

Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security
Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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

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

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1210-0089

2024

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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: [] a multiemployer plan [] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) [x] a single-employer plan [] a DFE (specify) ____
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 If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. []
D Check box if filing under: [x] Form 5558 [] automatic extension [] the DFVC program [] special extension (enter description)
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: SMART GROUP VSTD PLAN AND TRUST
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 506
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/2010
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): SMART
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box): 1750 NEW YORK AVENUE, SUITE 600 WASHINGTON, DC 20006
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 34-1031303
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 216-228-9400
2d Business code (see instructions): 813930

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and DFE.

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3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	
a Sponsor's name			
c Plan Name		4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5	40987
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d).			
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year		6a(1)	40987
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	42032
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....		6b	
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits		6c	
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d	42032
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e	
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	
g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g(1)	
g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g(2)	
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....		6h	
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)		7	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
4F

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules		b General Schedules	
(1) <input type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information)	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information)	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan)	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>1</u>
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information)	(5) <input type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information)	(6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules)
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary			
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____			
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)			

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

<p>SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)</p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Insurance Information</p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p>	<p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p>2024</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<p>A Name of plan SMART GROUP VSTD PLAN AND TRUST</p>	<p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>	<p>506</p>
<p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SMART</p>	<p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1031303</p>	

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

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
38-1082080	80802	958786	4604	01/01/2024	12/31/2024

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

<p>(a) Total amount of commissions paid 1101811</p>	<p>(b) Total amount of fees paid 256291</p>
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
STEALTH PARTNER GROUP LLC **18700 N HAYDEN ROAD, SUITE 405**
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
1101811	256291	BONUS PAID TO PRODUCER FOR PERIOD. ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS PAID TO PRODUC	3

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier **6b**

c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c**

d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
 Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) individual policies (2) group deferred annuity
 (3) other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

- a** Type of contract: (1) deposit administration (2) immediate participation guarantee
 (3) guaranteed investment (4) other ▶

b Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	
c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	
	7c(2)	
	7c(3)	
	7c(4)	
	7c(5)	
	(6) Total additions	7c(6)
d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	
e Deductions:		
	7e(1)	
	7e(2)	
	7e(3)	
	7e(4)	
(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	0
f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d).....	7f	

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a	Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	5884094
b	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. Specify nature of costs.	10b	

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (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>	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

SOUTHERN BENEFIT ADMINISTRATORS

2001 CALDWELL DR
GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072

62-1116095

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
12 13 15 50	NONE	591600	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

MOONEY, GREEN, SAINDON, MURPHY & WE

1920 L STREET STE 400
WASHINGTON, DC 20036

52-1958229

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
29 50	NONE	42901	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

SEGAL SELECT INSURANCE

1111 SUPERIOR AVE, SUITE 2340
CLEVELAND, OH 44114

46-0619194

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
23 50	NONE	38015	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

CALIBRE CPA GROUP PLLC

7501 WISCONSIN AVE
BETHESDA, MD 20814

47-0900880

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
50 10	NONE	17500	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

CLEARSTEAD ADVISORS, LLC

1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE EAST, SUITE 70
CLEVELAND, OH 44114

34-1597728

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 50	NONE	14246	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

US BANK

PO BOX 70870
ST. PAUL, MN 55170

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 50	NONE	6714	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

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

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

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
Assets			
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	1892658	1841021
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	56351	352
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	80923	657610
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	10841889	17092894
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	1f	12871821	19591877
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g	1245266	1424645
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	1245266	1424645
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	11626555	18167232

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)		
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	21583421	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		21583421
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	542446	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		542446
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		785245
c Other income	2c		1678549
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		24589661

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	11490889	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	5841354	
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		17332243
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	592436	
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)	17500	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	20960	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	42901	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	42944	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		716741
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		18048984

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		6540677
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) Unmodified (2) Qualified (3) Disclaimer (4) Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: CALIBRE CPA GROUP, PLLC

(2) EIN: 47-0900880

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

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

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

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

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

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

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



SMART GROUP VSTD PLAN AND TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2024





SMART GROUP VSTD PLAN AND TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of the
SMART Group VSTD Plan and Trust

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of SMART Group VSTD Plan and Trust (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits and of benefit obligations as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits and of changes in benefit obligations for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits and of benefit obligations of the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits and changes in benefit obligations for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion


We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.





Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the plan, and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.



Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) and schedule of reportable transactions are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplemental information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedules is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Calibre CPA Group, PLLC

Bethesda, MD
October 3, 2025



SMART GROUP VSTD PLAN AND TRUST

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets		
Assets		
Cash - non-interest bearing	\$ 1,841,021	\$ 1,892,658
Investments, at fair value		
Money market fund	657,610	80,923
Mutual funds	<u>17,092,894</u>	<u>10,841,889</u>
Total investments, at fair value	<u>17,750,504</u>	<u>10,922,812</u>
Receivables		
Monthly assessments	<u>352</u>	<u>56,351</u>
Total receivables	<u>352</u>	<u>56,351</u>
Total assets	<u>19,591,877</u>	<u>12,871,821</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 19,591,877</u>	<u>\$ 12,871,821</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



SMART GROUP VSTD PLAN AND TRUST

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
Additions		
Monthly assessments	\$ 21,583,421	\$ 18,219,663
Net appreciation in investments	785,245	828,039
Interest and dividend income	542,446	260,326
FELA reimbursements and other income	1,678,549	3,256,933
Total additions	24,589,661	22,564,961
Deductions		
Insurance premiums	5,884,094	3,676,135
Self insured benefit expense	11,268,770	11,475,264
Professional fees	81,361	78,394
Administrative fees	592,436	591,600
Insurance and office expenses	42,944	42,681
Total deductions	17,869,605	15,864,074
Net change	6,720,056	6,700,887
Net assets available for benefits		
Beginning of year	12,871,821	6,170,934
End of year	\$ 19,591,877	\$ 12,871,821

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



SMART GROUP VSTD PLAN AND TRUST

STATEMENTS OF BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Amounts currently payable to or for participants, beneficiaries and dependents		
Premiums payable	\$ 168,836	\$ 211,576
Benefits payable	717,922	598,160
Benefits claims incurred but not reported	<u>537,887</u>	<u>435,530</u>
Total benefit obligations	<u>\$ 1,424,645</u>	<u>\$ 1,245,266</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



SMART GROUP VSTD PLAN AND TRUST

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
Amounts currently payable to or for participants, beneficiaries and dependents		
Premiums payable		
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 211,576	\$ 251,557
Premiums received	5,841,354	3,636,154
Insurance premiums paid	<u>(5,884,094)</u>	<u>(3,676,135)</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>168,836</u>	<u>211,576</u>
Benefits payable		
Balance at beginning of year	598,160	509,457
Benefits incurred	11,388,532	11,563,967
Benefits paid	<u>(11,268,770)</u>	<u>(11,475,264)</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>717,922</u>	<u>598,160</u>
Benefits claims incurred but not reported		
Balance at beginning of year	435,530	498,236
Net change in benefits incurred but not reported	<u>102,357</u>	<u>(62,706)</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>537,887</u>	<u>435,530</u>
Total benefit obligations	<u>\$ 1,424,645</u>	<u>\$ 1,245,266</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



SMART GROUP VSTD PLAN AND TRUST

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the SMART Group VSTD Plan and Trust (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions. Together the insurance policies, the vendor booklets, and the Plan document constitute the formal Plan document.

General - The Plan was established by the United Transportation Union (UTU) to protect members from a loss of income due to short-term disability. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended. Effective February 1, 2014, the Trust agreement was amended to change the name of the Plan and Trust, to clarify that the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART), as the successor to the United Transportation Union, is the Union under the Trust agreement. Effective September 2015, the Plan was amended to extend its coverage to add long-term disability as an option for members.

