Form 5500-SF

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Short Form Annual Return/Report of Small Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500-SF.**

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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: [X] a single-employer plan [ ] a multiple-employer plan (not multiemployer) (Pension Plan filers checking this box must attach Schedule MEP. Other plans must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)

B This return/report is [X] the first return/report [ ] the final return/report
[ ] an amended return/report [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [ ] automatic extension [ ] DFVC program
[ ] special extension (enter description)

D If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here ▶ [ ]

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
ECS, INC. CASH BALANCE PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2024

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)
ECS, INC.

15351 W 109TH STREET
LENEXA, KS 66219

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 48-0900875

2c Sponsor's telephone number 913-782-7787

2d Business code (see instructions) 335900

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor.

3b Administrator's EIN

3c Administrator's telephone number

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report.
a Sponsor's name
c Plan Name

4b EIN

4d PN

5a Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5a**	25
b Total number of participants at the end of the plan year	**5b**	26
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d(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5d(1)**	25
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e Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**5e**	0

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/29/2025	ERIC SLATTEN
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor

6a Were all of the plan's assets during the plan year invested in eligible assets? (See instructions.) [X] Yes [ ] No

b Are you claiming a waiver of the annual examination and report of an independent qualified public accountant (IQPA) under 29 CFR 2520.104-46? (See instructions on waiver eligibility and conditions.) [X] Yes [ ] No

If you answered "No" to either line 6a or line 6b, the plan cannot use Form 5500-SF and must instead use Form 5500.

c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? [X] Yes [ ] No [ ] Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 543504. (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information

7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	0	226865
b Total plan liabilities	7b	0	0
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0	226865
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		**(a) Amount**	**(b) Total**
a Contributions received or receivable from: (1) Employers	8a(1)	226484	
(2) Participants	8a(2)	0	
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)	0	
b Other income (loss)	8b	381	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		226865
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	0	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions)	8e	0	
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f	0	
g Other expenses	8g	0	
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		0
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		226865
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j	0	

Part IV Plan Characteristics

9a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:
1B 1C 3D

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

Part V Compliance Questions

10 During the plan year:		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program)	10a		X	
b Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.)	10b		X	
c Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?	10c		X	
d Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	10d		X	
e Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.)	10e		X	
f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	10f		X	
g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)	10g		X	
h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	10h			
i If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	10i			

Part VI Pension Funding Compliance

11 Is this a defined benefit plan subject to minimum funding requirements? (If "Yes," see instructions and complete Schedule SB (Form 5500) and lines 11a and b below.) If this is a defined contribution pension plan, leave line 11 blank and complete line 12 below. [X] Yes [ ] No

a Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 | **11a** | 0

b **PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If the plan is covered by PBGC and the amount reported on line 11a is greater than $0, has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

- [ ] Yes.
- [ ] No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.
- [ ] No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.
- [ ] No. Other. Provide explanation _____

12 Is this a defined contribution plan subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Code or section 302 of ERISA? (If "Yes," complete line 12a or lines 12b, 12c, 12d, and 12e below, as applicable.) If this is a defined benefit pension plan, leave line 12 blank and complete line 11 above. [ ] Yes [ ] No

a If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions, and enter the date of the letter ruling granting the waiver. Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 12a, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB (Form 5500), and skip to line 13.

b Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year	**12b**	
c Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	**12c**	
d Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	**12d**	
e Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline?		[ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] N/A

Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets

13a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year?		[ ] Yes [X] No
a If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year	**13a**	
b Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		[ ] Yes [X] No

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

13c(1) Name of plan(s):	**13c(2)** EIN(s)	**13c(3)** PN(s)

Part VIII IRS Compliance Questions

14a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? [X] Yes [ ] No

14b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).

- [ ] Design-based safe harbor method
- [ ] "Prior year" ADP test
- [ ] "Current year" ADP test
- [X] N/A

15 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 02 / 28 / 2023 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q705208A.

