

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

2024

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

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

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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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... [X] a single-employer plan [] a DFE... B This return/report is: [] the first return/report [] the final return/report... C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here... D Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [] automatic extension... E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here...

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: GROW AMERICA DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 002
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/2000
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): GROW AMERICA
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 13-6532871
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 212-682-1106
2d Business code (see instructions): 541600

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 | |
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| 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 13-6532871 | |
| a Sponsor's name THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL | | 4d PN 002 | |
| c Plan Name THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL PENSION PLAN | | | |
| 5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | 5 | 121 | |
| 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) | 70 | |
| a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year | 6a(2) | 72 | |
| b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits | 6b | 21 | |
| c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits | 6c | 30 | |
| d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2), 6b, and 6c | 6d | 123 | |
| e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits | 6e | 2 | |
| f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e | 6f | 125 | |
| 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 | 1 | |
| 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:
 1A 3D 3H

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

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| 9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) | | 9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) | |
| (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance | (1) <input 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 |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts | (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust | (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust | (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor |
| (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust | (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | |

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

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| a Pension Schedules | | b General Schedules | |
| (1) <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>0</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 checked="" 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 _____

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

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

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| A Name of plan <u>GROW AMERICA DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN</u> | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | <u>002</u> |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>GROW AMERICA</u> | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>13-6532871</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 type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input checked="" 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>26704209</u> |
| | b Actuarial value | 2b | <u>26704209</u> |
| 3 | Funding target/participant count breakdown | (1) Number of participants | (2) Vested Funding Target |
| | a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment | <u>22</u> | <u>10749395</u> |
| | b For terminated vested participants | <u>29</u> | <u>2108959</u> |
| | c For active participants | <u>70</u> | <u>10491286</u> |
| | d Total | <u>121</u> | <u>23349640</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>5.22 %</u> |
| 6 | Target normal cost | | |
| | a Present value of current plan year accruals | 6a | <u>848331</u> |
| | b Expected plan-related expenses | 6b | <u>70000</u> |
| | c Target normal cost | 6c | <u>918331</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.

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| SIGN HERE | |
| Signature of actuary | <u>10/12/2025</u> |
| <u>LLOYD A. KATZ, F.S.A., E.A.</u> | <u>23-04654</u> |
| Type or print name of actuary | Most recent enrollment number |
| <u>THE BENEFIT PRACTICE</u> | <u>203-517-3501</u> |
| Firm name | Telephone number (including area code) |
| <u>1055 WASHINGTON BLVD., SUITE 610</u> <u>STAMFORD, CT 06901</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) | 1109468 | 535027 |
| 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) | 1109468 | 535027 |
| 10 | Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>10.89</u> % | 120821 | 58264 |
| 11 | Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance: | | |
| | a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year) | | 299467 |
| | 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>5.29</u> % | | 15842 |
| | 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 | | 315309 |
| | 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) | 1230289 | 593291 |

| Part III Funding Percentages | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------|----------|
| 14 | Funding target attainment percentage | 14 | 104.27 % |
| 15 | Adjusted funding target attainment percentage | 15 | 111.91 % |
| 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 | 102.89 % |
| 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 | | |
| 01/30/2024 | 100000 | 0 | 12/03/2024 | 300000 | 0 | | |
| 03/01/2024 | 100000 | 0 | | | | | |
| 03/15/2024 | 100000 | 0 | | | | | |
| 04/24/2024 | 100000 | 0 | | | | | |
| 05/17/2024 | 100000 | 0 | | | | | |
| 08/19/2024 | 300000 | 0 | | | | | |
| | | | Totals ▶ | 18(b) | 1100000 | 18(c) | 0 |

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

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| 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 | 1071013 |

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 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost | | | |
| 21 Discount rate: | | | |
| a Segment rates: | 1st segment: 4.75 % | 2nd segment: 4.96 % | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used |
| b Applicable month (enter code) | | | 21b 0 |
| 22 Weighted average retirement age | | | 22 65 |
| 23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute | | | |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year | | | |
| 31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions): | | | |
| a Target normal cost (line 6c) | 31a | 918331 | |
| b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a | 31b | 918331 | |
| 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 | 0 | |
| | Carryover balance | Prefunding balance | Total balance |
| 35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35) | | | 36 0 |
| 37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c) | | | 37 1071013 |
| 38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions) | | | |
| a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36) | 38a | 1071013 | |
| 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 |

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

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

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| A Name of plan GROW AMERICA DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | 002 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 GROW AMERICA | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 13-6532871 | |

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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| PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION | THE TOWER AT PNC PLAZA 300 FIFTH AVENUE PITTSBURGH, PA 15222-2401 |
| 22-1146430 | |

(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)

THE VANGUARD GROUP, INC.

P.O. BOX 2900
VALLEY FORGE, PA 19482-2900

23-1945930

| (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? |
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| 21 27 | NONE | 71923 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

| (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? |
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| | | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input 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)

| (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? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| | | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input 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.

