

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: STERLING INSURANCE CONCEPTS, INC. DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 002
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/2014
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): STERLING INSURANCE CONCEPTS, INC.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 60-0000335
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 732-901-3236
2d Business code (see instructions): 524290

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  <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>																						
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, 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																						
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<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.....	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:10%;"></td> <td style="width:90%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>6a(1)</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>6a(2)</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>6b</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>6c</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>6d</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;">6</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>6e</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>6f</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;">6</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>6g(1)</b></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>6g(2)</b></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>6h</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> </table>			<b>6a(1)</b>	1	<b>6a(2)</b>	1	<b>6b</b>	0	<b>6c</b>	5	<b>6d</b>	6	<b>6e</b>	0	<b>6f</b>	6	<b>6g(1)</b>		<b>6g(2)</b>		<b>6h</b>	0
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**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
 1A 1C 3B 3D 1I

**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) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor
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**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> (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DCG</b> (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____ (5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MEP</b> (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	<b>b General Schedules</b> (1) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information) (2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) – Number Attached _____ (4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information) (5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules)
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**Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)**

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

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

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

**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 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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<b>SCHEDULE SB</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>Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan</b> <b>Actuarial Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**  
 ▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>STERLING INSURANCE CONCEPTS, INC. DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>STERLING INSURANCE CONCEPTS, INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>60-0000335</u>	
<b>E</b> Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	<b>F</b> Prior year plan size: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

<b>Part I Basic Information</b>			
<b>1</b> Enter the valuation date:	Month <u>01</u>	Day <u>01</u>	Year <u>2024</u>
<b>2</b> Assets:			
<b>a</b> Market value .....	<b>2a</b>	<u>1420306</u>	
<b>b</b> Actuarial value .....	<b>2b</b>	<u>1420306</u>	
<b>3</b> Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
<b>a</b> For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment .....	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>b</b> For terminated vested participants .....	<u>5</u>	<u>86848</u>	<u>86848</u>
<b>c</b> For active participants .....	<u>1</u>	<u>1221647</u>	<u>1221647</u>
<b>d</b> Total .....	<u>6</u>	<u>1308495</u>	<u>1308495</u>
<b>4</b> If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>a</b> Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions .....	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b> Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor .....	<b>4b</b>		
<b>5</b> Effective interest rate .....	<b>5</b>	<u>5.35 %</u>	
<b>6</b> Target normal cost			
<b>a</b> Present value of current plan year accruals .....	<b>6a</b>	<u>0</u>	
<b>b</b> Expected plan-related expenses .....	<b>6b</b>	<u>0</u>	
<b>c</b> Target normal cost .....	<b>6c</b>	<u>0</u>	

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

<b>SIGN HERE</b>  Signature of actuary  <u>BRIAN D. ZANGE, EA, MSEA, MAAA</u> Type or print name of actuary  <u>INTAC ACTUARIAL SERVICES, INC.</u> Firm name  <u>PO BOX 55970</u> <u>BOSTON, MA 02205</u>  Address of the firm	<u>09/19/2025</u> Date  <u>23-06685</u> Most recent enrollment number  <u>201-447-2525</u> Telephone number (including area code)
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If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

<b>Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances</b>		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
<b>7</b>	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year) .....	0	109331
<b>8</b>	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year) .....	0	0
<b>9</b>	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8) .....	0	109331
<b>10</b>	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>3.40</u> % .....	0	3717
<b>11</b>	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	<b>a</b> Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year) .....		0
	<b>b(1)</b> Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.10</u> % .....		0
	<b>b(2)</b> Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return .....		0
	<b>c</b> Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance .....		0
	<b>d</b> Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance .....		0
<b>12</b>	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections .....	0	1238
<b>13</b>	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12) .....	0	111810

<b>Part III Funding Percentages</b>			
<b>14</b>	Funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>14</b>	100.00 %
<b>15</b>	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>15</b>	108.54 %
<b>16</b>	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement .....	<b>16</b>	121.80 %
<b>17</b>	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage .....	<b>17</b>	%

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

<b>19</b>	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:	
	<b>a</b> Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years .....	<b>19a</b> 0
	<b>b</b> Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date .....	<b>19b</b> 0
	<b>c</b> Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date .....	<b>19c</b> 0
<b>20</b>	Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:	
	<b>a</b> Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	<b>b</b> If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<b>c</b> If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:	
Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year		
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd
(4) 4th		

