

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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.

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

- A This return/report is for: [ ] 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... C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here... D Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [ ] automatic 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 CERES - 403(B) DC PLAN 1b Three-digit plan number (PN) 001 1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1995 2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) CERES, INC. 99 CHAUNCY STREET 6TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02111 2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 22-3053747 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 617-247-0700 2d Business code (see instructions) 813000

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 of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and DFE.

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<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>	340
<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>	206
	<b>6a(2)</b>	177
	<b>6b</b>	0
	<b>6c</b>	164
	<b>6d</b>	341
	<b>6e</b>	2
	<b>6f</b>	343
	<b>6g(1)</b>	340
	<b>6g(2)</b>	342
<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:  
2L 2M

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>1</u>
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DCG</b> (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MEP</b> (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	(5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
	(6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 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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<p><b>SCHEDULE A</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b></p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p><b>Insurance Information</b></p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b></p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p>	<p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p><b>2024</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b></p>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<p><b>A</b> Name of plan <b>CERES - 403(B) DC PLAN</b></p>	<p><b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>	<p><b>001</b></p>
<p><b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>CERES, INC.</b></p>	<p><b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>22-3053747</b></p>	

**Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions** Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

**1 Coverage Information:**

**(a)** Name of insurance carrier  
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(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
13-1624203	69345	386620	101	01/01/2024	12/31/2024

**2 Insurance fee and commission information.** Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

<p><b>(a)</b> Total amount of commissions paid</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0</p>	<p><b>(b)</b> Total amount of fees paid</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0</p>
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**3 Persons receiving commissions and fees.** (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Investment and Annuity Contract Information</b>	
	Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.	
<b>4</b>	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....	1279166
<b>5</b>	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5350008
<b>6</b>	<b>Contracts With Allocated Funds:</b>	
<b>a</b>	State the basis of premium rates ▶	
<b>b</b>	Premiums paid to carrier .....	<b>6b</b>
<b>c</b>	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year .....	<b>6c</b>
<b>d</b>	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. .... Specify nature of costs ▶	<b>6d</b>
<b>e</b>	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶	
<b>f</b>	If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)</b>	
<b>a</b>	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment (4) <input type="checkbox"/> other ▶	
<b>b</b>	Balance at the end of the previous year .....	<b>7b</b> 1267212
<b>c</b>	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b> 83236
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	<b>7c(2)</b>
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	<b>7c(3)</b> 47467
	(4) Transferred from separate account .....	<b>7c(4)</b> 194519
	(5) Other (specify below)..... ▶ PLAN SERVICING CREDITS	<b>7c(5)</b> 8346
	(6) Total additions .....	<b>7c(6)</b> 333568
<b>d</b>	Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....	<b>7d</b> 1600780
<b>e</b>	<b>Deductions:</b>	
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year .....	<b>7e(1)</b> 305095
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	<b>7e(2)</b>
	(3) Transferred to separate account .....	<b>7e(3)</b> 7445
	(4) Other (specify below)..... ▶ FEES	<b>7e(4)</b> 9075
(5) Total deductions .....	<b>7e(5)</b> 321615	
<b>f</b>	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line <b>7e(5)</b> from line <b>7d</b> ).....	<b>7f</b> 1279165

**Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information**  
 If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

**8** Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** Health (other than dental or vision)     
  **b** Dental     
  **c** Vision     
  **d** Life insurance  
 **e** Temporary disability (accident and sickness)     
  **f** Long-term disability     
  **g** Supplemental unemployment     
  **h** Prescription drug  
 **i** Stop loss (large deductible)     
  **j** HMO contract     
  **k** PPO contract     
  **l** Indemnity contract  
 **m** Other (specify) ▶

