

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 THE BAL US GROUP PENSION PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN) 001
1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1982
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) BAL SERVICES, INC. 281 TRESSER BOULEVARD 2 STAMFORD PLAZA STAMFORD, CT 06901-3284
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 13-3671084
2c Sponsor's telephone number 203-359-6775
2d Business code (see instructions) 423500
3a Plan administrator's name and address [] Same as Plan Sponsor. BAL SERVICES, INC. 281 TRESSER BOULEVARD 2 STAMFORD PLAZA STAMFORD, CT 06901-3284
3b Administrator's EIN 13-3671084
3c Administrator's telephone number 203-359-6775
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 49
b Total number of participants at the end of the plan year 48
c(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)
c(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)
d(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year 42
d(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year 41
e 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, 10/14/2025, FRED LAVALLE. 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 555223. (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information			
7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	16713581	18203738
b Total plan liabilities	7b		
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	16713581	18203738
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions received or receivable from:			
(1) Employers	8a(1)	1131000	
(2) Participants	8a(2)		
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)		
b Other income (loss)	8b	609435	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		1740435
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	228082	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions) .	8e		
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f	22196	
g Other expenses	8g		
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		250278
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		1490157
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: 1A 3H
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		5000000
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. 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 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 02 / 28 / 2023 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q705217A.

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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A Name of plan <u>THE BAL US GROUP PENSION PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>BAL SERVICES, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>13-3671084</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>16713581</u>
	b Actuarial value	2b	<u>16713581</u>
3	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target
	a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	<u>5</u>	<u>1452642</u>
	b For terminated vested participants	<u>3</u>	<u>45340</u>
	c For active participants	<u>42</u>	<u>13590005</u>
	d Total	<u>50</u>	<u>15087987</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>5.11 %</u>
6	Target normal cost		
	a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	<u>1110053</u>
	b Expected plan-related expenses	6b	<u>21000</u>
	c Target normal cost	6c	<u>1131053</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>09/23/2025</u>	Date
	<u>STEVE A. LEMANSKI</u>	<u>23-05506</u>	Most recent enrollment number
	Type or print name of actuary	<u>860-521-8400</u>	Telephone number (including area code)
	<u>USI CONSULTING GROUP</u>		
	Firm name		
	<u>95 GLASTONBURY BOULEVARD SUITE 102 GLASTONBURY, CT 06033</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)	15449	849321
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)	15449	849321
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>8.00</u> %	1236	67946
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		653948
	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>5.26</u> %		34398
	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		688346
	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)	16685	917267

Part III Funding Percentages			
14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	103.81 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	109.95 %
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	105.32 %
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
09/27/2024	1131000	0			
			Totals ▶	18(b)	18(c)
				1131000	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	1089141

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: 4.87 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code)			21b 4
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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	1131053	
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	579268	
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	551785	
	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	551785	
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	37	1089141	
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	38a	537356	
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. <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2021			

**Attachment to Schedule SB (2024 Form 5500)
Line 26 - Schedule of Active Participant Data**

The Bal US Group Pension Plan
EIN: 13-3671084 PN: 001

Attained Age	Completed Years of Credited Service																			
	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 and over	
	No.	Avg. Comp.	No.	Avg. Comp.	No.	Avg. Comp.	No.	Avg. Comp.	No.	Avg. Comp.	No.	Avg. Comp.	No.	Avg. Comp.	No.	Avg. Comp.	No.	Avg. Comp.	No.	Avg. Comp.
Under 25																				
25 to 29																				
30 to 34			1																	
35 to 39			1		1															
40 to 44									1		1									
45 to 49			1						2		1									
50 to 54			3		1				2				2		1					
55 to 59			1				1				2		4		2					
60 to 64			1		1				1		4		1		1					
65 to 69					3															
70 & over															2					

Description of Actuarial Methods

Asset Valuation Method

Plan Assets equal the Market Value of assets.

Actuarial Cost Method

Funding Target Liability: Unit Credit Actuarial Cost Method.

Maximum Liability: Projected Unit Credit Actuarial Cost Method. The allocation of projected benefits between past years and future years is in proportion to the applicable rates of benefit accrual under the Plan.

Description of Actuarial Assumptions

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions as of January 1, 2024

The valuation reflects changes in the actuarial assumptions listed below. (The assumptions used before and after these changes are more fully described in the next section.)