Benefits - Effective April 1, 2016, the Plan self-insured all short-term disability benefits. Long-term disability benefits were provided through insurer issued insurance policies through April 30, 2019. Effective May 1, 2019, the Plan began offering long-term disability insurance coverage to participants through Amalgamated Life Insurance Co. Effective March 1, 2023, Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada (Sun Life) became the sole provider of long-term disability benefits. In addition to long-term disability coverage for participants, Sun Life also offers a variety of voluntary disability and life insurance policies for participants' spouses and dependents. Participants who elect and pay for any coverages are issued individual policies directly by Sun Life.

Eligibility - All active dues-paying, Railroad-operating SMART members and all active dues-paying, Bus-operating SMART members, including Field Supervisors, are eligible to participate in the Plan subject to the effective date and terms of the applicable insurance policy. Eligibility for benefits under the Plan shall be determined in accordance with the applicable vendor booklet.

Participation - Eligible members are automatically enrolled in the Plan, unless a member elects to opt-out of coverage under the Plan by submitting an opt-out election.

Funding Policy - The Plan is financed by monthly assessments. Prior to the first day of each month in which a participant participates in the Plan, the participant shall pay a premium known as the monthly assessment.



NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting - The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis, revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred, except for the payment of benefits.

Cash - Cash consists of amounts held in checking accounts.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition - The Plan's investments are stated at fair value based upon quoted market prices. The fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Purchase and sales of investments are recognized on a trade-date basis. Interest income is reported on the accrual basis. Dividends are recognized on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation in fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year.

Contributions and Contributions Receivable - Each month, participants must pay a monthly assessment for the short-term disability insurance plan that participants selected. A participant's monthly assessment shall be in such amount as determined by SMART and may increase or decrease prospectively. Participants may also elect to have additional amounts withheld to pay premiums for long-term disability benefits. Contributions due and not paid prior to year-end are reported as a receivable. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, no allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary.

FELA Reimbursements - The Federal Employers Liability Act (FELA) provides various benefits to railroad workers who sustain on-the-job injuries. Plan participants who are eligible may apply through the use of pre-approved attorneys selected by the Plan. In circumstances where the participant is successful in their FELA claim and receive compensation, they must reimburse the Plan for any short-term disability benefits previously received for the same injury.

Distributions of Benefits - Benefits distributed to participants are recognized as a reduction of net assets available for benefits at the time such benefits are paid.

Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of changes in net assets available for benefits and benefit obligations during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.



NOTE 3. TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Plan by letter, dated August 11, 2011, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(9). The Plan sponsor believes the Plan is designed and currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

The Plan accounts for income taxes in accordance with the Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic *Income Taxes*. These provisions provide consistent guidance for the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an entity's financial statements and prescribe a threshold of "more likely than not" for recognition and derecognition of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The Plan performed an evaluation of uncertain tax positions for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and determined that there were no matters that would require recognition in the financial statements or that may have an effect on its tax-exempt status. As of December 31, 2024, the statute of limitations for tax years 2021 through 2023 remains open with the U.S. federal jurisdiction and the various states and local jurisdictions in which the Plan files returns.

NOTE 4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Accounting standards provide the framework for measuring fair value which provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

- Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
- Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include other significant observable inputs including:
- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
 - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and
 - Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

- Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

NOTE 4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

	2024			
	Total Fair Value	Quoted Prices (Level 1)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Money market fund	\$ 657,610	\$ -	\$ 657,610	\$ -
Mutual funds	17,092,894	17,092,894	-	-
	<u>\$ 17,750,504</u>	<u>\$ 17,092,894</u>	<u>\$ 657,610</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

	2023			
	Total Fair Value	Quoted Prices (Level 1)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Money market fund	\$ 80,923	\$ -	\$ 80,923	\$ -
Mutual funds	10,841,889	10,841,889	-	-
	<u>\$ 10,922,812</u>	<u>\$ 10,841,889</u>	<u>\$ 80,923</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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

Money market fund - The fair value of the Plan's investment in a money market fund is estimated based on amortized cost which approximates fair value.