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500)

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Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information

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

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ECS, INC. CASH BALANCE PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF
ECS, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
48-0900875

E Type of plan: [X] Single [ ] Multiple-A [ ] Multiple-B

F Prior year plan size: [X] 100 or fewer [ ] 101-500 [ ] More than 500

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month 12 Day 31 Year 2024

2 Assets:

a Market value	**2a**	164
b Actuarial value	**2b**	164

3 Funding target/participant count breakdown

	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	0	0	0
b For terminated vested participants	1	0	0
c For active participants	25	0	0
d Total	26	0	0

4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) [ ]

a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	**4a**	
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	**4b**	

5 Effective interest rate	**5**	5.53 %
6 Target normal cost		
a Present value of current plan year accruals	**6a**	207938
b Expected plan-related expenses	**6b**	0
c Target normal cost	**6c**	207938

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

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

SIGN HERE

Signature of actuary

09/15/2025
Date

ROMAN ANDRO, EA, MSEA, CPC
Type or print name of actuary

23-07832
Most recent enrollment number

OCTOBER THREE CONSULTING, LLC
Firm name

541-556-1064
Telephone number (including area code)

233 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE
SUITE 8350
CHICAGO, IL 60606
Address of the firm

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions [ ]

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of 0.00 %	0	0
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		0
	b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of 0.00 %		0
	b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
	c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		0
	d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages

14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	100.00 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	107.29 %
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	100.00 %
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage.	17	0.00 %

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls

18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
12/19/2024	123000	0			
09/08/2025	103484	0			
			Totals ► 18(b)	226484	18(c) 0

19	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:		
	a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a	0
	b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date.	19b	0
	c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	222941

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year

(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:

a Segment rates:

1st segment:	2nd segment:	3rd segment:	
5.01 %	5.26 %	5.59 %	☐ N/A, full yield curve used

b Applicable month (enter code)	**21b**	0
22 Weighted average retirement age	**22**	66

23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions) ☒ Prescribed - combined ☐ Prescribed - separate ☐ Substitute

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

26 Demographic and benefit information

a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ☒ Yes ☐ No

b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ☐ Yes ☒ No

27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment	**27**	

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years	**28**	0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a)	**29**	0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)	**30**	0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):

a Target normal cost (line 6c)	**31a**	207938
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	**31b**	164

32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment	0	0
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0

33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount	**33**	
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)	**34**	207774

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	**36**	207774
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	**37**	222941

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

a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	**38a**	15167
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	**38b**	0
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	**39**	0
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	**40**	0

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)

41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. ☐ 2019 ☐ 2020 ☐ 2021

ECS, Inc. Cash Balance Plan

EIN / PN 48-0900875 / 003

Schedule SB, Line 26a – Schedule of Active Participant Data

	Completed years of credited service as of December 31, 2024										
Attained age	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 & over	Total
Under 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 to 29	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
30 to 34	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
35 to 39	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
40 to 44	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
45 to 49	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
50 to 54	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
55 to 59	-	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
60 to 64	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
65 to 69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
70 & over	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	-	15	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	25

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Schedule SB, Part V - Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

Plan Sponsor Elections

Yield curve election: The plan sponsor did not elect to use the full yield curve under IRC section 430(h)(2)(D)(ii).

Applicable month: The plan sponsor elected to base the segment rates on the rates published in the month containing the valuation date.

Economic Assumptions

	Funding Target		PBGC
	with stabilization	without stabilization	Funding Target
First segment rate (years 0 to 4):	5.01%	5.01%	5.01%
Second segment rate (years 5 to 19):	5.26%	5.26%	5.13%
Third segment rate (years 20 and after):	5.59%	5.36%	5.15%
Effective interest rate (current year):	5.53%	5.34%	N/A

Interest crediting rate: 5.00%

The interest rates listed above are compounded annually.

The cash balance interest crediting rate is equal to the rate of return on plan assets, subject to cumulative minimum and maximum interest crediting rates. Accordingly, the assets needed to provide future cash balance benefits are independent of interest rates and only dependent on the plan's asset allocation to the extent that the cumulative minimum or maximum interest crediting rates affect the cash balance accounts. This plan provision is difficult to measure using traditional deterministic valuation procedures. To account for this plan provision, the interest crediting rate was selected from a reasonable range based on the plan's asset allocation that, when combined with the segment interest rates, produced a funding target that was as close as possible to the economic value of the cash balance accounts.

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Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

Demographic Assumptions

RETIREMENT

All participants are assumed to retire according to the following schedule upon attainment of 5 years of service:

Assumed retirement age	Percent assumed to retire
65	100.00%

WEIGHTED AVERAGE RETIREMENT AGE

The weighted average retirement age for the population during the current year, rounded to the nearest whole number, is 66.

WITHDRAWAL AND DISABILITY

None.

RATIONALE FOR RETIREMENT AGE, WITHDRAWAL AND DISABILITY ASSUMPTIONS

The economic value of the cash balance benefits is not materially affected by the timing of benefit commencement. Therefore, no preretirement withdrawal or disability is assumed, and all participants are assumed to retire according to the schedule above.