<b>Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost</b>			
<b>21</b> Discount rate:			
<b>a</b> Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 4.96 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
<b>b</b> Applicable month (enter code) .....			<b>21b</b> 0
<b>22</b> Weighted average retirement age .....			<b>22</b> 66
<b>23</b> Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined	<input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute

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

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

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

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

<b>SCHEDULE I</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—Small Plan</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>STERLING INSURANCE CONCEPTS, INC. DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>002</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>STERLING INSURANCE CONCEPTS, INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>60-0000335</b>
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Complete Schedule I if the plan covered fewer than 100 participants as of the beginning of the plan year. You may also complete Schedule I if you are filing as a small plan under the 80-120 participant rule (see instructions). Complete Schedule H if reporting as a large plan or DFE.

**Part I Small Plan Financial Information**

Report below the current value of assets and liabilities, income, expenses, transfers and changes in net assets during the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Do not enter the value of the portion of an insurance contract that guarantees during this plan year to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. 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.**

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>1 Plan Assets and Liabilities:</b>			
<b>a</b> Total plan assets .....	<b>1a</b>	1420306	1460830
<b>b</b> Total plan liabilities .....	<b>1b</b>	0	0
<b>c</b> Net plan assets (subtract line 1b from line 1a) .....	<b>1c</b>	1420306	1460830
<b>2 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year:</b>			
		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a</b> Contributions received or receivable:			
(1) Employers .....	<b>2a(1)</b>	0	
(2) Participants .....	<b>2a(2)</b>	0	
(3) Others (including rollovers) .....	<b>2a(3)</b>	0	
<b>b</b> Noncash contributions .....	<b>2b</b>	0	
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>	40524	
<b>d</b> Total income (add lines 2a(1), 2a(2), 2a(3), 2b, and 2c) .....	<b>2d</b>		40524
<b>e</b> Benefits paid (including direct rollovers) .....	<b>2e</b>	0	
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	<b>2f</b>	0	
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	<b>2g</b>	0	
<b>h</b> Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, and commissions) .....	<b>2h</b>	0	
<b>i</b> Other expenses .....	<b>2i</b>	0	
<b>j</b> Total expenses (add lines 2e, 2f, 2g, 2h, and 2i) .....	<b>2j</b>		0
<b>k</b> Net income (loss) (subtract line 2j from line 2d) .....	<b>2k</b>		40524
<b>l</b> Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions) .....	<b>2l</b>		0

**3 Specific Assets:** If the plan held assets at any time during the plan year in any of the following categories, check "Yes" and enter the current value of any assets remaining in the plan as of the end of the plan year. Allocate the value of the plan's interest in a commingled trust containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the trust meets one of the specific exceptions described in the instructions.

		Yes	No	Amount
<b>a</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>3a</b>		X	
<b>b</b> Employer real property .....	<b>3b</b>		X	
<b>c</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>3c</b>	X		865601
<b>d</b> Employer securities .....	<b>3d</b>		X	
<b>e</b> Participant loans .....	<b>3e</b>		X	
<b>f</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>3f</b>		X	
<b>g</b> Tangible personal property .....	<b>3g</b>		X	

<b>Part II</b>	<b>Compliance Questions</b>
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		Yes	No	Amount
<b>4</b> During the plan year:				
<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.) .....	<b>4a</b>		X	
<b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by the participant's account balance. ....	<b>4b</b>		X	
<b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? .....	<b>4c</b>		X	
<b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a.) .....	<b>4d</b>		X	
<b>e</b> Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond? .....	<b>4e</b>	X		400000
<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? .....	<b>4f</b>		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? .....	<b>4g</b>		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? .....	<b>4h</b>		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan at any time hold 20% or more of its assets in any single security, debt, mortgage, parcel of real estate, or partnership/joint venture interest? .....	<b>4i</b>	X		865601
<b>j</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? .....	<b>4j</b>		X	
<b>k</b> Are you claiming a waiver of the annual examination and report of an independent qualified public accountant (IQPA) under 29 CFR 2520.104-46? If "No," attach an IQPA's report or 2520.104-50 statement. (See instructions on waiver eligibility and conditions.) .....	<b>4k</b>	X		
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? .....	<b>4l</b>		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) .....	<b>4m</b>			
<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 .....	<b>4n</b>			

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

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

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

**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 547229.

<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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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>STERLING INSURANCE CONCEPTS, INC. DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>STERLING INSURANCE CONCEPTS, INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>60-0000335</u>	

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

**1** Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions..... 

1		0
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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): \_\_\_\_\_

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

**3** Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year..... 

3		0
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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**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 02 / 28 / 2023 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q705199A.