Mutual funds - The Plan's investments in mutual funds are valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the securities are traded.

NOTE 5. PRIORITIES UPON TERMINATION

It is the intent of the Board of Trustees (Trustees) to continue the Plan in full force and effect. However, to safeguard against any unforeseen contingencies, the right to discontinue the Plan is reserved to the Trustees. Termination shall not permit any part of the Plan's assets to be used for or diverted to purposes other than the exclusive benefit of the participants. In the event the Plan terminates, the net assets of the Plan will be allocated as prescribed by ERISA and its related regulations.



NOTE 6. RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan is sponsored by SMART. Monthly assessments are initially processed by SMART and then transferred to the Plan. SMART received monthly assessments of \$21,583,421 and \$18,219,663 during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The amounts due from SMART for monthly assessments were \$352 and \$56,351 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. These amounts were transferred in the subsequent period. SMART also provides to the Plan certain accounting and administrative services. Additionally, at times, field supervisors and local treasurers service participants. These services are provided at no charge to the Plan.

The Plan also pays certain investment and administrative fees directly to service providers, including U.S. Bank, the investment custodian for the Plan.

These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions, which are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

NOTE 7. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 at December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 19,591,877	\$ 12,871,821
Benefit obligations payable	(1,424,645)	(1,245,266)
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 18,167,232</u>	<u>\$ 11,626,555</u>

The following is a reconciliation of benefits paid to or for participants per the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2024:

Fully-insured insurance premiums paid to or for participants per the financial statements	\$ 5,884,094
Add - benefit obligations payable at December 31, current year	168,836
Less - benefit obligations payable at December 31, prior year	<u>(211,576)</u>
Fully-insured insurance premiums paid to or for participants per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 5,841,354</u>
Self-insured benefits paid to or for participants per the financial statements	\$ 11,268,770
Add - benefit obligations payable at December 31, current year	1,255,809
Less - benefit obligations payable at December 31, prior year	<u>(1,033,690)</u>
Self-insured benefits paid to or for participants per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 11,490,889</u>



NOTE 8. RISKS AND SIGNIFICANT UNCERTAINTIES

Investment Risks - The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Significant Uncertainties: Benefit Obligations - The present value of benefit obligations is estimated based on the assumption that participants currently receiving benefits would continue for the full length of the period that the benefit remains available. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term would be material to the financial statements.

NOTE 9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS REVIEW

Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 3, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. This review and evaluation revealed no material event or transaction which would require an adjustment to or disclosure in the accompanying financial statements.

SMART GROUP VSTD PLAN AND TRUST

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

DECEMBER 31, 2024

Form 5500, Schedule H, Line 4i

EIN: 34-1031303
Plan No. 501

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, or owner Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Number of Shares or Par Value			(d) Cost	(e) Current Value	
		Description	Maturity Date	Rate of Interest			Number of Shares or Par Value
	Money Market						
	First American Government Obligation Fund	Money Market Fund	N/A	1.00%	657,610	\$ 657,610	\$ 657,610
	Mutual Fund						
	Cliffwater Corporate Lending Fund	Mutual Fund	N/A	N/A	120,367	1,280,687	1,278,326
	Federated Hermes Total Return Bond IS	Mutual Fund	N/A	N/A	244,460	2,368,651	2,285,698
	Fidelity Intermediate Treasury Bond	Mutual Fund	N/A	N/A	142,620	1,365,148	1,347,760
	Diam Hill Short Dur Securitized Bd I	Mutual Fund	N/A	N/A	84,045	823,525	836,246
	Lord Abbett Short Duration Income Fund Class I	Mutual Fund	N/A	N/A	385	1,495	1,491
	Pgim Total Return Bond CL R6	Mutual Fund	N/A	N/A	103,013	1,301,794	1,219,670
	Vanguard Short Term Bond Index	Mutual Fund	N/A	N/A	30,500	1,389,309	1,382,870
	American Beacon Ninety One Gbl	Mutual Fund	N/A	N/A	45,090	698,026	793,584
	Boillie Gifford Long Term Global Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	N/A	N/A	24,526	741,417	815,003
	Goldman Sachs Small Cap Valuation Insights	Mutual Fund	N/A	N/A	6,872	364,537	379,697
	Loomis Sayles Small Cap Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	N/A	N/A	13,411	395,198	390,006
	Mondrian Global Equity Value Fund	Mutual Fund	N/A	N/A	57,633	745,444	786,685
	Nationwide International Small Cap Fund Class R6	Mutual Fund	N/A	N/A	43,723	410,449	394,821
	Nyfi Cbre Global Infrastructure Fd I	Mutual Fund	N/A	N/A	66,140	820,369	864,444
	Vanguard Equity Income Adm	Mutual Fund	N/A	N/A	9,917	847,855	874,377
	Vanguard 500 Index Admiral	Mutual Fund	N/A	N/A	5,627	2,157,433	3,053,914
	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Adm	Mutual Fund	N/A	N/A	1,188	293,153	388,302
	Total assets (held at end of year)					\$ 16,662,100	\$ 17,750,504

Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security
Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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

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

OMB Nos. 1210 - 0110
1210 - 0089

2024

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

- A** This return/report is for: a multiemployer plan a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- a single-employer plan a DFE (specify) _____
- 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** If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here ▶
- D** Check box if filing under: Form 5558 automatic extension the DFVC program
- special extension (enter description) _____
- 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

<p>1a Name of plan SMART GROUP VSTD PLAN AND TRUST</p>	<p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 506</p>
<p>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) SMART</p> <p>1750 NEW YORK AVENUE, SUITE 600</p> <p>WASHINGTON DC 20006</p>	<p>1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2010</p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1031303</p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 216-228-9400</p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) 813930</p>

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE		10/09/2025	JEREMY FERGUSON
	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
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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
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5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	40,987
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c, and 6d).		
a (1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	6a(1)	40,987
a (2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	6a(2)	42,032
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	6b	
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	6c	
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2), 6b, and 6c	6d	42,032
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits	6e	
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f	
g (1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g(1)	
(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g(2)	
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6h	
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

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

4F

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

<p>a Pension Schedules</p> <p>(1) <input type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information)</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary</p> <p>(3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary</p> <p>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) - Number Attached _____</p> <p>(5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)</p>	<p>b General Schedules</p> <p>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information)</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information - Small Plan)</p> <p>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) - Number Attached <u> 1 </u></p> <p>(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information)</p> <p>(5) <input type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information)</p> <p>(6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules)</p>
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SMART GROUP VSTD PLAN AND TRUST

SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Form 5500, Schedule H, Line 4j

EIN: 34-1031303
Plan No. 501

(a) Identity of Party Involved	(b) Description of Asset (include interest rate and maturity in case of a loan)	(c) Purchase Price	(d) Selling Price	(e) Lease Rental	(f) Expenses Incurred with Transaction	(g) Cost of Asset	(h) Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date	(i) Net Gain or (Loss)
N/A	First American Government Oblig Fd	\$ 5,549,651	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 5,549,651	\$ 5,549,651	N/A
N/A	First American Government Oblig Fd	N/A	\$ 4,972,967	N/A	N/A	4,972,964	4,972,967	\$ 3
N/A	Cliffwater Corporate Lending Fund	763,523	N/A	N/A	N/A	763,523	763,523	N/A
N/A	Fidelity Intermediate Treasury Bond	952,160	N/A	N/A	N/A	952,160	952,160	N/A
N/A	Diam Hill Short Dur Securitized Bd I	823,525	N/A	N/A	N/A	823,525	823,525	N/A
N/A	Vanguard Short Term Bond Index	1,389,309	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,389,309	1,389,309	N/A
N/A	Vanguard Short Term Bond Index	N/A	354,429	N/A	N/A	365,988	354,429	(11,559)
N/A	Vanguard 500 Index Admiral	1,122,269	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,122,269	1,122,269	N/A