- Mortality

With the exception of the valuation interest rate, the assumptions indicated were changed to represent the Enrolled Actuary's current best estimate of anticipated experience of the Plan.

Interest Rates

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) was signed into law on March 11, 2021. ARPA continues to use a 24-month bond averaging period methodology for determining the segmented interest rates used in the calculation of the Plan's target liability and a corridor based on a 25-year bond averaging period. However, now the corridor based on 25-year average segment rates and the applicable minimum and maximum percentages used for purposes of calculating the Plan's target liability to adjust the 24-month average segment rates has been extended. In addition, any 25-year average segment rate that is less than 5% is deemed to be 5%.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act was signed into law on November 15, 2021 that further extended funding stabilization. The corridors under the new laws are as follows:

Corridor After ARPA			
<u>Years</u>	<u>Corridor</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Corridor</u>
2020-2021	95% to 105% if not deferred	2020-2021	95% to 105% if not deferred
2022-2025	95%-105%	2022-2030	95%-105%
2026	90%-110%	2031	90%-110%
2027	85%-115%	2032	85%-115%
2028	80%-120%	2033	80%-120%
2029	75%-125%	2034	75%-125%
2030+	70%-130%	2035+	70%-130%

The corridor rates are used for purposes of the calculation of the Plan's minimum required contribution and the determination of the Plan's AFTAP certification, but cannot be reflected in the calculation of the Plan's maximum tax deductible contribution or the PBGC variable premium liability. This report reflects the rates under ARPA as allowed under current legislation.

Valuation: Segment rates for the 4th month preceding the Valuation Date (i.e., September). The rates are shown below.

Segment	2024		2023	
	Before Adjustment	After Adjustment	Before Adjustment	After Adjustment
1st	3.62%	4.75%	1.41%	4.75%
2nd	4.46%	4.87%	3.09%	5.00%
3rd	4.52%	5.59%	3.58%	5.74%

Interest Rates (cont.)

The rates before adjustment are the standard 24-month segment rates determined under any prior interest rate relief laws. They are used in the determination of the Plan’s maximum tax deductible contribution.

The rates after adjustment reflect the application of the applicable corridor around the 25-year average rates. They are used in the determination of the Plan’s minimum required contribution and AFTAP for benefit restriction purposes.

PBGC premium: PBGC spot segment rates for the month preceding the premium payment year. This method was last elected for the 2019 plan year. The rates are shown below.

	2024	2023
1 st segment	5.01%	4.84%
2 nd segment	5.13%	5.15%
3 rd segment	5.15%	4.85%

Mortality

Current: Pri-2012 Mortality Table projected to valuation date with an adjusted version of Scale MP-2021. Combined tables for annuitants and non-annuitants.

Prior: Annuitants Post-retirement: RP-2014 Adjusted to 2006 Total Dataset Mortality Table with separate male and female rates, combined table for non-annuitants and annuitants, projected to valuation date using Scale MP-2021.

Mortality Improvement

Current: Projected to date of decrement using an adjusted version of Scale MP-2021 (generational mortality).

Prior: Projected to date of decrement using Scale MP-2021 (generational mortality).

The mortality assumption (above and the lump sum mortality assumption described below) were updated to the latest approved tables. The changes in assumption decreased liabilities by about 1.8%.

Lump sum basis

Current: Mortality: IRS 2024 Applicable Mortality Table for 417(e) dynamic.

Interest Rates: Valuation Basis.

Inflation

2.40%.

This assumption is consistent with the Social Security Administration's current best estimate of the ultimate long-term (75-year horizon) annual percentage increase in CPI, as published in the 2024 OASDI Trustees Report.

Salary Scale

4% per year. This assumption includes a 2.40% inflation assumption. The plan does not have statistically credible data on which to form this assumption. The assumption is based on historical national wage base increases for the last 35 years and input from the plan sponsor regarding future expectations.

Increases in salary limit under IRC Sec. 401(a)(17)

As required by law, no increases are assumed.

Increases in dollar limit on benefits under IRC Sec. 415

As required by law, no increases are assumed.

Retirement

65, but not earlier than the valuation date plus one year.

Termination

Scale T-05.

The actuarial assumptions in regards to rates of decrement shown above are based on standard tables modified for certain plan features such as eligibility for full and early retirement where applicable and input from the plan sponsor. The plan does not have sufficiently credible data on which to perform an experience study.

Disability

None assumed.