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| (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. | |
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| (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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| (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. | |
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| (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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| (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. | |
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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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| (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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| (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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| (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)

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

Explanation:

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

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| SCHEDULE H (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> | Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | OMB No. 1210-0110 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection |
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| For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024 | |
| A Name of plan GROW AMERICA DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 GROW AMERICA | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 13-6532871 |

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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 | 86828 | 0 |
| b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts): | | | |
| (1) Employer contributions | 1b(1) | 0 | 0 |
| (2) Participant contributions | 1b(2) | 0 | 0 |
| (3) Other | 1b(3) | 0 | 86990 |
| c General investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) | 1c(1) | 0 | 0 |
| (2) U.S. Government securities | 1c(2) | 0 | 0 |
| (3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities): | | | |
| (A) Preferred | 1c(3)(A) | 0 | 0 |
| (B) All other | 1c(3)(B) | 0 | 0 |
| (4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities): | | | |
| (A) Preferred | 1c(4)(A) | 0 | 0 |
| (B) Common | 1c(4)(B) | 0 | 0 |
| (5) Partnership/joint venture interests | 1c(5) | 0 | 0 |
| (6) Real estate (other than employer real property) | 1c(6) | 0 | 0 |
| (7) Loans (other than to participants) | 1c(7) | 0 | 0 |
| (8) Participant loans | 1c(8) | 0 | 0 |
| (9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts | 1c(9) | 0 | 0 |
| (10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts | 1c(10) | 0 | 0 |
| (11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts | 1c(11) | 0 | 0 |
| (12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities | 1c(12) | 0 | 0 |
| (13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 1c(13) | 26617381 | 26631183 |
| (14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) | 1c(14) | 0 | 0 |
| (15) Other | 1c(15) | 0 | 0 |

| 1d Employer-related investments: | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities..... | 1d(1) | 0 | 0 |
| (2) Employer real property..... | 1d(2) | 0 | 0 |
| e Buildings and other property used in plan operation..... | 1e | 0 | 0 |
| f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)..... | 1f | 26704209 | 26718173 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| g Benefit claims payable..... | 1g | 0 | 0 |
| h Operating payables..... | 1h | 0 | 0 |
| i Acquisition indebtedness..... | 1i | 0 | 0 |
| j Other liabilities..... | 1j | 0 | 0 |
| k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)..... | 1k | 0 | 0 |
| Net Assets | | | |
| l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)..... | 1l | 26704209 | 26718173 |

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) | 1100000 | |
| (B) Participants..... | 2a(1)(B) | 0 | |
| (C) Others (including rollovers)..... | 2a(1)(C) | 0 | |
| (2) Noncash contributions..... | 2a(2) | 0 | |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2) | 2a(3) | | 1100000 |
| b Earnings on investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest: | | | |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)..... | 2b(1)(A) | 0 | |
| (B) U.S. Government securities..... | 2b(1)(B) | 0 | |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments..... | 2b(1)(C) | 0 | |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants)..... | 2b(1)(D) | 0 | |
| (E) Participant loans..... | 2b(1)(E) | 0 | |
| (F) Other..... | 2b(1)(F) | 0 | |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F) | 2b(1)(G) | | 0 |
| (2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock..... | 2b(2)(A) | 0 | |
| (B) Common stock..... | 2b(2)(B) | 0 | |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)..... | 2b(2)(C) | 1109227 | |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C) | 2b(2)(D) | | 1109227 |
| (3) Rents..... | 2b(3) | | 0 |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds..... | 2b(4)(A) | 0 | |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)..... | 2b(4)(B) | 0 | |
| (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) | 0 | |
| (B) Other..... | 2b(5)(B) | 0 | |
| (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) | | 0 |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts | 2b(7) | | 0 |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts | 2b(8) | | 0 |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities | 2b(9) | | 0 |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 2b(10) | | -1061361 |
| c Other income | 2c | | 0 |
| d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2d | | 1147866 |

Expenses

| | | | |
|---|---------------|---------|---------|
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers | 2e(1) | 1050264 | |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits | 2e(2) | 0 | |
| (3) Other | 2e(3) | 0 | |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) | 2e(4) | | 1050264 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) | 2f | | 0 |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) | 2g | | 0 |
| h Interest expense | 2h | | 0 |
| i Administrative expenses: | | | |
| (1) Salaries and allowances | 2i(1) | 0 | |
| (2) Contract administrator fees | 2i(2) | 0 | |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees | 2i(3) | 0 | |
| (4) IQPA audit fees | 2i(4) | 0 | |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees | 2i(5) | 71922 | |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees | 2i(6) | 0 | |
| (7) Actuarial fees | 2i(7) | 0 | |
| (8) Legal fees | 2i(8) | 0 | |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees | 2i(9) | 0 | |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses | 2i(10) | 0 | |
| (11) Other expenses | 2i(11) | 11716 | |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) | 2i(12) | | 83638 |
| j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2j | | 1133902 |

Net Income and Reconciliation

| | | | |
|---|--------------|--|-------|
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d | 2k | | 13964 |
| l Transfers of assets: | | | |
| (1) To this plan | 2l(1) | | 0 |
| (2) From this plan | 2l(2) | | 0 |

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: **LBMC, PC**

(2) EIN: **62-1199757**

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 | | 1000000 |
| 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.) | | | |
| 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. | | | |

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) |
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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 550738.

