 1, 2007, are 100% vested in their accounts after three years of credited service. Participants become fully vested if they are employed by the Company on or after their 65th birthday or, if later, their fifth anniversary of Plan participation. Participants become fully vested at death or upon incurring a disability while employed by the Company.

Payment of benefits – Pursuant to the plan document, benefits can be paid in a lump sum, in substantially equal annual installments over a period not exceeding five years or any combination of both methods. Benefits are normally distributed in minimum installments of \$20,000. All distributions are paid in shares of Company common stock. Distributions are valued at fair value as of the latest stock valuation date and participants are required to sell distributed shares to the Company. The Plan allows for the automatic lump-sum distribution of participant account balances that do not exceed \$1,000. For participants with account balances that exceed \$1,000 and who have not consented to a distribution or cannot be located, their account balances will be transferred to the 401(k) Plan.

Participants whose service terminates for reasons other than retirement or death will normally receive their benefit as soon as possible after attaining age 65 unless an earlier distribution is authorized by the Committee with the consent of the participant. The Committee may, at its sole discretion after considering a participant’s wishes, direct Plan benefits to be distributed in a lump sum or installments over a period of time not to exceed ten years. Included in net assets available for benefits at September 30, 2024 and 2023, are benefits due to terminated participants of approximately \$7,027,000 and \$5,767,000, respectively.

Participants who are age 55 or older and have completed ten or more years of service are eligible to “diversify” a portion of their account annually over a six-year period as provided in the Plan. For each of the first five plan years in the election period, the participant may elect to “diversify” an amount which does not exceed 25% of the number of shares of Company common stock allocated to their plan account. In the case of the sixth plan year in the election period, the participant may elect to “diversify” an amount which does not exceed 50% of the number of shares of Company common stock allocated to their plan account. Eligible participants may direct the trustee to sell and transfer a portion of their Company Stock Account to the 401(k) Plan to be invested in accordance with the participant’s direction. Alternatively, the participant may direct the trustee to distribute such amounts directly to the participant or to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

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Under the 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. During 2024 and 2023, the Company repurchased from participants 23,798 and 21,682 shares, respectively, at prices determined from the independent appraisal.

Note 5 – Plan Termination or Modification

The Company reserves the right to terminate the Plan at any time, subject to plan provisions. Upon such termination of the Plan, the interest of each participant in the trust fund will be distributed to such participant or his or her beneficiary at the time prescribed by the Plan terms and the Code. In the event that the Plan is terminated in the future, participants would become fully vested in their accounts.

**Supplementary Information
Required by the Department of Labor**

Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Schedule H, Line 4(i) – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
September 30, 2024

Plan Sponsor: Brown and Caldwell
Employer Identification Number: 94-1446346
Plan Number: 002
Schedule H, Line 4(i)

(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	
* Brown and Caldwell Class A common stock	273,149 shares	<u>\$ 29,607,469</u>	<u>\$ 75,771,538</u>	

* Party-in-interest

Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Schedule H, Line 4(j) – Schedule of Reportable Transactions
Year Ended September 30, 2024

Plan Sponsor: Brown and Caldwell
Employer Identification Number: 94-1446346
Plan Number: 002
Schedule H, Line 4(j)

Identity of Party Involved	Description of Assets (include Interest Rate and Maturity in Case of a Loan)	Purchase Price	Selling Price	Lease Rental	Expense Incurred with Transaction	Cost of Asset	Current value of Asset on Transaction Date	Net Gain
Series of transactions Brown and Caldwell	Class A common stock							
	33,580 shares	\$ 7,377,526	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,377,526	\$ 7,377,526	\$ -
	(23,798 shares)	\$ -	\$ 5,228,419	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,778,351	\$ 5,228,419	\$ 3,450,068

Report of Independent Auditors and
Financial Statements with
Supplementary Information

**Brown and Caldwell
Employee Stock Ownership Plan**

September 30, 2024 and 2023

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Report of Independent Auditors

The Participants and Plan Administrator
Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership 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 September 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of September 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Brown and Caldwell 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 GAAP, 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 Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Brown and Caldwell 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 Brown and Caldwell 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.

Supplementary Information Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules of Schedule H, Line 4(i) – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of September 30, 2024, and Schedule H, Line 4(j) – Schedule of Reportable Transactions for the year ended September 30, 2024, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information 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 GAAS.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedules 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.

