

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 [] 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: L J SOLDINGER ASSOCCOATES, LLC CASH BALANCE PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 002
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/2020
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): L J SOLDINGER ASSOCCOATES, LLC
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 36-4540340
2c Sponsor's telephone number: 847-726-8100
2d Business code (see instructions): 541110
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.
4b EIN
4d PN
5a Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year: 15
5b Total number of participants at the end of the plan year: 17
5c(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)
5c(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)
5d(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year: 15
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5e Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested: 0

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, 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.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Row 1: Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature, 10/06/2025, LARRY SOLDINGER. Row 2: 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.) 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.) 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)? Yes No Not determined
- If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____ (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information			
7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	1916963	1979477
b Total plan liabilities	7b	0	0
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	1916963	1979477
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions received or receivable from:			
(1) Employers	8a(1)	483628	
(2) Participants	8a(2)	0	
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)	0	
b Other income (loss)	8b	620186	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		1103814
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	1041300	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions) .	8e		
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f		
g Other expenses	8g		
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		1041300
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		62514
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j		

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: 1C
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		200000
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		X	
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. 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 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 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? 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

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 03 / 30 / 2018 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number J501826A.

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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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.

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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>L J SOLDINGER ASSOCCOATES, LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-4540340</u>	
E Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information

1	Enter the valuation date: Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2024</u>		
2	Assets:		
	a Market value	2a	<u>1916963</u>
	b Actuarial value	2b	<u>1916963</u>
3	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target
	a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	b For terminated vested participants	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	c For active participants	<u>17</u>	<u>1888520</u>
	d Total	<u>17</u>	<u>1888520</u>
4	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... <input type="checkbox"/>		
	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	<u>5.12 %</u>
6	Target normal cost		
	a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	<u>427646</u>
	b Expected plan-related expenses	6b	<u>0</u>
	c Target normal cost	6c	<u>427646</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.

SIGN HERE		
	Signature of actuary	<u>10/09/2025</u> Date
	<u>JOSEPH R. ZIENTY</u> Type or print name of actuary	<u>23-06385</u> Most recent enrollment number
	<u>JOSEPH R. ZIENTY, ASA</u> Firm name	<u>630-818-6335</u> Telephone number (including area code)
	<u>15647 BUXTON DRIVE WESTFIELD, IN 46074</u> 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)		
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of _____ %.....		
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a	Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		34409
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 <u>5.15</u> %		1772
b(2)	Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		
c	Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		36181
d	Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		
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	101.50 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	101.84 %
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	101.56 %
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage.....	17	%

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		
08/28/2025	163628	0					
09/05/2025	320000	0					
			Totals ▶	18(b)	483628	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	444902

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: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 4.96 %	3rd segment: 5.59 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code)				21b 0
22 Weighted average retirement age				22 65
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined	<input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate	<input type="checkbox"/> 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..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
25 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				
26 Demographic and benefit information				
a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
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				
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 427646
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a				31b 28443
32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance		Installment	
a Net shortfall amortization installment	0		0	
b Waiver amortization installment				
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 399203
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance	
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement			0	
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)				36 399203
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)				37 444902
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)				
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)				38a 45699
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances				38b
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. <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2021				

Statement of Actuarial Assumption/Methods

Plan Name: L.J. Soldinger Associates, LLC Cash Balance Plan

EIN: 36-4540340 Plan #: 002

The actuarial cost method is a particular technique used by the actuary for establishing the amount and incidence of annual actuarial costs. The actuarial cost method determines the portion of the ultimate cost of a pension plan that should be allocated to each year (known as the normal cost). The cost method is thus a budgeting tool that helps to ensure that the pension plan will be adequately and systematically funded.

The annual cost for a pension plan is determined using the unit credit cost method. The ultimate cost for a pension plan will be determined not by the cost method but by the benefits and expenses which become payable and the earnings which are obtained on the investments of the Plan. In addition, the choice of actuarial assumptions will affect the current level of contributions and pattern of future contributions.

Under the unit credit cost method, the target normal cost for each participant is equal to the present value of the projected benefit (salary increases may be included) one year from the valuation date minus the present value of accrued benefits as of the valuation date. The target normal cost for the Plan is the total of the individually computed target normal costs for all participants including the costs for any death or disability benefits under the Plan.