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| SCHEDULE R (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> | Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ 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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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

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| A Name of plan <u>GROW AMERICA DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN</u> | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | <u>002</u> |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>GROW AMERICA</u> | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>13-6532871</u> | |

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| Part I | Distributions |
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

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| 1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions..... | 1 | 0 |
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2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 23-1945930 22-1146430

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

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| 3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year | 3 | 0 |
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| Part II | Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.) |
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? Yes No N/A

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

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

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

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| 6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) | 6a | |
| b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year | 6b | |
| c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)..... | 6c | |

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? Yes No N/A

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? Yes No N/A

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| Part III | Amendments |
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box..... Increase Decrease Both No

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| Part IV | ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part. |
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? Yes No

11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? Yes No

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) Yes No

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? Yes No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

| | | |
|---|------------|--|
| a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)..... | 14a | |
| b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)..... | 14b | |
| c The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)..... | 14c | |

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

| | | |
|---|------------|--|
| a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year | 15a | |
| b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year | 15b | |

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

| | | |
|---|------------|--|
| a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year | 16a | |
| b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers..... | 16b | |

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%
 High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:
 0-5 years 5-10 years 10-15 years 15 years or more

20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? Yes No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:
 Yes.
 No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.
 No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.
 No. Other. Provide explanation: _____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? Yes No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).
 Design-based safe harbor method
 "Prior year" ADP test
 "Current year" ADP test
 N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 02 / 28 / 2023 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q705217A.

THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL PENSION PLAN

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

December 31, 2024 and 2023

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Plan Administrator
The National Development Council Pension Plan

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2024 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of the The National Development Council Pension Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, the statement of accumulated plan benefits as of January 1, 2024, and the related statement of changes in accumulated plan benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements (2024 financial statements).

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the Plan's 2024 financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements* section of our report,

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2024 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").
- the information in the accompanying 2024 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management has determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 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 audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion on the 2024 financial statements.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2024 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP, 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. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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 issued or 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.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements

Except as described in the *Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2024 Financial Statements* section of our report, 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 auditors' 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 are considered material if, there is 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.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certifications, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2024 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of GAAP.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP.

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.

Other Matter - 2024 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL'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 included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit 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. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Report on Compiled 2023 Financial Statements

Plan management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of The National Development Council Pension Plan, which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes in accordance with GAAP. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the 2023 financial statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by plan management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the 2023 financial statements.

LBMCP

Brentwood, Tennessee
October 7, 2025

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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2024 and 2023

| | <u>2024</u> | (Compiled) <u>2023</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Non-interest bearing cash | \$ - | \$ 86,828 |
| Investments, at fair value: | | |
| Mutual funds | 26,631,183 | 26,617,381 |
| Accrued investment income | <u>86,990</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Net assets available for benefits | <u>\$ 26,718,173</u> | <u>\$ 26,704,209</u> |

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

| | <u>2024</u> | (Compiled) <u>2023</u> |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Additions (reductions) to net assets attributed to: | | |
| Net change resulting from investment activity: | | |
| Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments | \$ (1,061,361) | \$ 1,474,624 |
| Interest and dividend income | <u>1,109,227</u> | <u>916,097</u> |
| Net change resulting from investment activity | 47,866 | 2,390,721 |
| Plan Sponsor contributions | <u>1,100,000</u> | <u>5,500,000</u> |
| Net additions | <u>1,147,866</u> | <u>7,890,721</u> |
| Deductions from net assets attributed to: | | |
| Benefits paid | 1,050,264 | 939,147 |
| Administrative expenses | <u>83,638</u> | <u>66,420</u> |
| Total deductions | <u>1,133,902</u> | <u>1,005,567</u> |
| Net increase | 13,964 | 6,885,154 |
| Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year | <u>26,704,209</u> | <u>19,819,055</u> |
| Net assets available for benefits at end of year | <u>\$ 26,718,173</u> | <u>\$ 26,704,209</u> |

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Statement of Accumulated Plan Benefits

January 1, 2024

Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits:

Vested benefits:

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Active participants | \$ 9,870,104 |
| Terminated vested participants | 1,876,744 |
| Retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment | <u>10,016,626</u> |
| Total vested benefits | 21,763,474 |

| | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Nonvested benefits | <u>353,567</u> |
|--------------------|----------------|

| | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Total actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits | \$ <u><u>22,117,041</u></u> |
|--|-----------------------------|

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Accumulated Plan Benefits

Year Ended January 1, 2024

| | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at beginning of year | \$ <u>17,382,900</u> |
| Increase (decrease) during the year attributable to: | |
| Benefits accumulated | 587,999 |
| Benefits paid | (939,147) |
| Change in actuarial assumptions | 3,734,635 |
| Decrease in discount period | <u>1,350,654</u> |
| Net increase | <u>4,734,141</u> |
| Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at end of year | \$ <u>22,117,041</u> |

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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(1) Description of plan

The following description of the The National Development Council Pension Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

(a) General

The Plan is a non-contributory defined benefit pension plan which was adopted on January 1, 2000 to provide retirement benefits for employees of The National Development Council (the "Plan Sponsor"). The Plan covers substantially all employees, except for union employees whose employment is governed by a collective bargaining agreement, employees of certain subordinate organizations, and employees of any for-profit subsidiaries of the Plan Sponsor, who are 21 years of age and have completed one year of service ("participants"). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

(b) Contributions

All contributions to the Plan are made by the Plan Sponsor based upon recommendation of a consulting actuary in an amount necessary to fund normal cost and amortize prior service cost. Contributions by the Plan Sponsor are irrevocable and may be used only for the benefit of the participants and their beneficiaries. The Plan has met the minimum funding requirements for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

(c) Vesting

Participants vest in their accrued benefit based on years of service as disclosed below. Participants also become fully vested upon death, disability or retirement.

| <u>Years of Service</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Less than 3 | 0% |
| 3 | 20% |
| 4 | 40% |
| 5 | 60% |
| 6 | 80% |
| 7 | 100% |

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(d) Pension benefits

Benefits are determined based on a retirement benefit formula equal to 1.0% of average monthly compensation multiplied by total number of periods of service on or after January 1, 2016 (up to a maximum of 30 years) reduced by service credited prior to 2016, plus frozen accrued benefits earned prior to 2016, if any. Average monthly compensation is determined over the 5 consecutive plan years during the participant's compensation history which produce the highest average, divided by 12. Compensation history is the period beginning on the date participation in the plan commenced and ending in the current plan year.

Plan participants are eligible for their plan benefits as of the date of retirement, death, or permanent disability.

Participants who are married on the date their benefits are to begin and have a vested accrued benefit exceeding \$5,000 will automatically receive a joint and 50% survivor annuity. Participants who are not married and have a vested accrued benefit exceeding \$5,000 will automatically receive a life annuity. Participants have the option to waive their automatic election (with spousal consent, if married) and elect to receive a single lump-sum payment, life annuity, joint and 50% survivor annuity, joint and 75% survivor annuity, or joint and 100% survivor annuity. If a participant has a vested accrued benefit less than \$5,000, it will automatically be distributed as a single lump-sum.

(e) Administrative expenses

Actuarial, investment management, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC") premiums, and other fees are generally paid from Plan assets.

(f) Plan termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Plan Sponsor has the right under the plan document to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

Should the Plan terminate at some future time, its net assets generally may be available on a pro rata basis to provide participants' benefits. Whether a particular participant's accumulated plan benefits will be paid depends on both the priority of those benefits and the level of benefits guaranteed by the PBGC at that time. Some benefits may be fully or partially provided for by the Plan's then existing assets and the PBGC guaranty, while other benefits may not be provided at all. The priority order of participants' claims to the assets of the Plan upon termination comply with applicable sections of benefits guaranteed by the PBGC as detailed in the plan document.

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(2) Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

(b) Investment valuation and income recognition

Investments are stated at fair value. 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.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

(c) Payment of benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

(d) Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits

Accumulated plan benefits are future periodic payments that are attributable to services participants have rendered. Accumulated plan benefits include benefits expected to be paid to (a) retired or terminated participants or their beneficiaries, (b) beneficiaries of participants who have died, and (c) present participants or their beneficiaries. The Plan's benefits are based on each participant's compensation as defined in the Plan and years of service. Benefits payable under all circumstances (retirement, death, and disability) are included, to the extent they are deemed attributable to participant service rendered as of the valuation date.

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is determined by consulting actuaries and is that amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated plan benefits to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as for death, disability, withdrawal, or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment.

Actuarially estimated plan costs are computed using the unit credit method.

The significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuation as of January 1, 2024 are (a) life expectancy of participants (the 2024 Mortality Tables prescribed by the IRS under Section 430(h)(3)), (b) retirement age assumptions (the assumed retirement age was 65), and (c) assumed interest rate of 6.0%.

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Certain actuarial assumptions change periodically in accordance with certain statutory regulations. The change in actuarial assumptions of \$3,734,635 in the statement of changes in accumulated benefits for the year ended January 1, 2024 was primarily attributable to the change in the assumed interest rate from 8.0% as of January 1, 2023 to 6.0% as of January 1, 2024.