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b> Premiums: (1) Amount received .....		<b>9a(1)</b>	
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid .....		<b>9a(2)</b>	
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve .....		<b>9a(3)</b>	
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) .....			<b>9a(4)</b>
<b>b</b> Benefit charges (1) Claims paid .....		<b>9b(1)</b>	
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves .....		<b>9b(2)</b>	
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)) .....			<b>9b(3)</b>
(4) Claims charged .....			<b>9b(4)</b>
<b>c</b> Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions .....	<b>9c(1)(A)</b>		
(B) Administrative service or other fees .....	<b>9c(1)(B)</b>		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs .....	<b>9c(1)(C)</b>		
(D) Other expenses .....	<b>9c(1)(D)</b>		
(E) Taxes .....	<b>9c(1)(E)</b>		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies .....	<b>9c(1)(F)</b>		
(G) Other retention charges .....	<b>9c(1)(G)</b>		
(H) Total retention .....			<b>9c(1)(H)</b>
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) .....			<b>9c(2)</b>
<b>d</b> Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement .....			<b>9d(1)</b>
(2) Claim reserves .....			<b>9d(2)</b>
(3) Other reserves .....			<b>9d(3)</b>
<b>e</b> Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) .....			<b>9e</b>

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b> Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier .....	<b>10a</b>
<b>b</b> If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. .... Specify nature of costs.	<b>10b</b>

**Part IV Provision of Information**

**11** Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? .....  Yes  No

**12** If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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**Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13	NONE	46000	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	NONE	8483	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

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

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

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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<b>SCHEDULE D</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	<b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>CERES - 403(B) DC PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>CERES, INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>22-3053747</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>TIAA REAL ESTATE</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>TIAA-CREF</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>13-1624203-004</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>112571</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
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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>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>CERES - 403(B) DC PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <b>▶</b> <b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>CERES, INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>22-3053747</b>

<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>	
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	
<b>c</b> General investments:		
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	
<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>	96032
<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>	204416
<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>	20587944
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>	1267212
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>	103217
		112571
		1279166
		26507540

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>		
(2) 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>	22155604	28002494
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>		
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>		
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>		
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>		
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	22155604	28002494

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

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

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	783361	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	1932339	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	1131425	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>		
(3) 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>		3847125
<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>		
<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>	6413	
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>	47467	
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		53880
<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>	925028	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		925028
<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>		
<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 .....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	2b(7)		-5974
(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)		2351720
<b>c</b> Other income .....	2c		8975
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		7180754

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	1199512	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	2e(2)	79868	
(3) Other.....	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) .....	2e(4)		1279380
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	2f		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
<b>h</b> Interest expense.....	2h		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	2i(2)	54484	
(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)		54484
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		1333864

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		5846890
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan .....	2l(2)		

**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: **CBIZ CPAS P.C.**

(2) EIN: **43-1947695**

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

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

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

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

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
<b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		X	
<b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		500000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
<b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
<b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

<b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s)	<b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s)	<b>5b(3)</b> PN(s)

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

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

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>CERES - 403(B) DC PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>CERES, INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>22-3053747</b>	

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

<b>1</b> Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
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**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):  
 EIN(s): 13-1624203

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

<b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>
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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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**4** Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....  Yes  No  N/A  
**If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.**

**5** If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
**If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.**

<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	<b>6a</b>	
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....	<b>6c</b>	

**If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.**

**7** Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? .....  Yes  No  N/A

**8** If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? .....  Yes  No  N/A

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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**9** If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....  Increase  Decrease  Both  No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....	<b>16a</b>	
<b>b</b> If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....	<b>16b</b>	

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

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

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

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

**a** Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:  
 Public Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Private Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: \_\_\_\_\_%  
 High-Yield Debt: \_\_\_\_\_% Real Assets: \_\_\_\_\_% Cash or Cash Equivalents: \_\_\_\_\_% Other: \_\_\_\_\_%

**b** Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:  
 0-5 years  5-10 years  10-15 years  15 years or more

**20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

**a** Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero?  Yes  No

**b** If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:  
 Yes.  
 No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.  
 No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.  
 No. Other. Provide explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

**21a** Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules?  Yes  No

**21b** If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).  
 Design-based safe harbor method  
 "Prior year" ADP test  
 "Current year" ADP test  
 N/A

**22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 08 / 07 / 2017 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number J500954A.



**Financial Statements  
and Supplemental Schedule**

**Ceres - 403(b) DC Plan**

**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

# CERES - 403(b) DC PLAN

## *Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule*

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## *Independent Auditors' Report*

The Plan Administrator  
Ceres - 403(b) DC Plan  
Boston, Massachusetts

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

We were engaged to perform the audits of the financial statements of the Ceres - 403(b) DC Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan ("investment information") by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA ("qualified institution").