MORTALITY AND MORTALITY IMPROVEMENT

For funding, no preretirement mortality is assumed. The postretirement funding mortality follows the IRS 2024 Static Mortality Table with combined tables for annuitants and non-annuitants, as prescribed by Treasury regulation section 1.430(h)(3)-1.

Other Assumptions

FORM OF PAYMENT

Based on future expectations, all participants are assumed to elect a lump sum form of payment.

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EXPENSES

Expenses were $0 for 2024. In accordance with our understanding of the available guidance, the expense assumption reflects administrative expenses and does not include investment-related expenses or any other non-administrative expense.

Changes from Prior Year and Rationale for Changes

None.

Actuarial Methods

VALUATION DATE

The valuation date is December 31, 2024.

ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS

The actuarial value of assets is equal to the market value of assets.

MINIMUM FUNDING METHOD

The funding target and target normal cost for minimum funding calculations are determined using the traditional unit credit cost method as prescribed by Treasury regulation section 1.430(d)-1. The liability under the unit credit cost method is the value of the accrued pension benefit using service and pay as of the valuation date. The sum of the present value of the accrued benefits for all participants is the ERISA funding target. The normal cost is the present value of the benefits earned during the year. The target normal cost is the sum of the normal costs for all participants and the assumed administrative expenses.

Changes in Method from Prior Year and Rationale for Changes

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15351 W 109th Street

Lenexa KS 66219

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2d Business code (see instructions) 335900

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SIGN HERE	Signature of plan administrator	9/29/25 Date	Eric Slatten Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor

6a Were all of the plan's assets during the plan year invested in eligible assets? (See instructions.) [X] Yes [ ] No

b Are you claiming a waiver of the annual examination and report of an independent qualified public accountant (IQPA) under 29 CFR 2520.104-46? (See instructions on waiver eligibility and conditions.) [X] Yes [ ] No

If you answered "No" to either line 6a or line 6b, the plan cannot use Form 5500-SF and must instead use Form 5500.

c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? [X] Yes [ ] No [ ] Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 543504. (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information

7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	0	226,865
b Total plan liabilities	7b	0	0
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0	226,865
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		**(a) Amount**	**(b) Total**
a Contributions received or receivable from: (1) Employers	8a(1)	226,484	
(2) Participants	8a(2)	0	
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)	0	
b Other income (loss)	8b	381	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		226,865
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	0	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions)	8e	0	
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f	0	
g Other expenses	8g	0	
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		0
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		226,865
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j	0	

Part IV Plan Characteristics

9a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:
1B 1C 3D

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

Part V Compliance Questions

10 During the plan year:		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program)	10a		X	
b Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.)	10b		X	
c Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?	10c		X	
d Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	10d		X	
e Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.)	10e		X	
f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	10f		X	
g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)	10g		X	
h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	10h			
i If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	10i			

Part VI Pension Funding Compliance

11 Is this a defined benefit plan subject to minimum funding requirements? (If "Yes," see instructions and complete Schedule SB (Form 5500) and lines 11a and b below.) If this is a defined contribution pension plan, leave line 11 blank and complete line 12 below. [X] Yes [ ] No

a Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 | **11a** | 0

b **PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If the plan is covered by PBGC and the amount reported on line 11a is greater than $0, has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

- [ ] Yes.
- [ ] No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.
- [ ] No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.
- [ ] No. Other. Provide explanation _____

12 Is this a defined contribution plan subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Code or section 302 of ERISA? [ ] Yes [ ] No
(If "Yes," complete line 12a or lines 12b, 12c, 12d, and 12e below, as applicable.) If this is a defined benefit pension plan, leave line 12 blank and complete line 11 above.

a If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions, and enter the date of the letter ruling granting the waiver. Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 12a, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB (Form 5500), and skip to line 13.

b Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year	**12b**	
c Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	**12c**	
d Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	**12d**	
e Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline?		[ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] N/A

Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets

13a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year?		[ ] Yes [X] No
a If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year	**13a**	
b Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		[ ] Yes [X] No

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

13c(1) Name of plan(s):	13c(2) EIN(s)	13c(3) PN(s)

Part VIII IRS Compliance Questions

14a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? [X] Yes [ ] No

14b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).

- [ ] Design-based safe harbor method
- [ ] "Prior year" ADP test
- [ ] "Current year" ADP test
- [X] N/A

15 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 02/28/2023 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q705208a

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.**

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2024

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

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.