Baker Tilly US, LLP

San Francisco, California
June 9, 2025

Financial Statements

Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
September 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value		
Brown and Caldwell common stock	<u>\$ 75,771,538</u>	<u>\$ 57,861,733</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 75,771,538</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 57,861,733</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Years Ended September 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO		
Investment income		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 15,760,698	\$ 4,793,280
Contributions		
Employer	7,377,526	3,285,961
Total additions	23,138,224	8,079,241
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO		
Withdrawals and distributions	2,939,354	2,740,248
NET INCREASE PRIOR TO TRANSFER	20,198,870	5,338,993
TRANSFER OF ASSETS TO THE BROWN AND CALDWELL SAVINGS PLAN	(2,289,065)	(1,628,583)
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	17,909,805	3,710,410
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS		
Beginning of year	57,861,733	54,151,323
End of year	\$ 75,771,538	\$ 57,861,733

See accompanying notes.

Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 – The Plan and Its Significant Accounting Policies

The following description of the Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General – The Plan was originally established in 1962 by Brown and Caldwell (the Company) as a profit-sharing plan and was subsequently amended and restated as an employee stock ownership plan in 1975. The Plan provides benefits to eligible employees as defined in the plan document. The Plan is currently designed to be qualified under the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The Plan may receive loans or other extensions of credit to finance the acquisition of Company common stock, with such loans to be repaid by employer contributions to the Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership Plan Trust (the Trust) and dividends received on such Company common stock. During the Plan years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, the Plan did not receive any loans or other extensions of credit.

Administration – Under the terms of the Plan, the Board of Trustees of the Company act as the Plan trustee. The Company has appointed an ESOP Committee (the Committee) to manage the operation and administration of the Plan. The Company has contracted with a third-party administrator to process and maintain the records of participant data. Substantially all expenses incurred for administering the Plan are paid by the Company.

Basis of accounting – The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP), using the accrual method of accounting.

Use of estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the use of estimates and assumptions that may affect certain amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Forfeited accounts – Forfeited nonvested accounts are first used to reinstate previously forfeited account balances of former participants, if any, in accordance with the plan document, and thereafter are allocated to the accounts of eligible participants in the Plan at the end of the Plan year. Forfeitures in the amount of 1,347 and 977 shares of Company common stock (valued at approximately \$374,000 and \$215,000, respectively) were allocated for the Plan years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Investment valuation – The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (the exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 2 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Income recognition – Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade date basis. The net appreciation in fair value of investments consists of both the realized gains and losses and unrealized appreciation and depreciation of those investments.

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Plan assets, which consist principally of Company common stock, are nonparticipant-directed, and are maintained by the trustee in the Trust. The fair value of the Company common stock is determined by independent appraisal.

Income taxes – The Plan received its latest favorable determination letter dated February 16, 2018, from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The Company believes that the Plan is operated in accordance with, and qualifies under, the applicable requirements of the Code and related state statutes, and that the Trust, which forms a part of the Plan, is exempt from federal income and state franchise taxes.

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 (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. No uncertain positions have been identified that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements as of September 30, 2024. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Risks and uncertainties – The net assets of the Plan are comprised primarily of Company common stock. The value of the Company common stock is subject to the annual operating results and financial position of the Company. It is at least reasonably possible that changes in the estimated value of the Company's common stock in the near term would materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits and the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits. In addition, because of the inherent subjectivity in any independent valuation, the estimated value may differ significantly from the value that would be used had a ready market for the securities existed, and the difference could be material.

Subsequent events – The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through June 9, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 2 – Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value 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) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3).

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 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; and 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.

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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 maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodology used for the Plan's asset measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the techniques used at September 30, 2024 and 2023.

Company common stock: Valued by an annual independent appraisal utilizing three methods of valuation: the discounted cash flows method, the guideline public company method, and the market transaction method. Significant unobservable inputs used by the appraiser included estimated future returns discounted to present value at an appropriate rate of return for the investment, weighted average cost of capital and market comparables among other factors.

The method described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair value. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation method is appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of a different methodology or assumptions to determine the fair value of Company common stock could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following tables disclose the fair value hierarchy of the Plan's assets by level as of September 30, 2024 and 2023:

	Fair Value Measurement at September 30, 2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Company common stock	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,771,538	\$ 75,771,538
Total assets at fair value	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,771,538	\$ 75,771,538
	Fair Value Measurement at September 30, 2023			
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Participant accounts – Each participant’s share of plan assets is recorded in two accounts: the Company Stock Account, which generally represents the participant’s allocable portion of the Company’s common stock included in plan assets, and the Other Investment Account, which generally represents the participant’s share of net income or loss of the Trust, cash dividends, if any, and Company contributions and forfeitures in other than Company common stock.