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### ***Disclaimer of Opinion on the Financial Statements***

We do not express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements of the Plan. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on the Financial Statements section of our report, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on the financial statements.

### ***Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on the Financial Statements***

As described in Note 2, the Plan has not maintained sufficient accounting records and supporting documents relating to certain annuity and custodial accounts issued to current and former employees prior to January 1, 2009. Accordingly, we were unable to apply auditing procedures sufficiently to determine the extent to which the financial statements may have been affected by these conditions.



### ***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. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or 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 responsibility is to conduct an audit of the Plan's financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and to issue an auditors' report. However, because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on the Financial Statements section of our report, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on these financial statements.

We are required to be independent of the Plan, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit.

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

The supplemental schedule, Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 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. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on the Financial Statements section, it is inappropriate to and we do not express an opinion on the supplemental schedule referred to above.

*CBIZ CPAs P.C.*

Boston, Massachusetts  
July 29, 2025

# CERES - 403(b) DC PLAN

## Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	<i>December 31,</i>	
	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments at fair value	\$ 26,938,978	\$ 21,070,550
Fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, at contract value	<u>960,299</u>	<u>989,021</u>
<b>Total investments</b>	<b><u>27,899,277</u></b>	<b><u>22,059,571</u></b>
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants	<u>103,217</u>	<u>96,033</u>
<b>Total receivables</b>	<b><u>103,217</u></b>	<b><u>96,033</u></b>
<b>Net assets available for benefits</b>	<b><u>\$ 28,002,494</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 22,155,604</u></b>

## CERES - 403(b) DC PLAN

### *Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits*

*Year Ended December 31, 2024*

#### **Additions to net assets attributed to:**

##### Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 2,345,746
Interest and dividends	<u>972,495</u>

Total investment income 3,318,241

Interest income on notes receivable from participants 6,413

Other income 8,975

##### Contributions:

Participant deferrals	1,932,339
Participant rollovers	1,131,425
Employer	<u>783,361</u>

Total contributions 3,847,125

**Total additions to net assets** **7,180,754**

#### **Deductions from net assets attributed to:**

Benefits paid to participants	1,279,380
Administrative expenses	<u>54,484</u>

**Total deductions from net assets** **1,333,864**

**Net increase in net assets available for benefits** **5,846,890**

Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year 22,155,604

**Net assets available for benefits, end of year** **\$ 28,002,494**

# CERES - 403(b) DC PLAN

## *Notes to Financial Statements*

### **Note 1 - Description of the Plan**

The following description of the Ceres - 403(b) DC Plan (the "Plan") (formerly known as "Ceres DC and TDA Retirement 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 is a 403(b) defined contribution plan that was most recently amended in January 2022. The Plan covers substantially all employees. Employees are eligible to enter the Plan immediately upon hire ("Participants"). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as amended. All investments are participant directed.

#### **Contributions**

##### **Participant Contributions**

Participants may make contributions to the Plan subject to certain Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") limitations. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants who have 15 years of service may make annual catch-up contributions of \$3,000 up to a maximum of \$15,000. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans ("Participant Rollovers").

##### **Employer Matching Contributions**

The Employer matches participant elective contributions up to 4% of their annual salary. If the participant earns less than \$50,000 a year, the Employer contribution will be increased to \$2,000 per year, contingent upon the participant contributing, at minimum, \$2,000 per year.

#### **Participant Accounts**

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, allocations of the Employer's contribution, Plan earnings/losses and charged with an allocation of certain expenses. Individual participant accounts are charged directly for loan and other benefit disbursement processing fees, if applicable. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Participants direct the investment of their account balance into various investment options offered by the Plan and may change their investment options at any time, subject to the terms of the funding vehicles. Plan earnings are credited to a participant's account according to the type of funding vehicle in which balances are invested. Fund managers' fees are charged to participants' accounts as a reduction of the return earned on each investment option.