The target liability at any point in time for an active participant is the present value of the participant's accrued benefit. For persons receiving benefits or entitled to a deferred vested retirement income, the target liability is equal to the present value of their future benefit payments. The total target liability for the Plan is the total of the individually computed target liability amounts for all participants.

Certain assumptions are made in the calculation of the target liability, such as: interest rates, mortality, turnover, etc. which are assumed to hold for many years into the future. Since actual experience may differ somewhat from the assumptions, the costs determined by the valuation must be regarded as estimates of the true costs of the Plan.

The actuarial value of assets equals the fair market value of assets.

Statement of Actuarial Assumption/Methods

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Interest rates:

For purposes of determining the Adjusted Funding Target Attainment Percentage (AFTAP) and minimum required contribution, the valuation interest rates used are the ARPA rates issued by the Department of the Treasury:

<u>Segment One</u>	<u>Segment Two</u>	<u>Segment Three</u>
4.75%	4.96%	5.59%

For maximum deductible contribution purposes, the valuation interest rates are the three segmented rates as of January 1, 2024:

<u>Segment One</u>	<u>Segment Two</u>	<u>Segment Three</u>
4.37%	4.96%	4.95%

Salary increases

None assumed.

Explicit provision for expenses:

None assumed.

Mortality rates - PPA funding:

Post-retirement: Annuitant tables as prescribed on the valuation date.

Pre-retirement: None

Withdrawal and disability rates:

None assumed.

Retirement rates:

Participants are assumed to retire at age 65.

Statement of Plan Provisions

Plan Name: L.J. Solding Associates, LLC Cash Balance Plan

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Definitions

Annual earnings:

The total salary, overtime pay, and bonus earned during the plan year.

Eligible Employee:

Minimum age 21 and completion of one year of service.

Effective Date:

The effective date of the Plan is January 1, 2020.

Entry date:

Entry date means January 1 or July 1 that coincides with or next follows the date that the eligibility requirements are met.

Benefit account, earnings credit, and interest credit:

The balance of a participant's benefit account is the sum of the Principal Credits and Interest Credits.

Accrual of Principal Credit:

For each plan year in which an individual is an active participant and completes at least 1,000 hours of service, the benefit account will be increased by the following earnings credits:

Employee Classifications	Pay Credit Amounts
Group A	105.260% of compensation
Group B	35.09% of compensation
Group C	0% of compensation
Group D	7% of compensation

Accrual of Principal Credit:

For each plan year and continuing until the last month before payment of a participant's benefit, the hypothetical account balance will be credited with a hypothetical interest amount. The interest is credited by multiplying the balance of the participant's hypothetical account as of the beginning of the plan year by the applicable interest rate. The current applicable interest rate is 5%.

Limitation year:

The limitation year is the 12-month period beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

Normal retirement age:

A participant's normal retirement age is age 65.

One year break-in-service:

A one-year break-in-service occurs in any plan year during which the employee completes 500 or fewer hours of service.

Plan year:

The plan year is the 12-month period beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

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Vested accrued benefit:

A participant's vested accrued benefit as of a given date is equal to the product of his accrued benefit multiplied by his vested percentage as of that same date.

Vesting schedule:

Participant's vested percentage will be based on the following schedule: 0-2 years – 0%, 3+ years – 100%.

Year of vesting service:

A year of vesting service is credited for a plan year in which an employee has at least 1000 hours of service. Service during plan years prior to the plan year in which the individual attains age 18 will be disregarded.

Participation:

The plan participation date is the first day of the Plan Year coincident with or next following the date they attain age 21, provided that they are an Eligible Employee.

Normal retirement:

The normal retirement pension is equal to the accrued benefit. The normal form of payment is a straight life annuity.

Optional benefit forms:

Optional benefit forms are available and equal to the actuarial equivalent of the normal benefit form. Such distribution may be in one or more of the following forms:

Lump sum

Life annuity – a straight life annuity payable monthly and ending on the participant's death.

Joint & 50% survivor pension - monthly pension benefit payable during the joint lifetime of the participant and the joint annuitant; reduces to 50% of the original amount upon the death of the participant.

Pre-retirement death benefit:

A participant's surviving beneficiary will be entitled to receive a death benefit in the event of the death of a participant prior to the commencement of a monthly pension benefit that is equal to the present value of the participant's vested accrued benefit.