A Name of plan
ECS, Inc. Cash Balance Plan

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF
ECS, Inc.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
48-0900875

E Type of plan: [X] Single [ ] Multiple-A [ ] Multiple-B

F Prior year plan size: [X] 100 or fewer [ ] 101-500 [ ] More than 500

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month 12 Day 31 Year 2024

2 Assets:

a Market value	**2a**	164
b Actuarial value	**2b**	164

3 Funding target/participant count breakdown

	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	0	0	0
b For terminated vested participants	1	0	0
c For active participants	25	0	0
d Total	26	0	0

4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) [ ]

a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	**4a**	
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	**4b**	

5 Effective interest rate	**5**	5.53%
6 Target normal cost		
a Present value of current plan year accruals	**6a**	207,938
b Expected plan-related expenses	**6b**	0
c Target normal cost	**6c**	207,938

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.

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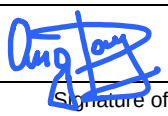

Signature of actuary

9/15/25
Date

Roman Andro, EA, MSEA, CPC
Type or print name of actuary

2307832
Most recent enrollment number

October Three Consulting, LLC
Firm name

541-556-1064
Telephone number (including area code)

233 South Wacker Drive
Suite 8350
Chicago IL 60606
Address of the firm

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions [ ]

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of 0.00%	0	0
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		0
	b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of 0.00%		0
	b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
	c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		0
	d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages

14	Funding target attainment percentage	**14**	100.00%
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	**15**	107.29%
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	**16**	100.00%
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	**17**	0.00%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls

18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
12/19/2024	123,000	0			
09/08/2025	103,484	0			
			Totals ► **18(b)**	226,484	**18(c)** 0

19	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:		
	a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years.	**19a**	0
	b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	**19b**	0
	c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date.	**19c**	222,941

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year

(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:

a Segment rates:

1st segment:	2nd segment:	3rd segment:	
5.01 %	5.26 %	5.59 %	☐ N/A, full yield curve used

b Applicable month (enter code)	**21b**	0
22 Weighted average retirement age	**22**	66

23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions) ☒ Prescribed - combined ☐ Prescribed - separate ☐ Substitute

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

26 Demographic and benefit information

a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☒ Yes ☐ No

b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ☐ Yes ☒ No

27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment	**27**	

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years	**28**	0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a)	**29**	0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)	**30**	0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):

a Target normal cost (line 6c)	**31a**	207,938
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	**31b**	164

32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment	0	0
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0

33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount	**33**	
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)	**34**	207,774

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	**36**	207,774
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	**37**	222,941

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

a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	**38a**	15,167
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	**38b**	0
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	**39**	0
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	**40**	0

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)

41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. ☐ 2019 ☐ 2020 ☐ 2021

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Schedule SB, Line 22 - Description of Weighted Average Retirement Age

DESCRIPTION OF WEIGHTED AVERAGE RETIREMENT AGE

The weighted average retirement age for the population during the current year, rounded to the nearest whole number, is 66. All participants are assumed to retire according to the following schedule upon attainment of 5 years of service:

Assumed retirement age	Percent assumed to retire
65	100.00%

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Schedule SB, Part V - Summary of Plan Provisions

Plan Provisions and Statutory Limits

EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of the plan was January 1, 2024.

PLAN YEAR

January 1 to December 31.

CASH BALANCE ACCOUNT

The sum of Cash Balance Credits and Earnings Credits. As of December 31, 2024, Cash Balance Accounts, excluding Cash Balance Credits for the year, totaled $0.

CASH BALANCE CREDITS

Cash Balance Credits shall be credited to eligible participants' Cash Balance Accounts for the year, based on the plan document's provisions. For the 2024 plan year, Cash Balance Credits totaled $226,652.

EARNINGS CREDITS

Earnings Credits shall be credited to participants' Cash Balance Accounts based on the rate of return on plan assets, subject to a cumulative maximum of 6.00% and any minimums required by the plan. As of the participant's benefit commencement date, in no event shall cumulative Earnings Credits during a participant's period of plan participation be less than $0.

NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE

The attainment of age 65.

BENEFIT AMOUNT

The Cash Balance Account, or its actuarial equivalent payable as an annuity, subject to IRS maximums. Benefits are payable immediately following termination of employment or while in service for participants who have reached age 59.5.

VESTING

Each participant is 100% vested in his or her Cash Balance Account upon completion of three years of service, attainment of Normal Retirement Age, disability, or death.

STATUTORY LIMITS

For 2024, the maximum compensation limit under IRC section 401(a)(17) is $345,000, and the maximum benefit payable under IRC section 415(b) is $275,000.