# CERES - 403(b) DC PLAN

## *Notes to Financial Statements*

### **Note 1 - Description of the Plan (Continued)**

#### ***Vesting***

Participants are immediately vested in all deferral contributions, rollovers and Employer matching contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

#### ***Payment of Benefits***

Upon termination of service, retirement, death, or total permanent disability, a participant may elect to receive a distribution of his or her entire accumulated Plan balance, subject to the terms of the funding vehicles. Distribution options include lump-sum payments, rollover to another retirement plan, or lifetime annuity payments. In addition, participants may elect in-service withdrawals of their account balances after reaching age 59½ or for hardship purposes. In addition, if a participant has terminated and a distribution election has not been made, the Plan's administrator will make distributions only in the case of required minimum distributions.

#### ***Notes Receivable from Participants and Plan Loans***

Participants may borrow a maximum amount equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of the vested balance of their voluntary elective contribution accounts. Loan terms are up to five years (or longer for the purchase of a primary residence). The loans are secured by the vested balance in the Participant's account and bear a reasonable rate of interest. Principal and interest are paid directly to TIAA and CREF by the participants.

Additionally, through 2022, participants were allowed to take loans directly from TIAA and CREF secured by the participant's balance in the TIAA Traditional Fund. Participants must transfer an amount equal to 110% of their outstanding loan balances from their fund accounts to the TIAA Traditional Fund to be held as collateral for the loans. This collateral remains invested in the Plan and the participants continue to earn contractual interest and additional amounts as declared by TIAA's Board of Trustees. Should participants default on their loans, TIAA and CREF removes the portion of the collateral held in the TIAA Traditional Fund equal to the participants' outstanding loan balances plus any unpaid accrued interest to pay off the defaulted loan. These loans are not Plan assets and totaled \$1,989 and \$7,283 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, with interest rates ranging from 5.02% to 5.56% at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Principal and interest are paid directly to TIAA and CREF by the participants.

# CERES - 403(b) DC PLAN

## *Notes to Financial Statements*

### **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

#### ***Basis of Accounting***

The Plan's financial statements are prepared under the accrual method of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In November 2007, the Department of Labor ("DOL") issued amended regulations eliminating an exemption granted to 403(b) plans from the annual Form 5500 reporting, disclosure, and audit requirements under Part 1 of Subtitle B of Title I of ERISA. The Plan, however, was established in 1995, and historically the Plan was viewed as a collection of individual contracts with which participants could engage in a range of actions with limited involvement, if any, by the Plan sponsor. Accordingly, various accounting and payroll records related to the Plan's 403(b) annuity contracts and custodial accounts issued to current and former employees prior to January 1, 2009 were not maintained by the Plan. Consequently, the financial statements have been prepared based on available records analyzed by Plan management. As certain records were not available from the inception of the Plan, there can be no assurance as to the completeness or accuracy of the Plan's reported financial information.

#### ***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and changes therein, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### ***Investments, Investment Valuation and Income Recognition***

Investments other than fully benefit-responsive investment contracts (valued at contract value) are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

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

The Plan has fully benefit-responsive investment contracts and non benefit-responsive investment contracts with TIAA and CREF. TIAA and CREF maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The guaranteed investment contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan.

## **CERES - 403(b) DC PLAN**

### ***Notes to Financial Statements***

#### ***Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)***

##### ***Unit Values***

Individual participant accounts for the pooled separate investment and variable rate annuity accounts are maintained on a unit value basis. Participants do not have beneficial ownership in the specific underlying securities or other assets in the funds but do have an interest therein represented by units which are valued daily. The funds earn dividends and interest which are automatically reinvested in additional units. Generally, contributions to and withdrawals from each fund are converted to units by dividing the amounts of such transactions by the unit values as last determined, and the participants' accounts are charged or credited with the number of units properly attributable to each participant.

##### ***Benefits Paid***

Benefits are recorded when paid.

##### ***Notes Receivable from Participants***

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance, plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred.

##### ***Administrative Expenses***

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Plan sponsor and are excluded from these financial statements.

##### ***Contributions***

Contributions from Plan participants and the matching contributions from the Employer are recorded in the year in which the participant compensation is earned.

##### ***Subsequent Events***

Plan management has evaluated subsequent events through July 29, 2025, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued. No significant matters were identified for disclosure during this evaluation.

#### ***Note 3 - Information Certified by the Insurance Company and Custodian***

Plan investments are held by the insurance company and custodian, TIAA and CREF and TIAA as agent for TIAA Trust, N.A. The fair and contract values of investments as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 and all investment transactions for the year ended December 31, 2024, including interest and dividends and net appreciation in value are reported to the Plan and certified as complete and accurate by the custodians. Information included in the supplemental schedule and notes receivable from participants has also been derived from information certified by the custodians.