**Sterling Insurance Concepts, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan**

Shortfall Amortization  
 Plan Year: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024  
 Valuation Date: 1/1/2024

If the plan has a funded status below 100%, the plan may require additional payments in the form of shortfall amortization payments. A plan's amortization payments are calculated to pay down the plan's underfunding over a fifteen year period.

<u>Valuation Date</u>	<u>Amortization Method</u>	<u>Number of Future Installments</u>	<u>Installment</u>	<u>Value of Future Installments</u>
Total			\$0	\$0
Shortfall Amortization Charge (sum of installments, no less than zero):			\$0	

**Sterling Insurance Concepts, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan**

Summary of Actuarial Assumptions and Method

Plan Year: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024

Valuation Date: 1/1/2024

	<b>For Funding</b>		<b>For 417(e)</b>	<b>For Actuarial Equiv.</b>
	<b>Min</b>	<b>Max</b>		
<b>Interest Rates</b>	Seg 1: 4.75%	4.37%	Seg 1: 5.00%	Pre-Retirement: 5.00%
	Seg 2: 4.96%	4.96%	Seg 2: 5.00%	Post-Retirement: 5.00%
	Seg 3: 5.59%	4.95%	Seg 3: 5.00%	
<b>Applicable Date</b>	01/2024	01/2024	N/A	
<b>Pre-Retirement</b>				
<b>Turnover</b>	None		None	None
<b>Mortality</b>	None		None	None
<b>Assumed Ret Age</b>	Normal retirement age 65 and 5 years of participation		Normal retirement age 65 and 5 years of participation	Normal retirement age 65 and 5 years of participation
<b>Post-Retirement</b>				
<b>Mortality</b>	Male-2024 Small Plan Static Table – Combined Male Female-2024 Small Plan Static Table – Combined Female		2019 Applicable Mortality Table from Notice 2018-02	2019 Applicable Mortality Table from Notice 2018-02
<b>Assumed Benefit Form For Funding</b>			100% Lump Sum / 0% Normal Form	
<b>Assumed Spouse's Age</b>	Spouse assumed to be the same age as participant		Spouse assumed to be the same age as participant	
	Participant is assumed to be married to current spouse at retirement if spouse's date of birth is known		Participant is assumed to be married to current spouse at retirement if spouse's date of birth is known	
<b>Calculated Effective Interest Rate</b>			5.35%	
<b>Cash Balance Projected Interest Crediting Rate</b>			5.00% annual rate	
<b>Cash Balance Post-Retirement Conversion Assumptions</b>			5.00% interest 2019 Applicable Mortality Table from Notice 2018-02	
<b>Actuarial Cost Method</b>			The Unit Credit funding method was used as prescribed by the Pension Protection Act. This method sets the funding target equal to the present value of accrued benefits, and sets the normal cost equal to the present value of the benefit accrued in the current year.	

An actuarial value of assets is used for funding purposes. This year the actuarial value of assets is 100.0% of the market value of assets.

## **Sterling Insurance Concepts, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan**

Summary of Plan Provisions  
Plan Year: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024  
Valuation Date: 1/1/2024