The actuarial assumptions are based on the presumption that the Plan will continue. If the Plan were to terminate, different assumptions might be applicable in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits.

(e) Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes therein, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(f) Events occurring after reporting date

The Plan's management has evaluated events and transactions that occurred between December 31, 2024 and October 7, 2025, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, for possible recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

(3) Certified information

Information related to investments reported in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year), including the fair value of investments held and accrued investment income as of December 31, 2024, and net appreciation (depreciation) and interest and dividend income for the year then ended, was obtained or derived from information supplied to the plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company from January 1, 2024 to October 7, 2024 and PNC Bank National Association as of December 31, 2024 and from October 7, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

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(4) Fair value measurements

Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820, *Fair Value Measurements*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework 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 or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described below:

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:

- 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;
- 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.

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 used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description 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.

- (i) *Non-interest bearing cash*: Valued at the outstanding balance as reported by Vanguard. Cash is considered a level 1 asset.
- (ii) *Mutual funds*: Valued based on the funds' reported closing net asset values ("NAV") as of the last business day of the plan year. The funds are deemed to be actively traded and are considered level 1 assets.

The method described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan's management believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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(5) Income tax status

The Plan Sponsor adopted a volume submitter defined benefit plan, which received a favorable opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") on March 30, 2018, which stated that the volume submitter plan was designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The plan itself has not received a determination letter from the IRS stated that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the IRC and the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter. However, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the IRC and is therefore, qualified and exempt from taxation.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability or asset if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or asset or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

(6) Related party and party-in-interest transactions

As described in Note 1, the Plan paid expenses to various service providers which qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

(7) Risks and uncertainties

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.

Plan contributions are made and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits are reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. 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 could materially affect the amounts reported and disclosed in the financial statements.

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(8) Subsequent event

Effective January 1, 2025, the plan document was restated to reflect the change in the Plan Sponsor name from The National Development Council to Grow America and the Plan name change to Grow America Defined Benefit Pension Plan.

Effective January 1, 2025, the retirement benefit formula was modified to ensure participants who began participating prior to January 1, 2016 would not have a lesser accrued benefit than they would had the current formula been in effect for the duration of their participation. Participants are now entitled to the greater of the benefit calculated using the formula as disclosed in Note 1(d), or 1.0% of average monthly compensation multiplied by total number of periods of service (up to a maximum of 30 years).

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EIN 13-6532871, PLAN No. 002

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2024

| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) |
|-----|--|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party | Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value | Cost | Current Value |
| | Mutual funds: | | | |
| | Fidelity | Government Portfolio | \$ 670,483 | \$ 670,483 |
| | Vanguard | Long-Term Investment Grade | 20,360,116 | 15,578,183 |
| | Vanguard | Long-Term Treasury Fund | 7,522,258 | 5,099,802 |
| | Vanguard | Total International Stock Index | 1,777,470 | 1,959,831 |
| | Vanguard | Total Stock Market Index | <u>2,012,659</u> | <u>3,322,884</u> |
| | | Total | <u>\$ 32,342,986</u> | <u>\$ 26,631,183</u> |

* Represents a party-in-interest.

The above data is based upon information which has been certified as complete and accurate by PNC Bank National Association.

Grow America Defined Benefit Pension Plan

EIN: 13-6532871 PN: 002

Schedule SB, Line 26 – Schedule of Active Participant Data

Attained Years of Credited Service

| Age | Under 1 | 1 to 4 | 5 to 9 | 10 to 14 | 15 to 19 | 20 to 24 | 25 to 29 | 30 to 34 | 35 to 39 | 40 & up | Total |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Under 25 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 to 29 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 30 to 34 | | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | | 5 |
| 35 to 39 | | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | 9 |
| 40 to 44 | | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | | | | | 11 |
| 45 to 49 | | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | 9 |
| 50 to 54 | | 1 | | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | | 7 |
| 55 to 59 | | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | | | | | 15 |
| 60 to 64 | | 2 | 2 | | | 2 | | | | | 6 |
| 65 to 69 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | | | | | 5 |
| 70 & up | | | | | | 2 | | | | | 2 |
| Total | | 20 | 15 | 12 | 9 | 14 | | | | | 70 |

Grow America Defined Benefit Pension Plan
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Schedule SB, Part V – Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Actuarial Basis

A. Funding Method

The valuation method is the actuarial cost method prescribed under Section 430 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Under this method, the following terms are used:

The Funding Target is the sum of the present value of all benefits accrued or earned under the plan as of the beginning of the plan year.

The Applicable Funding Target is equal to the Funding Target multiplied by the applicable transition percentage under the Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act of 2008.

The Target Normal Cost is the sum of the present value of all benefits which are expected to accrue or be earned under the plan during the plan year.