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## **Notes to Financial Statements**

### **Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements**

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level I) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level III). Valuation techniques maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

*Level I* – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan can access at the measurement date.

*Level II* – Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted market 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 II input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

*Level III* – Inputs that are unobservable for the asset or liability.

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

#### **Mutual Funds**

Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily Net Asset Value (“NAV”) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

#### **TIAA Traditional Annuity**

The TIAA Traditional Annuity is a fixed rate guaranteed annuity contract available as an investment option to Plan participants. Each contract is fully and unconditionally guaranteed by TIAA and CREF. The TIAA Traditional Annuity is offered through a variety of contract types, including Retirement Choice (“RC”) and Group Retirement Annuities (“GRA”). The type of contract through which a participant invests in the TIAA Traditional Annuity determines the applicability of certain account features, such as the guaranteed minimum interest rate, additional interest declarations, the degree of liquidity of the participant’s account, and the options for receiving income upon retirement.

RC and GRA contracts are non benefit-responsive, and accordingly, are reported at fair value. The value equals the accumulated cash contributions and interest credited to the contract, less any withdrawals. For accumulating RC contracts, the crediting interest rate was 5.50% and 6.75% as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. For accumulating GRA contracts, the crediting interest rate was 5.25% and 6.50% as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

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### *Notes to Financial Statements*

#### **Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)**

##### ***TIAA Traditional Annuity (Continued)***

When participants choose to allocate a portion of their retirement savings to the TIAA Traditional Annuity during the accumulation phase of the contract, their contributions purchase a specific amount of lifetime income based on the contractual rate schedule in effect at the time the premium is paid. The participant's principal, plus a specified minimum rate of interest, is guaranteed by TIAA and CREF's claim-paying ability. The TIAA Traditional Annuity also provides the potential for additional interest if declared by TIAA and CREF's Board of Trustees. Additional interest, when declared, remains in effect for the declaration year, which begins each March 1 for accumulating annuities, and January 1 for lifetime payout annuities. Additional interest is not guaranteed for future years.

Liquidity restrictions apply to certain types of contracts that could impact the value realized upon exiting the contract. The redemption provisions of the fixed rate annuities vary depending on the nature of the contract option chosen by the participant.

The RC and GRA contracts allow for lump-sum cash withdrawals 120 days after termination of employment and are subject to a 2.5% surrender charge. All other withdrawals and transfers from RC contract accounts must be paid in 84 monthly installments. All other withdrawals and transfers from GRA contract accounts must be paid in 10 annual installments. When a participant's accumulation in the TIAA Traditional Annuity is converted to a lifetime payout annuity, the present value of the stream of payments is equal to the accumulated balance, and the entire amount is recorded as a distribution in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

##### ***TIAA Real Estate Account***

The account generally invests in real estate properties and real estate-related investments. The account's value is principally derived from the market value of the underlying real estate holdings or other real estate-related investments. Real estate holdings are valued principally utilizing external appraisals, which are estimates of property values based on a professional's opinion. The account sometimes holds securities as well, and these securities are generally priced using values obtained from independent pricing sources.

The fair value of the Plan's interest in the TIAA Real Estate Account (a pooled separate account) is based on the fund's daily Net Asset Value ("NAV"), which is considered by Plan management to be the best approximation of fair value. This investment is classified at NAV in the fair value hierarchy. The unit value of the fund is calculated daily and available to Plan administrators and client investors on TIAA and CREF's website. There are no unfunded commitments from participants in the Plan who invest in this account. These investments may be redeemed quarterly with one day's notice.

# CERES - 403(b) DC PLAN

## Notes to Financial Statements

### Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

#### **CREF Variable Annuities**

The accounts invest principally in equity securities, fixed income instruments and short-term investments in accordance with each portfolio's investment objectives. Account investments are primarily valued using market quotations or prices obtained from independent pricing sources that may employ various pricing methods to value the investments including matrix pricing. The Plan values these investments at NAV. Variable rate annuities may be redeemed daily with one day's notice.