Administrative expenses

As prescribed by the IRS, estimated administrative expenses have been added to the target normal cost. Total estimated expenses for 2024 are \$21,000.

**SCHEDULE SB
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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		16,713,581
	b Actuarial value	2b		16,713,581
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	5	1,452,642	1,452,642
	b For terminated vested participants	3	45,340	45,340
	c For active participants	42	13,590,005	13,702,379
	d Total	50	15,087,987	15,200,361
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		5.11%
6	Target normal cost			
	a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a		1,110,053
	b Expected plan-related expenses	6b		21,000
	c Target normal cost	6c		1,131,053

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		09/23/2025
	Signature of actuary	Date
Steve A. Lemanski	Type or print name of actuary	2305506
		Most recent enrollment number
USI Consulting Group	Firm name	860-521-8400
		Telephone number (including area code)
95 Glastonbury Boulevard Suite 102 Glastonbury CT 06033	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: 4.87 %	3rd segment: 5.59 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
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b Applicable month (enter code)..... **21b** 4

22 Weighted average retirement age **22** 65

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** 1,131,053

b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a **31b** 579,268

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** 551,785

	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).....			551,785
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c).....			1,089,141

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

a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36) **38a** 537,356

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

Summary of Plan Provisions

This exhibit summarizes the major provisions of the Plan. It is not intended to be, nor should it be interpreted as a complete statement of all plan provisions. To the extent that this summary does not accurately reflect the plan provisions, then the results of this valuation may not be accurate.

Effective date

Original: January 1, 1982.

Plan year

The calendar year.

Participation

An employee becomes a plan participant on the January 1 following 6 months of employment.

Year of Service (for vesting)

Each plan year of at least 1,000 hours of service beginning at date of hire. Effective January 1, 2011, 190 hours of service will be credited for each month that the employee works 1 hour of service.

Credited Service (for benefit accrual)

Each plan year of at least 1,000 hours of service, beginning at date of hire. Service prior to January 1, 1982 is not included. Effective January 1, 2011, 190 hours of service will be credited for each month that the employee works 1 hour of service.

Compensation

Total wages and other amounts reported on Form W2 for the calendar year including commissions, bonuses, third party payments for STD, overtime pay and elective pre-tax salary reductions under IRC Secs. 125, 402(e)(3), 402(h)(1)(B) or 403(b) but excluding reimbursements or expense allowances, fringe benefits, moving expenses and deferred compensation and welfare benefits (including LTD pay from a third party).

Average Monthly Earnings

$\frac{1}{12}$ of the participant's Annual Compensation averaged over the five consecutive Years of Service which produces the highest average.

Normal retirement

Eligibility: The later of the attainment of age 65 and the fifth anniversary of participation.

Benefit: A monthly amount equal to 39% of Average Monthly Compensation reduced for each year of Credited Service less than 26 years.

Accrued benefit

Normal Retirement Benefit multiplied by Years of Credited Service at termination and divided by Years of Credited Service at Normal Retirement Date.

Early retirement

Eligibility: The later of age 55 and 10 Years of Service.

Benefit: Accrued benefit as of early retirement date.

Reduction factors: Actuarial equivalent of the Normal Retirement Benefit.

Late retirement benefit

The accrued benefit as of late retirement date.

Termination prior to retirement

Vesting schedule

Years of Service	Vested Percent
Less than 2 years	0%
2 years	20%
3 years	40%
4 years	60%
5 years	80%
6 or more years	100%
Normal Retirement Date	100%

Benefit: Vested portion of accrued benefit as of date of termination, first payable upon normal retirement eligibility. Earlier benefit commencement may be elected, subject to early retirement eligibility and reduction factors.

Death prior to retirement

Actuarial Equivalent of Accrued Benefit.

Form of benefit

Normal form: Life Annuity.

Optional forms: 100%, 75% or 50% joint and survivor annuity, or a life annuity guaranteed for the first 10 or 15 years or a single lump sum payment.

Automatic lump sum: Payable immediately, without participant or spousal consent, if the present value is \$1,000 or less.

Actuarial equivalence for optional forms

Interest and mortality: As defined in Appendix A of the Plan.

Schedule SB, line 32 – Schedule of Amortizations Bases				
Date Established	Type of Base	Amortization Installment	Years Remaining	Present Value of Remaining Installments as of 1/1/2024
1/1/2024	Shortfall	0	15	0
Total		0		0