The Carryover Balance maintained by the plan was set equal to the Credit Balance, if any, in the Funding Standard Account as of the final day of the 2007 plan year. It is decreased when used to reduce the minimum required contribution in succeeding plan years. The unused portion is adjusted to reflect the rate of return on plan assets in those succeeding plan years.

The Prefunding Balance is the accumulation of discounted contributions in excess of the minimum funding requirement for 2008 and later plan years. It is decreased when used, and adjusted for return on plan assets, similarly to the Carryover Balance.

The Funding Shortfall is equal to the Funding Target, less the Actuarial Value of Assets, reduced by the Prefunding Balance and the Carryover Balance.

The Adjusted Funding Shortfall is equal to the Applicable Funding Target, less the Actuarial Value of Assets, reduced by the Prefunding Balance and the Carryover Balance.

A Shortfall Amortization Base is established for a plan year equal to the Adjusted Funding Shortfall less the present value of the existing Shortfall Amortization Installments and Waiver Amortization Installments, if any. Under some circumstances, no Shortfall Amortization Base may need to be established and/or prior Shortfall Amortization Bases may be eliminated.

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

A Shortfall Amortization Installment is the amount necessary to amortize the Shortfall Amortization Base over the 15-plan-year period beginning with the plan year it is established. Before the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), plans were generally required to amortize any Shortfall Amortization Base over a 7-plan-year period. Effective with the 2021 plan year, the ARPA allowed the plan sponsor to eliminate all prior amortization installments and reamortize the Funding Shortfall over a period of 15 years. A 15-year period is then be used for any new Shortfall Amortization Installments established in future plan years. The sponsor may have chosen to reamortize in the 2020 or 2021 plan years but was required to do so by the 2022 plan year.

Grow America Defined Benefit Pension Plan

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

B. Actuarial Assumptions

Interest:

For minimum funding:

Segment rates prescribed under ARPA for plan years beginning in 2024.

| <u>Discount period</u> | <u>Segment rate</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 0 to 5 years | 4.75% |
| 5 to 20 years | 4.96% |
| 20 years or longer | 5.59% |

For maximum deductible:

Segment rates prescribed by the IRS in Section 430(h)(2)(C) for the month of January 2024.

| <u>Discount period</u> | <u>Segment rate</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 0 to 5 years | 4.37% |
| 5 to 20 years | 4.96% |
| 20 years or longer | 4.95% |

For recommended maximum:

Segment rates prescribed by the IRS in Section 417(e) for the month of December 2023 as limited by Section 415(b) if applicable.

| <u>Discount period</u> | <u>Segment rate</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 0 to 5 years | 5.01% |
| 5 to 20 years | 5.13% |
| 20 years or longer | 5.15% |

For ASC 960:

6.00% per annum.

Mortality:

For funding:

Pre-retirement: 2024 Mortality Tables prescribed by the IRS under Section 430(h)(3) for Non-Annuitants, Males and Females, respectively.

Post-retirement (Annuity Distributions): 2024 Mortality Tables prescribed by the IRS under Section 430(h)(3) for Annuitants, Males and Females, respectively.

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Post-retirement (Lump Sum Distributions): 2024 Mortality Tables prescribed by the IRS under Section 430(h)(3) for Lump Sum Distributions.

For ASC 960:

Pre-retirement: 2024 Mortality Tables prescribed by the IRS under Section 430(h)(3) for Non-Annuitants, Males and Females, respectively.

Post-retirement: 2024 Mortality Tables prescribed by the IRS under Section 430(h)(3) for Annuitants, Males and Females, respectively.

Turnover:

30% of employees are assumed to terminate within the first year of employment. For future years, rates in accordance with the T-3 Table from the Actuaries Handbook were used. Sample rates are illustrated below:

| Age | Probability |
|-----|-------------|
| 25 | 5.27% |
| 30 | 4.83% |
| 35 | 4.47% |
| 40 | 3.84% |
| 45 | 3.21% |
| 50 | 1.52% |
| 55 | 0.33% |
| 60 | 0.00% |
| 65 | 0.00% |

Retirement:

The later of attained age or normal retirement age.

Salary:

3.00% per annum.

Lump Sum Election Percentage:

0.00%

Social Security:

N/A.

Spouse's Benefit:

Based on actual data. When actual data is not available, it is assumed that male (female) participants are 3 years older (younger) than their spouses, and that spouses are of the opposite sex.

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| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Married Percentage: | 80% of participants are assumed to be married. |
| Disability: | 50% of the 1955 UAW rates. |
| Expenses: | \$70,000. |
| C. Valuation of Assets: | The actuarial value of assets is the market value. |

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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.

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

- A This return/report is for: [] a multiemployer plan [] a multiple-employer plan... [x] a single-employer plan [] a DFE... B This return/report is: [] the first return/report [] the final return/report... C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here... D Check box if filing under: [x] Form 5558 [] automatic extension... E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here...