<b>Plan Effective Date</b>	January 1, 2014
<b>Plan Year</b>	From January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024
<b>Eligibility</b>	<p>All employees not excluded by class are eligible to enter on the January 1 or July 1 coincident with or following the completion of the following requirements:</p> <p>1 year of service Minimum age 21</p>
<b>Normal Retirement Age</b>	<p>All participants are eligible to retire with their full retirement benefit on the later of the following:</p> <p>Attainment of age 65 Completion of 5 years of participation from entry date</p>
<b>Cash Balance Contribution Credit</b>	<p>The plan provides the following cash balance contribution credits to participants based on their group classification:</p> <p>Group 1: Owner The lesser of 100% of compensation or \$220,000</p> <p>Group 2: Staff 5% of compensation</p> <p>The maximum monthly benefit is the lesser of \$22,916.66 and 100% of the highest 3-year average salary, subject to service requirements.</p> <p>Salary based contribution credits are applied to current compensation.</p>
<b>Normal Form of Benefit</b>	A benefit payable for the life of the participant
<b>Optional Forms of Benefit</b>	<p>The following forms of benefit payment are also available:</p> <p>Life Only - Payable for the life of the participant.</p> <p>Life With 5 Years Certain - Payable for the life of the participant. If the participant dies before receiving payments for 5 full years, payments will continue to his/her surviving beneficiary for the remainder of the 5-year period and then stop.</p> <p>Life With 10 Years Certain - Payable for the life of the participant. If the participant dies before receiving payments for 10 full years, payments will continue to his/her surviving beneficiary for the remainder of the 10-year period and then stop.</p> <p>Joint and 100% Survivor - Payable for the life of the participant and his/her beneficiary. Payments cease on the death of both.</p> <p>Joint and 75% Survivor - Payable for the life of the participant.</p>

## **Sterling Insurance Concepts, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan**

Summary of Plan Provisions  
Plan Year: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024  
Valuation Date: 1/1/2024

If the participant dies before his/her beneficiary, 75% of the benefit will continue for the life of the beneficiary.

Joint and 50% Survivor - Payable for the life of the participant. If the participant dies before his/her beneficiary, 50% of the benefit will continue for the life of the beneficiary.

Single Lump Sum - This is a one-time payment of the lump sum equivalent of the plan's normal form of benefit.

### **Accrued Benefit**

The normal retirement benefit described above calculated based on salary and/or service on the calculation date, and payable on the normal retirement date.

Credited years are plan years from the first day of the plan year containing date of entry excluding the following:

Years with less than 1,000 hours

### **Termination Benefit**

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

<u>Credited Years</u>	<u>Vested Percent</u>
1	0
2	0
3	100

Credited years are plan years from date of hire excluding the following:

Years before the effective date  
Years before age 18  
Years with less than 1,000 hours

### **Top-Heavy Minimum Benefit**

Top-heavy minimum benefits are provided under another plan of the employer

### **Top-Heavy Status**

A plan is top-heavy if over 60% of the value of all accrued benefits in all of the employer's plans are for the benefit of key employees. A key employee is generally an officer or owner of the company. This plan is currently top-heavy.

### **Death Benefit**

Actuarial Equivalent of the accrued benefit earned to date of death

### **Cash Balance**

The annual Interest Crediting Rate for this plan year is 5.00%

**Sterling Insurance Concepts, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan**

Schedule of Active Participant Data

Plan Year: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024

Valuation Date: 1/1/2024

Svc/ Age	<1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	Total
<25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25-29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30-34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35-39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40-44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45-49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50-54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55-59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60-64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65-69	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
70+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

\* Employees who have not met the minimum eligibility requirements are excluded

Average Age: 66.0

Average Service: 10

**Sterling Insurance Concepts, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan**

Weighted Average Retirement Age

Plan Year: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024

Valuation Date: 1/1/2024

Assumed Retirement Age - 100% of the participants are assumed to retire at the date the plan's normal retirement age is attained, which is defined as:

The later of:

Attainment of age 65

Completion of 5 years of participation from entry date

Participants who have passed their Normal Retirement Date as defined above are assumed to retire on the valuation date.