The fair values of accumulation units held by the Plan in CREF Variable Annuity accounts are based on each account's daily NAV, which is considered by Plan management to be the best approximation of the fair value hierarchy. Data for NAVs are available daily to Plan administrators and client investors on TIAA and CREF's website and provides sufficient corroborative evidence to ascertain the relationship between each fund's NAV and the values of individual underlying holdings. There are no unfunded commitments from participants in the Plan who invest in these accounts.

The categorization of an investment within the fair value hierarchy is based upon the pricing transparency of the investment and does not necessarily correspond to Plan management's perceived risk of that investment.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024</b>			
	<b>Level I</b>	<b>Level II</b>	<b>Level III</b>	<b>Total</b>
Mutual funds	\$ 21,387,654	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,387,654
Fixed rate annuities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>318,867</u>	<u>318,867</u>
<b>Total assets in the fair value hierarchy</b>	<b><u>\$ 21,387,654</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 318,867</u></b>	<b>21,706,521</b>
Investments measured at NAV practical expedient:				
Variable rate annuities (a)				5,119,886
Pooled separate accounts (a)				<u>112,571</u>
<b>Total investments at fair value</b>				<b><u>\$ 26,938,978</u></b>

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#### Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023</b>			
	<b>Level I</b>	<b>Level II</b>	<b>Level III</b>	<b>Total</b>
Mutual funds	\$ 15,950,164	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,950,164
Fixed rate annuities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>278,191</u>	<u>278,191</u>
<b>Total assets in the fair value hierarchy</b>	<b><u>\$ 15,950,164</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 278,191</u></b>	<b>16,228,355</b>
Investments measured at NAV practical expedient:				
Variable rate annuities (a)				4,637,779
Pooled separate accounts (a)				<u>204,416</u>
<b>Total investments at fair value</b>				<b><u>\$ 21,070,550</u></b>

(a) In accordance with ASC Subtopic 820-10, "Fair Value Measurements," certain investments that are measured at fair value using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified within the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in these tables are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy amounts to amounts presented in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

The following table summarizes purchases and transfers of investments measured at fair value for which the Plan has used Level III inputs to determine fair value:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Purchases	\$ 91,582	\$ 35,918
Transfers into Level III	-	-
Transfers out of Level III	-	-

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#### Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

##### Quantitative Information about Significant Unobservable Inputs Used in Level III Fair Value Measurements

The following table as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 represents the Plan's Level III financial instruments, the valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of those financial instruments, and the significant unobservable inputs.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fair Value</u> <u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>Fair Value</u> <u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Valuation</u> <u>Techniques</u>	<u>Unobservable</u> <u>Inputs</u>
TIAA Traditional Annuity	\$ 318,867	\$ 278,191	Discounted cash flows  Theoretical transfer (exit value)	Risk-adjusted discount rate applied

#### Note 5 - Fair Value of Investments in Entities that Use NAV Practical Expedient

The following table summarizes the investments measured at fair value based on net asset value (NAV) per share as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

<u>Investments</u>	<u>Fair Value*</u> <u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>Fair Value*</u> <u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>Unfunded</u> <u>Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption</u> <u>Frequency</u>	<u>Redemption</u> <u>Notice</u> <u>Period</u>
Variable rate annuities (a)	\$ 5,122,760	\$ 3,875,064	\$ -	daily	one day
Pooled separate accounts (a)	<u>112,571</u>	<u>204,416</u>	<u>-</u>	quarterly	one day
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ <u>5,235,331</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>4,079,480</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>-</u></b>		

\* The fair values of the investments have been estimated using the net asset value of the investment.

(a) See Note 4 for the description of the variable rate annuities and pooled separate accounts.

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#### **Note 6 - Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts**

Following is a description of the investments and valuation methodologies for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts:

##### ***TIAA Traditional Annuity Contracts***

Group Supplemental Retirement Annuities (“GSRA”) are also traditional annuity contracts as discussed in Note 4. However, GSRA contracts do not have liquidity restrictions and are therefore fully benefit-responsive contracts reported at contract value. When a participant’s accumulation in the TIAA Traditional Annuity is converted to a lifetime payout annuity, the present value of the stream of payments is equal to the accumulated balance, and the entire amount is recorded as a distribution in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits. The crediting interest rate as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 for the GSRA contracts was 4.50% and 5.75%, respectively.