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: Grow America Defined Benefit Pension Plan
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 002
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/2000
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): Grow America
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 13-6532871
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 212-682-1106
2d Business code (see instructions): 541600

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, and Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes a DocuSigned signature for Donnell Karimah on 10/14/2025 at 5:44 AM PDT.

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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 <u>The National Development Council</u> c Plan Name <u>The National Development Council Pension Plan</u> | 4b EIN <u>13-6532871</u> 4d PN <u>002</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:10%;">5</td> <td style="text-align: right;">121</td> </tr> </table> | 5 | 121 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 121 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested | <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:10%;">6a(1)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6a(2)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6b</td> <td style="text-align: right;">21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6c</td> <td style="text-align: right;">30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6d</td> <td style="text-align: right;">123</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6e</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6f</td> <td style="text-align: right;">125</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6g(1)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>6g(2)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>6h</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1</td> </tr> </table> | 6a(1) | 70 | 6a(2) | 72 | 6b | 21 | 6c | 30 | 6d | 123 | 6e | 2 | 6f | 125 | 6g(1) | | 6g(2) | | 6h | 1 |
| 6a(1) | 70 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6a(2) | 72 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6b | 21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6c | 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6d | 123 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6e | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6f | 125 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6g(1) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6g(2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6h | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) | <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:10%;">7</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
 1A 3D 3H

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

| | |
|---|---|
| 9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | 9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor |
|---|---|

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

- (1) **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached _____
- (4) **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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 _____

**SCHEDULE SB
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan
Actuarial Information**

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

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

OMB No. 1210-0110

2024

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

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

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


| | | | |
|---|--|---|-----|
| A Name of plan Grow America Defined Benefit Pension Plan | | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | 002 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF Grow America | | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 13-6532871 | |
| 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 type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input checked="" 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 | 26,704,209 | |
| b Actuarial value..... | 2b | 26,704,209 | |
| 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..... | 22 | 10,749,395 | 10,749,395 |
| b For terminated vested participants..... | 29 | 2,108,959 | 2,108,959 |
| c For active participants..... | 70 | 10,491,286 | 11,003,310 |
| d Total..... | 121 | 23,349,640 | 23,861,664 |
| 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 | 5.22% | |
| 6 Target normal cost | | | |
| a Present value of current plan year accruals..... | 6a | 848,331 | |
| b Expected plan-related expenses..... | 6b | 70,000 | |
| c Target normal cost..... | 6c | 918,331 | |

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 |  | <u>10/12/2025</u> |
| | Signature of actuary | Date |
| Lloyd A. Katz, F.S.A., E.A. | | 2304654 |
| | Type or print name of actuary | Most recent enrollment number |
| The Benefit Practice | | 203-517-3501 |
| | Firm name | Telephone number (including area code) |
| 1055 Washington Blvd., Suite 610 | | |
| Stamford CT 06901 | | |
| | 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 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) | 1,109,468 | 535,027 |
| 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) | 1,109,468 | 535,027 |
| 10 | Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>10.89%</u> | 120,821 | 58,264 |
| 11 | Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance: | | |
| | a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year) | | 299,467 |
| | 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>5.29%</u> | | 15,842 |
| | 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 | | 315,309 |
| | 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) | 1,230,289 | 593,291 |

| Part III | | Funding Percentages | |
|-----------------|--|----------------------------|---------|
| 14 | Funding target attainment percentage | 14 | 104.27% |
| 15 | Adjusted funding target attainment percentage | 15 | 111.91% |
| 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 | 102.89% |
| 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 |
| 01/30/2024 | 100,000 | 0 | | | |
| 03/01/2024 | 100,000 | 0 | | | |
| 03/15/2024 | 100,000 | 0 | | | |
| 04/24/2024 | 100,000 | 0 | | | |
| 05/17/2024 | 100,000 | 0 | | | |
| 08/19/2024 | 300,000 | 0 | | | |
| 12/03/2024 | 300,000 | 0 | | | |
| | | | Totals ▶ | 18(b) | 18(c) |
| | | | | 1,100,000 | 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 | 1,071,013 |

| | | | |
|--|---|---|---------|
| 20 | Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls: | | |
| | a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| | b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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

21 Discount rate:

a Segment rates:

| | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|
| 1st segment: 4.75 % | 2nd segment: 4.96 % | 3rd segment: 5.59 % | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|

b Applicable month (enter code)..... **21b** 0

22 Weighted average retirement age **22** 65

23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions) 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** 918,331

b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a **31b** 918,331

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** 0

| | Carryover balance | Prefunding balance | Total balance |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)..... | | | 36 0 |
| 37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)..... | | | 37 1,071,013 |
| 38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions) | | | |
| a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)..... | | | 38a 1,071,013 |
| 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