Weighted average retirement age 66

**Sterling Insurance Concepts, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan**

Shortfall Amortization  
 Plan Year: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024  
 Valuation Date: 1/1/2024

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<u>Valuation Date</u>	<u>Amortization Method</u>	<u>Number of Future Installments</u>	<u>Installment</u>	<u>Value of Future Installments</u>
Total			\$0	\$0
Shortfall Amortization Charge (sum of installments, no less than zero):			\$0	

**Sterling Insurance Concepts, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan**

Summary of Actuarial Assumptions and Method

Plan Year: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024

Valuation Date: 1/1/2024

	<b>For Funding</b>		<b>For 417(e)</b>	<b>For Actuarial Equiv.</b>
	<b>Min</b>	<b>Max</b>		
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	Seg 2: 4.96%	4.96%	Seg 2: 5.00%	Post-Retirement: 5.00%
	Seg 3: 5.59%	4.95%	Seg 3: 5.00%	
<b>Applicable Date</b>	01/2024	01/2024	N/A	
<b>Pre-Retirement</b>				
<b>Turnover</b>	None		None	None
<b>Mortality</b>	None		None	None
<b>Assumed Ret Age</b>	Normal retirement age 65 and 5 years of participation		Normal retirement age 65 and 5 years of participation	Normal retirement age 65 and 5 years of participation
<b>Post-Retirement</b>				
<b>Mortality</b>	Male-2024 Small Plan Static Table – Combined Male Female-2024 Small Plan Static Table – Combined Female		2019 Applicable Mortality Table from Notice 2018-02	2019 Applicable Mortality Table from Notice 2018-02
<b>Assumed Benefit Form For Funding</b>			100% Lump Sum / 0% Normal Form	
<b>Assumed Spouse's Age</b>	Spouse assumed to be the same age as participant		Spouse assumed to be the same age as participant	
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<b>Calculated Effective Interest Rate</b>			5.35%	
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<b>Actuarial Cost Method</b>			The Unit Credit funding method was used as prescribed by the Pension Protection Act. This method sets the funding target equal to the present value of accrued benefits, and sets the normal cost equal to the present value of the benefit accrued in the current year.	

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## **Sterling Insurance Concepts, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan**

Summary of Plan Provisions  
Plan Year: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024  
Valuation Date: 1/1/2024

<b>Plan Effective Date</b>	January 1, 2014
<b>Plan Year</b>	From January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024
<b>Eligibility</b>	<p>All employees not excluded by class are eligible to enter on the January 1 or July 1 coincident with or following the completion of the following requirements:</p> <p>1 year of service Minimum age 21</p>
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If the participant dies before his/her beneficiary, 75% of the benefit will continue for the life of the beneficiary.

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Single Lump Sum - This is a one-time payment of the lump sum equivalent of the plan's normal form of benefit.

### **Accrued Benefit**

The normal retirement benefit described above calculated based on salary and/or service on the calculation date, and payable on the normal retirement date.

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### **Termination Benefit**

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

<u>Credited Years</u>	<u>Vested Percent</u>
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### **Top-Heavy Minimum Benefit**

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A plan is top-heavy if over 60% of the value of all accrued benefits in all of the employer's plans are for the benefit of key employees. A key employee is generally an officer or owner of the company. This plan is currently top-heavy.

### **Death Benefit**

Actuarial Equivalent of the accrued benefit earned to date of death

### **Cash Balance**

The annual Interest Crediting Rate for this plan year is 5.00%

**Sterling Insurance Concepts, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan**

Schedule of Active Participant Data

Plan Year: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024

Valuation Date: 1/1/2024

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30-34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35-39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40-44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45-49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50-54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55-59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60-64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65-69	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
70+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

\* Employees who have not met the minimum eligibility requirements are excluded

Average Age: 66.0

Average Service: 10

**Sterling Insurance Concepts, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan**

Weighted Average Retirement Age

Plan Year: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024

Valuation Date: 1/1/2024

Assumed Retirement Age - 100% of the participants are assumed to retire at the date the plan's normal retirement age is attained, which is defined as:

The later of:

Attainment of age 65

Completion of 5 years of participation from entry date

Participants who have passed their Normal Retirement Date as defined above are assumed to retire on the valuation date.

