

Form 5500-SF

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Short Form Annual Return/Report of Small Employee Benefit Plan

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

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

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2023

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

- A** This return/report is for: a single-employer plan a multiple-employer plan (not multiemployer) (Pension Plan filers checking this box must attach Schedule MEP. Other plans must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- B** This return/report is the first return/report the final return/report
 an amended return/report a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
- C** Check box if filing under: Form 5558 automatic extension DFVC program
 special extension (enter description)
- D** If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here ▶
- E** If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here ▶

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan BETTER BY DESIGN, LLC		1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
		1c Effective date of plan	04/01/2011
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) BETTER BY DESIGN, LLC ERIC SCOTT WENTZ 2740 CAMBRIDGE CIR BROOKFIELD, WI 53045-3229		2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)	39-2065023
		2c Sponsor's telephone number	414-526-2147
		2d Business code (see instructions)	333200
3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor.		3b Administrator's EIN	
		3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report. a Sponsor's name c Plan Name		4b EIN	
		4d PN	
5a Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5a	18	
b Total number of participants at the end of the plan year.....	5b	14	
c(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	5c(1)	18	
c(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	5c(2)	14	
d(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year.....	5d(1)	14	
d(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year.....	5d(2)	7	
e Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	5e	7	

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.
Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including, if applicable, a Schedule SB or Schedule MB completed and signed by an enrolled actuary, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	01/18/2026	ERIC WENTZ
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	01/18/2026	ERIC WENTZ
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor

- 6a** Were all of the plan's assets during the plan year invested in eligible assets? (See instructions.)..... Yes No
- b** Are you claiming a waiver of the annual examination and report of an independent qualified public accountant (IQPA) under 29 CFR 2520.104-46? (See instructions on waiver eligibility and conditions.)..... Yes No
- If you answered "No" to either line 6a or line 6b, the plan cannot use Form 5500-SF and must instead use Form 5500.**
- c** If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? Yes No Not determined
- If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____ (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information			
7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	833492	788319
b Total plan liabilities	7b	0	0
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	833492	788319
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions received or receivable from:			
(1) Employers	8a(1)	4537	
(2) Participants	8a(2)	6182	
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)	0	
b Other income (loss)	8b	110422	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		121141
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	166308	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions) .	8e	0	
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f	0	
g Other expenses	8g	6	
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		166314
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		-45173
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j	0	

Part IV Plan Characteristics	
9a	If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 3D 2T
b	If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

Part V Compliance Questions				
10 During the plan year:		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program)	10a		X	
b Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.)	10b		X	
c Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?	10c	X		20000
d Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	10d		X	
e Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.)	10e	X		3904
f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	10f		X	
g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)	10g		X	
h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	10h		X	
i If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	10i		X	

Part VI Pension Funding Compliance

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

b Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year **12b**

c Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **12c**

d Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **12d**

e Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline? Yes No N/A

Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets

13a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year? Yes No

a If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year..... **13a**

b Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? Yes No

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

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

Part VIII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

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

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



January 17, 2026

Internal Revenue Service
Ogden, Utah 84201-0018

RE: Notice CP-406 of 12/22/2025

To whom it may concern:

I am writing regarding Notice CP-406 sent to Better by Design, LLC on 12/22/2026 regarding late filing of a 5500 SF for year 2023. I respectfully request that the penalties associated be removed for the following reasons:

- Better by Design closed and discontinued operations in November of 2023 and subsequently moved from its previous address in Delavan, Wisconsin in January of 2024.
- The Better by Design, LLC 401k was noticed to the participants in January of 2024 that it was being discontinued and they should withdraw their funds. That process was handled by Empower. All employees were noticed according to law and funds disbursement to the participants was completed in 2025. There are no balances remaining in the 401k. All funds were disbursed appropriately to the participants as they were all 100% vested. Better by Design retained/received no funds from the 401k.
- Filings on behalf of Better by Design were to have been filed by our Administrator, Blue Chip Retirement Plans. The 2023 filing was apparently not filed as noted in your notice
- Better by Design was apparently noticed to its previous address in July of 2025 (regarding the 2023 filing) after the Post Office forwarding of mail ceased and was not received. Subsequent notice CP-406 of 12/22/2025 was received as sent to this address (2740 Cambridge Circle, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53045). This is the first notice I received letting me know that the 2023 filing was late.
- In working with the IRS to correct this filing, I subsequently discovered that the 2022 filing of form 5500 SF was also not complete. I am working to remedy that as well.
- I have responded to the notice that was received in December of 2025 and, until that notice, was unaware of failure to file at the end of 2023 (expecting that would have been done as the previous years had been done).
- Better by Design, LLC ceased operations in November of 2023. Its assets have been liquidated by its creditors in early 2024. As an operating entity it no longer exists and has no remaining assets.

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better by **design**, LLC

For these reasons, we respectfully request that any penalties associated with these filings be removed.

I am happy to correct the delinquent filings so that records are complete concerning the closing of this business. If you have any questions or further communication, feel free to contact me at 2740 Cambridge Circle, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53045, at 414-526-2147 or ericswentz@outlook.com.

Thank you for your kind attention and help.

Respectfully,

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