Grow America Defined Benefit Pension Plan

EIN: 13-6532871 PN: 002

Schedule SB, Line 19 – Discounted Employer Contributions

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Plan Year</u> <u>Applied</u> | <u>Applicable</u> <u>Rate</u> | <u>Discounted</u> <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------|---------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1/30/2024 | 100,000 | 2024 | 5.22% | 99,597 |
| 3/1/2024 | 100,000 | 2024 | 5.22% | 99,168 |
| 3/15/2024 | 100,000 | 2024 | 5.22% | 98,974 |
| 4/24/2024 | 100,000 | 2024 | 5.22% | 98,424 |
| 5/17/2024 | 100,000 | 2024 | 5.22% | 98,110 |
| 8/19/2024 | 300,000 | 2024 | 5.22% | 290,499 |
| 12/3/2024 | 300,000 | 2024 | 5.22% | 286,241 |

Total: 1,100,000

Total: 1,071,013

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

Each participant is assumed to retire at the latest of the following:

- (A) Age 65
- (B) Age at valuation date

The Weighted Average Retirement Age is obtained by averaging the assumed retirement age of each active participant. Such Weighted Average Retirement Age for the 2024 Plan Year is 65.

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Schedule SB, Part V – Summary of Plan Provisions

Summary of Plan Provisions

DEFINITIONS:

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Average Monthly Compensation: | Highest average monthly Compensation received in any 5 consecutive Years of Service as a Participant before date of termination. |
| Compensation: | Participant's Wages for each Year of Service, as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 3401(a). |
| Normal Form of Annuity: | Life annuity. |
| Normal Retirement Date: | The first day of the month coinciding with or following the attainment of age 65. |
| Period of Service: | All periods of service with the employer from date of employment to Termination of Employment, or Normal Retirement Date. For accrual purposes, one twelfth of a year of service will be granted for each month that the eligible employee works at least one hour of service. Service prior to January 1, 1995 is not credited for accrual purposes, other than for participants who were Non-Highly Compensated as of January 1, 2008. Periods between September 30, 2015 and January 1, 2016 shall not be taken into account. |
| Year of Service: | For vesting and eligibility purposes, a Year of Service is any year in which an Employee has at least 1,000 hours of service |

PENSION BENEFITS:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Eligibility for Plan Participation: | Plan entry occurs on the January 1 st or July 1 st coinciding with or next following attainment of age 21 and 1 Year of Service. |
| Benefit Formula: | Effective January 1, 2016, the Accrued Benefit shall be the post-freeze Accrued Benefit plus the frozen September 30, 2015 Accrued Benefit. |

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The post-freeze Accrued Benefit is equal to 1.00% of Average Monthly Compensation multiplied by Periods of Service earned after January 1, 2016, not to exceed a total of 30 when combined with the Periods of Service credited prior to September 30, 2015.

The frozen September 30, 2015 Accrued Benefit shall be the greater of the following:

- (1) 1.67% of Final Average Compensation, times Periods of Service (maximum 30)
- (2) Accrued Benefit as of December 31, 2007, plus 1.67% of Final Average Compensation times Periods of Service after 2007 (maximum 30, reduced by service reflected in December 31, 2007 accrued benefit)

Early Retirement:

Eligibility: Age 55 with 10 years of eligibility service and at least 7 years of vesting service.

Benefit formula: Same as normal retirement benefit, based on service and compensation at date of early retirement, actuarially reduced for commencement prior to Normal Retirement Date.

Vesting:

Eligibility: 20% after completion of 3 years of service, 40% at 4 years of service, 60% at 5 years of service, 80% at 6 years of service, 100% at 7 years of service.

Benefit Formula: Same as normal retirement benefit, based on service and compensation at date of termination, actuarially reduced for commencement prior to normal retirement age.

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Pre-Retirement Death Benefit:

Eligibility: All participants.

Benefit Formula: 50% of the pension benefit accrued at date of death, actuarially reduced by the appropriate joint and survivor and early commencement factors.

Disability:

Eligibility: All participants.

Benefit Formula: Same as normal retirement benefit, based on service and compensation at date of disability, unreduced for commencement prior to normal retirement age.

THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL PENSION PLAN

EIN 13-6532871, PLAN No. 002

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2024

| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) |
|-----|--|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party | Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value | Cost | Current Value |
| | Mutual funds: | | | |
| | Fidelity | Government Portfolio | \$ 670,483 | \$ 670,483 |
| | Vanguard | Long-Term Investment Grade | 20,360,116 | 15,578,183 |
| | Vanguard | Long-Term Treasury Fund | 7,522,258 | 5,099,802 |
| | Vanguard | Total International Stock Index | 1,777,470 | 1,959,831 |
| | Vanguard | Total Stock Market Index | <u>2,012,659</u> | <u>3,322,884</u> |
| | | Total | <u>\$ 32,342,986</u> | <u>\$ 26,631,183</u> |

* Represents a party-in-interest.

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