There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise. The crediting interest rate (disclosed in Note 4) is based on a formula agreed upon with the issuer. Such interest rates are periodically reviewed for resetting.

The Plan’s ability to receive amounts due is dependent on the issuer’s ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer’s ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include the following: (1) amendments to the Plan document (including complete or partial Plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan’s prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the Plan sponsor or other Plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. The Plan administrator does not believe that any events which would have limited the Plan’s ability to transact at contract value with participants have occurred.

The guaranteed investment contract does not permit the insurance company to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

##### ***TIAA Stable Value***

TIAA Stable Value is a guaranteed group annuity contract that provides a minimum rate of interest with the potential for crediting of additional interest above the guaranteed minimum if approved by the TIAA Board of Trustees. There are no withdrawal restrictions on TIAA Stable Value. To minimize the negative effects of frequent trading, transfers into TIAA Stable Value may not be made for 30 days following a transfer out. Certain restrictions may delay transfers from TIAA Stable Value to certain other Plan investment options. TIAA Stable Value is a fully benefit-responsive contract. The crediting interest rate was 2.85% and 2.82% as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

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#### Note 6 - Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts (Continued)

Below are the contract values of the Plan's fully benefit-responsive investment contract at December 31:

	2024	2023
<b>Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts at contract value:</b>		
TIAA Traditional (GSRA and Stable value fixed rate annuities)	\$ 960,299	\$ 989,021

#### Note 7 - Related-Party Transactions and Party-In-Interest Transactions

Plan investments include investment contracts, mutual funds and a pooled separate account managed by TIAA and CREF and TIAA as agent for TIAA Trust, N.A., the custodians of the Plan. Therefore, transactions pertaining to these investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions. During the Plan year ended December 31, 2024, \$54,484 of administrative expenses were incurred by the Plan to TIAA. The Plan also received revenue credits from TIAA in the amount of \$8,975, which is to be used for Plan expenses. In addition, notes receivable from participants also qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions, as defined by ERISA.

#### Note 8 - Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Employer has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, any unallocated assets of the Plan shall be allocated to participant accounts and distributed in such a manner as the Plan sponsor may determine.

#### Note 9 - Tax Status

The Plan has adopted the TIAA Volume Submitter 403(b) Plan Document that received an IRS opinion letter dated August 7, 2017 which stated that the Plan is acceptable under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code for use by eligible Employers for the benefit of their employees. The Plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of Section 403(b) of the Code and, therefore, believes the Plan is qualified and related accounts are tax exempt.

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 tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

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#### ***Note 10 - Risk and Uncertainties***

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Market risks include global events such as an international conflict, which could impact the value of investment 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 that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

***Supplemental Schedule***

**CERES - 403(b) DC PLAN**

(EIN: 22-3053747 - Plan Number: 001)

**Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)**

December 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost **	(e) Current Value
*	TIAA Traditional Benefit-Responsive	Fixed Rate Annuities		\$ 664,970
*	TIAA Stable Value - Benefit -Responsive	Fixed Rate Annuities		295,329
*	TIAA Traditional Non Benefit-Responsive	Fixed Rate Annuities		235,010
*	TIAA Traditional Non Benefit-Responsive 2	Fixed Rate Annuities		83,857
*	TIAA Real Estate	Pooled Separate Account		112,571
*	CREF Social Choice	Variable Rate Annuities		1,357,889
*	CREF Growth	Variable Rate Annuities		828,329
*	CREF Stock	Variable Rate Annuities		720,420
*	CREF Equity Index	Variable Rate Annuities		616,662
*	CREF Money Market	Variable Rate Annuities		387,283
*	TIAA Access Nuv LgCp Res Eq T4	Variable Rate Annuities		358,215
*	CREF Global Equities	Variable Rate Annuities		236,046
*	TIAA Access Nuv Lrg Cap Gr T4	Variable Rate Annuities		98,481
*	CREF Inflation-Linked Bond	Variable Rate Annuities		80,596
*	TIAA Access Nuv Core Equity T4	Variable Rate Annuities		78,143
*	TIAA Access Nuv Intl Equity T4	Variable Rate Annuities		64,757
*	TIAA Access Nuv LifCyc 2040 T4	Variable Rate Annuities		58,070
*	TIAA Access Nuv LifCyc 2050 T4	Variable Rate Annuities		55,349
*	TIAA Access Nuv LifCyc 2025 T4	Variable Rate Annuities		38,444
*	TIAA Access Nuv LifCyc 2035 T4	Variable Rate Annuities		32,073
*	TIAA Access Nuv Mid Cap Grw T4	Variable Rate Annuities		21,604
*	TIAA Access Nuv Mid Cap Val T4	Variable Rate Annuities		18,790
*	TIAA Access Nuv Qt Sm Cp Eq T4	Variable Rate Annuities		15,314
*	TIAA Access Nuv Sm Cp Bl lx T4	Variable Rate Annuities		13,519
*	TIAA Access Nuv RIEstSecSel T4	Variable Rate Annuities		13,403
*	TIAA Access Nuv Lrg Cap Val T4	Variable Rate Annuities		12,656
*	TIAA Access Nuv LifCyc 2045 T4	Variable Rate Annuities		8,839
*	TIAA Access Nuv LifCyc 2055 T4	Variable Rate Annuities		2,874
*	TIAA Access Nuv Equity Idx T4	Variable Rate Annuities		2,518
*	TIAA Access Nuv Core Pl Bd T4	Variable Rate Annuities		1,390
*	TIAA Access Nuv LifCyc 2020 T4	Variable Rate Annuities		587
*	TIAA Access Nuv LifCyc 2015 T4	Variable Rate Annuities		509
	Vanguard 500 Idx Adm	Mutual Fund		2,753,705
*	Nuveen Lifecycle 2045 R6	Mutual Fund		2,102,150
*	Nuveen Large Cap Resp Eq R6	Mutual Fund		1,575,716
*	Nuveen Lifecycle 2055 R6	Mutual Fund		1,518,702
	Vanguard FTSE Social Index Adm	Mutual Fund		1,384,714
*	Nuveen Lifecycle 2025 R6	Mutual Fund		1,267,210
*	Nuveen Lifecycle 2040 R6	Mutual Fund		1,221,101
*	Nuveen Lifecycle 2030 R6	Mutual Fund		1,189,073
*	Nuveen Lifecycle 2060 R6	Mutual Fund		1,156,065
*	Nuveen Lifecycle 2050 R6	Mutual Fund		1,150,306
	Vanguard Small-Cap Idx Adm	Mutual Fund		1,109,283
*	Nuveen Lifecycle 2035 R6	Mutual Fund		1,082,830
	TRowePrice All-Cap Opport Inv	Mutual Fund		449,516
	TRP Intl Disciplnd Eq Inv Shrs	Mutual Fund		425,249
	DFA Intl Small Company I	Mutual Fund		365,277
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	Allspring Spec MidCap Val Inst	Mutual Fund		226,589
	Dodge & Cox Income Fund I	Mutual Fund		208,947
	Goldman Sachs Abs Return Trk A	Mutual Fund		195,634
	Natixis Target Retire 2060 N	Mutual Fund		179,141
	MassMutual Mid Cap Growth R5	Mutual Fund		147,319
*	Nuveen Lifecycle 2065 R6	Mutual Fund		131,089
	Cohen & Steers Realty Shares	Mutual Fund		123,052
	Parnassus Mid Cap	Mutual Fund		117,653
	Natixis Target Retire 2055 N	Mutual Fund		117,376
*	CREF Core Bond R1	Mutual Fund		114,675
*	Nuveen Lifecycle 2020 R6	Mutual Fund		87,286
	Natixis Target Retire 2045 N	Mutual Fund		18,352
	Natixis Target Retire 2050 N	Mutual Fund		6,995
*	Nuveen Lifecycle Ret Inc R6	Mutual Fund		5,367
*	Nuveen Lifecycle 2010 R6	Mutual Fund		4,390
	Natixis Target Retire 2025 N	Mutual Fund		2,914
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	Natixis Target Retire 2040 N	Mutual Fund		660
*	Participant Loans	Loans (Interest Rates 4.25% - 9.50%)	-0-	103,217
	Total investments			<b>\$ 28,002,494</b>

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