Weighted average retirement age 66

<b>SCHEDULE SB</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>Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan</b> <b>Actuarial Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.</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

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

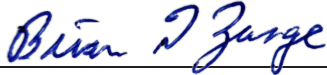
▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

<b>A</b> Name of plan Sterling Insurance Concepts, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF Sterling Insurance Concepts, Inc.	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) 60-0000335	
<b>E</b> Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	<b>F</b> Prior year plan size: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Basic Information</b>		
<b>1</b>	Enter the valuation date: Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2024</u>		
<b>2</b>	Assets:		
	<b>a</b> Market value .....	<b>2a</b>	1420306
	<b>b</b> Actuarial value .....	<b>2b</b>	1420306
<b>3</b>	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target
	<b>a</b> For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment .....	0	0
	<b>b</b> For terminated vested participants .....	5	86848
	<b>c</b> For active participants .....	1	1221647
	<b>d</b> Total .....	6	1308495
<b>4</b>	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... <input type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>a</b> Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions .....	<b>4a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor .....	<b>4b</b>	
<b>5</b>	Effective interest rate .....	<b>5</b>	5.35 %
<b>6</b>	Target normal cost		
	<b>a</b> Present value of current plan year accruals .....	<b>6a</b>	0
	<b>b</b> Expected plan-related expenses .....	<b>6b</b>	0
	<b>c</b> Target normal cost .....	<b>6c</b>	0

**Statement by Enrolled Actuary**

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

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	 Signature of actuary Brian D. Zange, EA, MSEA, MAAA Type or print name of actuary Intac Actuarial Services, Inc. Firm name PO Box 55970 Boston, MA 02205 Address of the firm	9/19/2025 Date 23-06685 Most recent enrollment number (201) 447-2525 Telephone number (including area code)
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If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

<b>Part II</b>	<b>Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances</b>	
	(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
<b>7</b> Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year) .....	0	109331
<b>8</b> Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year) .....	0	0
<b>9</b> Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8) .....	0	109331
<b>10</b> Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>3.40</u> % .....	0	3717
<b>11</b> Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
<b>a</b> Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year) .....		0
<b>b(1)</b> Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.10</u> % .....		0
<b>b(2)</b> Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return .....		0
<b>c</b> Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance .....		0
<b>d</b> Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance .....		0
<b>12</b> Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections .....	0	1238
<b>13</b> Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12) .....	0	111810

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Funding Percentages</b>	
<b>14</b> Funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>14</b>	100.00 %
<b>15</b> Adjusted funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>15</b>	108.54 %
<b>16</b> Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement .....	<b>16</b>	121.80 %
<b>17</b> If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage .....	<b>17</b>	%

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

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

<b>a</b> Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years .....	<b>19a</b>	0
<b>b</b> Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date .....	<b>19b</b>	0
<b>c</b> Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date .....	<b>19c</b>	0

**20** Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

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

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

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

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

<b>Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost</b>			
<b>21</b> Discount rate:			
<b>a</b> Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 4.96 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
<b>b</b> Applicable month (enter code) .....			<b>21b</b> 0
<b>22</b> Weighted average retirement age .....			<b>22</b> 66
<b>23</b> Mortality table(s) (see instructions) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined <input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute			

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

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

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

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

**Sterling Insurance Concepts, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan**

Shortfall Amortization  
Plan Year: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024  
Valuation Date: 1/1/2024

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<u>Valuation Date</u>	<u>Amortization Method</u>	<u>Number of Future Installments</u>	<u>Installment</u>	<u>Value of Future Installments</u>
Total			\$0	\$0
Shortfall Amortization Charge (sum of installments, no less than zero):			\$0	

**Sterling Insurance Concepts, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan**

Summary of Actuarial Assumptions and Method

Plan Year: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024

Valuation Date: 1/1/2024

	<b>For Funding</b>		<b>For 417(e)</b>	<b>For Actuarial Equiv.</b>	
	<b>Min</b>	<b>Max</b>			
<b>Interest Rates</b>	Seg 1:	4.75%	4.37%	Seg 1: 5.00%	Pre-Retirement: 5.00%
	Seg 2:	4.96%	4.96%	Seg 2: 5.00%	Post-Retirement: 5.00%
	Seg 3:	5.59%	4.95%	Seg 3: 5.00%	
<b>Applicable Date</b>	01/2024	01/2024		N/A	
<b>Pre-Retirement</b>					
<b>Turnover</b>	None		None	None	None
<b>Mortality</b>	None		None	None	None
<b>Assumed Ret Age</b>	Normal retirement age 65 and 5 years of participation		Normal retirement age 65 and 5 years of participation	Normal retirement age 65 and 5 years of participation	Normal retirement age 65 and 5 years of participation
<b>Post-Retirement</b>					
<b>Mortality</b>	Male-2024 Small Plan Static Table – Combined Male Female-2024 Small Plan Static Table – Combined Female		2019 Applicable Mortality Table from Notice 2018-02	2019 Applicable Mortality Table from Notice 2018-02	
<b>Assumed Benefit Form For Funding</b>			100% Lump Sum / 0% Normal Form		
<b>Assumed Spouse's Age</b>	Spouse assumed to be the same age as participant			Spouse assumed to be the same age as participant	
	Participant is assumed to be married to current spouse at retirement if spouse's date of birth is known			Participant is assumed to be married to current spouse at retirement if spouse's date of birth is known	
<b>Calculated Effective Interest Rate</b>			5.35%		
<b>Cash Balance Projected Interest Crediting Rate</b>			5.00% annual rate		
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### **Death Benefit**