Disability benefit:

The plan does not provide disability benefits.

Termination benefit:

In the event of the termination of a participant's employment prior to his or her normal retirement date, the participant will be entitled to a deferred pension that is the actuarial equivalent of the vested accrued benefit payable at the normal retirement date.

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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, 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		10/6/25	LARRY SOLDINGER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE		10/6/25	LARRY SOLDINGER
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor

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Please sign and date here.

**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

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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.

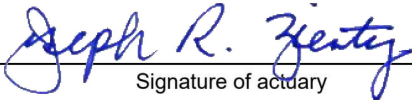
A Name of plan L J Soldinger Assocoates, LLC Cash Balance Plan		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF L J Soldinger Assocoates, Llc		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-4540340	
E Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B		F Prior year plan size: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date:	Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2024</u>
2 Assets:	
a Market value	2a 1,916,963
b Actuarial value	2b 1,916,963
3 Funding target/participant count breakdown	
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	(1) Number of participants: 0 (2) Vested Funding Target: 0 (3) Total Funding Target: 0
b For terminated vested participants	(1) Number of participants: 0 (2) Vested Funding Target: 0 (3) Total Funding Target: 0
c For active participants	(1) Number of participants: 17 (2) Vested Funding Target: 1,888,520 (3) Total Funding Target: 1,888,520
d Total	(1) Number of participants: 17 (2) Vested Funding Target: 1,888,520 (3) Total Funding Target: 1,888,520
4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 5.12%
6 Target normal cost	
a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a 427,646
b Expected plan-related expenses	6b 0
c Target normal cost	6c 427,646

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		10/09/2025
	Signature of actuary	Date
JOSEPH R. ZIENTY		2306385
	Type or print name of actuary	Most recent enrollment number
JOSEPH R. ZIENTY, ASA		630-818-6335
	Firm name	Telephone number (including area code)
15647 BUXTON DRIVE		
WESTFIELD IN 46074		
	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

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

21 Discount rate:				
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 4.96 %	3rd segment: 5.59 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code).....				21b 0
22 Weighted average retirement age				22 65
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined <input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate <input type="checkbox"/> 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.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
25 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
26 Demographic and benefit information		
a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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
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	427,646	
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	28,443	
32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance		Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment	0		0
b Waiver amortization installment			
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	399,203	
		Carryover balance	Prefunding balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement			0
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35).....	36	399,203	
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c).....	37	444,902	
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	38a	45,699	
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	38b		
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. <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2021	
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Statement of Actuarial Assumption/Methods

Plan Name: L.J. Soldinger Associates, LLC Cash Balance Plan

EIN: 36-4540340 Plan #: 002

The actuarial cost method is a particular technique used by the actuary for establishing the amount and incidence of annual actuarial costs. The actuarial cost method determines the portion of the ultimate cost of a pension plan that should be allocated to each year (known as the normal cost). The cost method is thus a budgeting tool that helps to ensure that the pension plan will be adequately and systematically funded.

The annual cost for a pension plan is determined using the unit credit cost method. The ultimate cost for a pension plan will be determined not by the cost method but by the benefits and expenses which become payable and the earnings which are obtained on the investments of the Plan. In addition, the choice of actuarial assumptions will affect the current level of contributions and pattern of future contributions.

Under the unit credit cost method, the target normal cost for each participant is equal to the present value of the projected benefit (salary increases may be included) one year from the valuation date minus the present value of accrued benefits as of the valuation date. The target normal cost for the Plan is the total of the individually computed target normal costs for all participants including the costs for any death or disability benefits under the Plan.

The target liability at any point in time for an active participant is the present value of the participant's accrued benefit. For persons receiving benefits or entitled to a deferred vested retirement income, the target liability is equal to the present value of their future benefit payments. The total target liability for the Plan is the total of the individually computed target liability amounts for all participants.

Certain assumptions are made in the calculation of the target liability, such as: interest rates, mortality, turnover, etc. which are assumed to hold for many years into the future. Since actual experience may differ somewhat from the assumptions, the costs determined by the valuation must be regarded as estimates of the true costs of the Plan.

The actuarial value of assets equals the fair market value of assets.