Each participant’s account is credited with an allocation of unrealized appreciation or depreciation in the value of the Plan’s investment in the Company’s common stock. Participants are entitled to share in minimum contributions for each plan year in which their Company Stock Account balance consists of less than ten shares of Company common stock and they are eligible employees on the allocation date. Generally, participants who have completed at least 1,000 hours of service during the year and are eligible employees on the allocation date are entitled to share in discretionary contributions and forfeitures. Allocations of forfeitures are based on participant compensation, as defined in the Plan.

Vesting percentage – Effective October 1, 2007, all participants credited with an hour of service on or after October 1, 2007, are 100% vested in their accounts after three years of credited service. Participants become fully vested if they are employed by the Company on or after their 65th birthday or, if later, their fifth anniversary of Plan participation. Participants become fully vested at death or upon incurring a disability while employed by the Company.

Payment of benefits – Pursuant to the plan document, benefits can be paid in a lump sum, in substantially equal annual installments over a period not exceeding five years or any combination of both methods. Benefits are normally distributed in minimum installments of \$20,000. All distributions are paid in shares of Company common stock. Distributions are valued at fair value as of the latest stock valuation date and participants are required to sell distributed shares to the Company. The Plan allows for the automatic lump-sum distribution of participant account balances that do not exceed \$1,000. For participants with account balances that exceed \$1,000 and who have not consented to a distribution or cannot be located, their account balances will be transferred to the 401(k) Plan.

Participants whose service terminates for reasons other than retirement or death will normally receive their benefit as soon as possible after attaining age 65 unless an earlier distribution is authorized by the Committee with the consent of the participant. The Committee may, at its sole discretion after considering a participant’s wishes, direct Plan benefits to be distributed in a lump sum or installments over a period of time not to exceed ten years. Included in net assets available for benefits at September 30, 2024 and 2023, are benefits due to terminated participants of approximately \$7,027,000 and \$5,767,000, respectively.

Participants who are age 55 or older and have completed ten or more years of service are eligible to “diversify” a portion of their account annually over a six-year period as provided in the Plan. For each of the first five plan years in the election period, the participant may elect to “diversify” an amount which does not exceed 25% of the number of shares of Company common stock allocated to their plan account. In the case of the sixth plan year in the election period, the participant may elect to “diversify” an amount which does not exceed 50% of the number of shares of Company common stock allocated to their plan account. Eligible participants may direct the trustee to sell and transfer a portion of their Company Stock Account to the 401(k) Plan to be invested in accordance with the participant’s direction. Alternatively, the participant may direct the trustee to distribute such amounts directly to the participant or to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Under the 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. During 2024 and 2023, the Company repurchased from participants 23,798 and 21,682 shares, respectively, at prices determined from the independent appraisal.

Note 5 – Plan Termination or Modification

The Company reserves the right to terminate the Plan at any time, subject to plan provisions. Upon such termination of the Plan, the interest of each participant in the trust fund will be distributed to such participant or his or her beneficiary at the time prescribed by the Plan terms and the Code. In the event that the Plan is terminated in the future, participants would become fully vested in their accounts.

**Supplementary Information
Required by the Department of Labor**

Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Schedule H, Line 4(i) – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
September 30, 2024

Plan Sponsor: Brown and Caldwell
Employer Identification Number: 94-1446346
Plan Number: 002
Schedule H, Line 4(i)

(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	
* Brown and Caldwell Class A common stock	273,149 shares	<u>\$ 29,607,469</u>	<u>\$ 75,771,538</u>	

* Party-in-interest

Brown and Caldwell Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Schedule H, Line 4(j) – Schedule of Reportable Transactions
Year Ended September 30, 2024

Plan Sponsor: Brown and Caldwell
Employer Identification Number: 94-1446346
Plan Number: 002
Schedule H, Line 4(j)

Identity of Party Involved	Description of Assets (include Interest Rate and Maturity in Case of a Loan)	Purchase Price	Selling Price	Lease Rental	Expense Incurred with Transaction	Cost of Asset	Current value of Asset on Transaction Date	Net Gain
Series of transactions Brown and Caldwell	Class A common stock							
	33,580 shares	\$ 7,377,526	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,377,526	\$ 7,377,526	\$ -
	(23,798 shares)	\$ -	\$ 5,228,419	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,778,351	\$ 5,228,419	\$ 3,450,068