Actuarial Equivalent of the accrued benefit earned to date of death

### **Cash Balance**

The annual Interest Crediting Rate for this plan year is 5.00%

**Sterling Insurance Concepts, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan**

Schedule of Active Participant Data

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Valuation Date: 1/1/2024

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35-39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40-44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45-49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50-54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55-59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60-64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65-69	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
70+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

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Average Service: 10

**Sterling Insurance Concepts, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan**

Weighted Average Retirement Age

Plan Year: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024

Valuation Date: 1/1/2024

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The later of:

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Completion of 5 years of participation from entry date

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Weighted average retirement age 66

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Total			\$0	\$0
Shortfall Amortization Charge (sum of installments, no less than zero):			\$0	

**Sterling Insurance Concepts, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan**

Summary of Actuarial Assumptions and Method

Plan Year: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024

Valuation Date: 1/1/2024

	<b>For Funding</b>		<b>For 417(e)</b>	<b>For Actuarial Equiv.</b>
	<b>Min</b>	<b>Max</b>		
<b>Interest Rates</b>	Seg 1: 4.75%	4.37%	Seg 1: 5.00%	Pre-Retirement: 5.00%
	Seg 2: 4.96%	4.96%	Seg 2: 5.00%	Post-Retirement: 5.00%
	Seg 3: 5.59%	4.95%	Seg 3: 5.00%	
<b>Applicable Date</b>	01/2024	01/2024	N/A	
<b>Pre-Retirement</b>				
<b>Turnover</b>	None		None	None
<b>Mortality</b>	None		None	None
<b>Assumed Ret Age</b>	Normal retirement age 65 and 5 years of participation		Normal retirement age 65 and 5 years of participation	Normal retirement age 65 and 5 years of participation
<b>Post-Retirement</b>				
<b>Mortality</b>	Male-2024 Small Plan Static Table – Combined Male Female-2024 Small Plan Static Table – Combined Female		2019 Applicable Mortality Table from Notice 2018-02	2019 Applicable Mortality Table from Notice 2018-02
<b>Assumed Benefit Form For Funding</b>			100% Lump Sum / 0% Normal Form	
<b>Assumed Spouse's Age</b>	Spouse assumed to be the same age as participant		Spouse assumed to be the same age as participant	
	Participant is assumed to be married to current spouse at retirement if spouse's date of birth is known		Participant is assumed to be married to current spouse at retirement if spouse's date of birth is known	
<b>Calculated Effective Interest Rate</b>			5.35%	
<b>Cash Balance Projected Interest Crediting Rate</b>			5.00% annual rate	
<b>Cash Balance Post-Retirement Conversion Assumptions</b>			5.00% interest 2019 Applicable Mortality Table from Notice 2018-02	
<b>Actuarial Cost Method</b>			The Unit Credit funding method was used as prescribed by the Pension Protection Act. This method sets the funding target equal to the present value of accrued benefits, and sets the normal cost equal to the present value of the benefit accrued in the current year.	

An actuarial value of assets is used for funding purposes. This year the actuarial value of assets is 100.0% of the market value of assets.