Statement of Actuarial Assumption/Methods

Plan Name: L.J. Solding Associates, LLC Cash Balance Plan

EIN: 36-4540340 Plan #: 002

Interest rates:

For purposes of determining the Adjusted Funding Target Attainment Percentage (AFTAP) and minimum required contribution, the valuation interest rates used are the ARPA rates issued by the Department of the Treasury:

<u>Segment One</u>	<u>Segment Two</u>	<u>Segment Three</u>
4.75%	4.96%	5.59%

For maximum deductible contribution purposes, the valuation interest rates are the three segmented rates as of January 1, 2024:

<u>Segment One</u>	<u>Segment Two</u>	<u>Segment Three</u>
4.37%	4.96%	4.95%

Salary increases

None assumed.

Explicit provision for expenses:

None assumed.

Mortality rates - PPA funding:

Post-retirement: Annuitant tables as prescribed on the valuation date.

Pre-retirement: None

Withdrawal and disability rates:

None assumed.

Retirement rates:

Participants are assumed to retire at age 65.

Statement of Plan Provisions

Plan Name: L.J. Solding Associates, LLC Cash Balance Plan

EIN: 36-4540340 Plan #: 002

Definitions

Annual earnings:

The total salary, overtime pay, and bonus earned during the plan year.

Eligible Employee:

Minimum age 21 and completion of one year of service.

Effective Date:

The effective date of the Plan is January 1, 2020.

Entry date:

Entry date means January 1 or July 1 that coincides with or next follows the date that the eligibility requirements are met.

Benefit account, earnings credit, and interest credit:

The balance of a participant's benefit account is the sum of the Principal Credits and Interest Credits.

Accrual of Principal Credit:

For each plan year in which an individual is an active participant and completes at least 1,000 hours of service, the benefit account will be increased by the following earnings credits:

Employee Classifications	Pay Credit Amounts
Group A	105.260% of compensation
Group B	35.09% of compensation
Group C	0% of compensation
Group D	7% of compensation

Accrual of Principal Credit:

For each plan year and continuing until the last month before payment of a participant's benefit, the hypothetical account balance will be credited with a hypothetical interest amount. The interest is credited by multiplying the balance of the participant's hypothetical account as of the beginning of the plan year by the applicable interest rate. The current applicable interest rate is 5%.

Limitation year:

The limitation year is the 12-month period beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

Normal retirement age:

A participant's normal retirement age is age 65.

One year break-in-service:

A one-year break-in-service occurs in any plan year during which the employee completes 500 or fewer hours of service.

Plan year:

The plan year is the 12-month period beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

Statement of Plan Provisions

Plan Name: L.J. Soldinger Associates, LLC Cash Balance Plan

EIN: 36-4540340 Plan #: 002

Vested accrued benefit:

A participant's vested accrued benefit as of a given date is equal to the product of his accrued benefit multiplied by his vested percentage as of that same date.

Vesting schedule:

Participant's vested percentage will be based on the following schedule: 0-2 years – 0%, 3+ years – 100%.

Year of vesting service:

A year of vesting service is credited for a plan year in which an employee has at least 1000 hours of service. Service during plan years prior to the plan year in which the individual attains age 18 will be disregarded.

Participation:

The plan participation date is the first day of the Plan Year coincident with or next following the date they attain age 21, provided that they are an Eligible Employee.

Normal retirement:

The normal retirement pension is equal to the accrued benefit. The normal form of payment is a straight life annuity.

Optional benefit forms:

Optional benefit forms are available and equal to the actuarial equivalent of the normal benefit form. Such distribution may be in one or more of the following forms:

Lump sum

Life annuity – a straight life annuity payable monthly and ending on the participant's death.

Joint & 50% survivor pension - monthly pension benefit payable during the joint lifetime of the participant and the joint annuitant; reduces to 50% of the original amount upon the death of the participant.

Pre-retirement death benefit:

A participant's surviving beneficiary will be entitled to receive a death benefit in the event of the death of a participant prior to the commencement of a monthly pension benefit that is equal to the present value of the participant's vested accrued benefit.

Disability benefit:

The plan does not provide disability benefits.

Termination benefit:

In the event of the termination of a participant's employment prior to his or her normal retirement date, the participant will be entitled to a deferred pension that is the actuarial equivalent of the vested accrued benefit payable at the normal retirement date.