## **Sterling Insurance Concepts, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan**

Summary of Plan Provisions  
Plan Year: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024  
Valuation Date: 1/1/2024

<b>Plan Effective Date</b>	January 1, 2014
<b>Plan Year</b>	From January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024
<b>Eligibility</b>	<p>All employees not excluded by class are eligible to enter on the January 1 or July 1 coincident with or following the completion of the following requirements:</p> <p>1 year of service Minimum age 21</p>
<b>Normal Retirement Age</b>	<p>All participants are eligible to retire with their full retirement benefit on the later of the following:</p> <p>Attainment of age 65 Completion of 5 years of participation from entry date</p>
<b>Cash Balance Contribution Credit</b>	<p>The plan provides the following cash balance contribution credits to participants based on their group classification:</p> <p>Group 1: Owner The lesser of 100% of compensation or \$220,000</p> <p>Group 2: Staff 5% of compensation</p> <p>The maximum monthly benefit is the lesser of \$22,916.66 and 100% of the highest 3-year average salary, subject to service requirements.</p> <p>Salary based contribution credits are applied to current compensation.</p>
<b>Normal Form of Benefit</b>	A benefit payable for the life of the participant
<b>Optional Forms of Benefit</b>	<p>The following forms of benefit payment are also available:</p> <p>Life Only - Payable for the life of the participant.</p> <p>Life With 5 Years Certain - Payable for the life of the participant. If the participant dies before receiving payments for 5 full years, payments will continue to his/her surviving beneficiary for the remainder of the 5-year period and then stop.</p> <p>Life With 10 Years Certain - Payable for the life of the participant. If the participant dies before receiving payments for 10 full years, payments will continue to his/her surviving beneficiary for the remainder of the 10-year period and then stop.</p> <p>Joint and 100% Survivor - Payable for the life of the participant and his/her beneficiary. Payments cease on the death of both.</p> <p>Joint and 75% Survivor - Payable for the life of the participant.</p>

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Summary of Plan Provisions  
Plan Year: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024  
Valuation Date: 1/1/2024

If the participant dies before his/her beneficiary, 75% of the benefit will continue for the life of the beneficiary.

Joint and 50% Survivor - Payable for the life of the participant. If the participant dies before his/her beneficiary, 50% of the benefit will continue for the life of the beneficiary.

Single Lump Sum - This is a one-time payment of the lump sum equivalent of the plan's normal form of benefit.

### **Accrued Benefit**

The normal retirement benefit described above calculated based on salary and/or service on the calculation date, and payable on the normal retirement date.

Credited years are plan years from the first day of the plan year containing date of entry excluding the following:

Years with less than 1,000 hours

### **Termination Benefit**

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

<u>Credited Years</u>	<u>Vested Percent</u>
1	0
2	0
3	100

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Years with less than 1,000 hours

### **Top-Heavy Minimum Benefit**

Top-heavy minimum benefits are provided under another plan of the employer

### **Top-Heavy Status**

A plan is top-heavy if over 60% of the value of all accrued benefits in all of the employer's plans are for the benefit of key employees. A key employee is generally an officer or owner of the company. This plan is currently top-heavy.

### **Death Benefit**

Actuarial Equivalent of the accrued benefit earned to date of death

### **Cash Balance**

The annual Interest Crediting Rate for this plan year is 5.00%

**Sterling Insurance Concepts, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan**

Schedule of Active Participant Data

Plan Year: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024

Valuation Date: 1/1/2024

Svc/ Age	<1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	Total
<25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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30-34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35-39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40-44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45-49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50-54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55-59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60-64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65-69	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
70+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

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Average Age: 66.0

Average Service: 10

**Sterling Insurance Concepts, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan**

Weighted Average Retirement Age

Plan Year: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024

Valuation Date: 1/1/2024

Assumed Retirement Age - 100% of the participants are assumed to retire at the date the plan's normal retirement age is attained, which is defined as:

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**Sterling Insurance Concepts, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan**

Shortfall Amortization  
Plan Year: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024  
Valuation Date: 1/1/2024

If the plan has a funded status below 100%, the plan may require additional payments in the form of shortfall amortization payments. A plan's amortization payments are calculated to pay down the plan's underfunding over a fifteen year period.

<u>Valuation Date</u>	<u>Amortization Method</u>	<u>Number of Future Installments</u>	<u>Installment</u>	<u>Value of Future Installments</u>
Total			\$0	\$0
Shortfall Amortization Charge (sum of installments, no less than zero):			\$0	

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