Form 5500-SF

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Short Form Annual Return/Report of Small Employee Benefit Plan

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

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

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

A This return/report is for: [X] a single-employer plan [ ] a multiple-employer plan (not multiemployer) (Pension Plan filers checking this box must attach Schedule MEP. Other plans must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)

B This return/report is [ ] the first return/report [ ] the final return/report
[ ] an amended return/report [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C Check box if filing under: [ ] 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
RESEARCH AFFILIATES, LLC DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

1c Effective date of plan 02/01/2005

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)
RESEARCH AFFILIATES, LLC

660 NEWPORT CENTER DR, STE 300
NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 02-0570299

2c Sponsor's telephone number 949-325-8700

2d Business code (see instructions) 523900

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor.

3b Administrator's EIN

3c Administrator's telephone number

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report.
a Sponsor's name
c Plan Name

4b EIN

4d PN

5a Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5a**	87
b Total number of participants at the end of the plan year	**5b**	80
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)**	
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)**	
d(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5d(1)**	52
d(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**5d(2)**	44
e Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**5e**	0

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

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including, if applicable, a Schedule SB or Schedule MB completed and signed by an enrolled actuary, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	05/18/2026	JENNIFER A ARIAS
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor

6a Were all of the plan's assets during the plan year invested in eligible assets? (See instructions.) [X] 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.) [X] 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)? [X] Yes [ ] No [ ] Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 574553. (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information

7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	8441208	9043204
b Total plan liabilities	7b		
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	8441208	9043204
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		**(a) Amount**	**(b) Total**
a Contributions received or receivable from: (1) Employers	8a(1)	5000	
(2) Participants	8a(2)		
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)		
b Other income (loss)	8b	1300073	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		1305073
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	703077	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions)	8e		
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f		
g Other expenses	8g		
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		703077
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		601996
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j		

Part IV Plan Characteristic Codes

9a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:
1A 1C 3B

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

Part V Compliance Questions

10 During the plan year:		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program)	10a		X	
b Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.)	10b		X	
c Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?	10c	X		5000000
d Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	10d		X	
e Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.)	10e		X	
f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	10f		X	
g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)	10g		X	
h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	10h			
i If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	10i			

Part VI Pension Funding Compliance

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

a Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 | **11a** | 0

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

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

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

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

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

b Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year	**12b**	
c Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	**12c**	
d Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	**12d**	
e Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline?		[ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] N/A

Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500)

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Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information

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

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

A Name of plan
RESEARCH AFFILIATES, LLC DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF
RESEARCH AFFILIATES, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
02-0570299

E Type of plan: [X] Single [ ] Multiple-A [ ] Multiple-B

F Prior year plan size: [X] 100 or fewer [ ] 101-500 [ ] More than 500

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month 01 Day 01 Year 2025

2 Assets:

a Market value	**2a**	8441208
b Actuarial value	**2b**	8441208

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	3	646707	646707
b For terminated vested participants	32	3785439	3785439
c For active participants	52	5124220	5124220
d Total	87	9556366	9556366

4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) [ ]

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**	5.35 %
6 Target normal cost		
a Present value of current plan year accruals	**6a**	0
b Expected plan-related expenses	**6b**	0
c Target normal cost	**6c**	0

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE

Signature of actuary

05/14/2026
Date

WILLIAM N. CORNELL, EA, MAAA
Type or print name of actuary

26-06487
Most recent enrollment number

STANDARD RETIREMENT SERVICES, INC.
Firm name

971-321-8418
Telephone number (including area code)

P O BOX 711
PORTLAND, OR 97207-0711
Address of the firm

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions [ ]

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	308422
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)		185937
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	122485
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of 3.68 %	0	4507
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		0
	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 5.08 %		0
	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		0
	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)	0	126992

Part III Funding Percentages

14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	87.00 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	87.00 %
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	80.21 %
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
03/25/2025	5000				
			Totals ► 18(b)	5000	18(c) 0

19	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:		
	a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a	0
	b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
	c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	4941

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? [X] Yes [ ] No

b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? [X] 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

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

21 Discount rate:

a Segment rates:	1st segment: 5.07 %	2nd segment: 5.31 %	3rd segment: 5.50 %	☐ N/A, full yield curve used

b Applicable month (enter code)	**21b**	4
22 Weighted average retirement age	**22**	63

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**	0
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	**31b**	0

32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment	1242150	130559
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**	130559

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	126992	126992

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	**36**	3567
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	**37**	4941

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

a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	**38a**	1374
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

Appendix C – Other Attachments to Schedule SB of Form 5500

For attachment to 2025 Schedule SB, Line 22 – Description of Weighted Average Retirement Age
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Weighted Average Retirement Age

Age	Estimated Plan Participants	Percentage Expected to Retire	Number Expected to Retire	Weighted Factor
62	100.00	80%	80.00	4,960.00
63	20.00	2%	0.40	25.20
64	19.60	2%	0.39	25.09
65	19.21	10%	1.92	124.85
66	17.29	5%	0.86	57.05
67	16.42	5%	0.82	55.02
68	15.60	5%	0.78	53.05
69	14.82	5%	0.74	51.13
70	14.08	100%	14.09	985.64
			100.00	6,337.03
		Weighted Average Retirement Age:		**63.37**

Appendix A – Summary of Principal Plan Provisions

For attachment to 2025 Schedule SB, Part V – Summary of Plan Provisions
EIN 02-0570299 / PN 002

Original Effective Date:	February 1, 2005.
Last Restatement:	Restated plan document effective March 31, 2025.
Subsequent Amendments:	Effective March 31, 2025,participation was closed to new entrants.
Participation:	Employees are eligible to enter the plan on January 1 or July 1 next following the completion of one year of employment and attainment of age 21. Effective November 1, 2009, part-time, temporary, and seasonal employees whose regularly scheduled service is less than 1,000 hours of service are excluded. Notwithstanding this exclusion, if any actually completes 1,000 hours of service, then they will enter the plan on the next entry date following completion of the year of service provided that the employee is employed by the employer on that entry date. Effective March 31, 2025, participation was closed to new entrants.
Benefit Service:	Employees will accrue benefits if they work at least 1,000 hours during the year. Effective January 1, 2023, benefit accruals are zero.
Vesting Service:	Prior to January 1, 2010, the sum of the plan years during which a participant has at least 1,000 hours of service. Effective January 1, 2010, the vesting credit will be based on elapsed time.
Normal Retirement Date:	Normal retirement is the first of the month coincident with or following attainment of age 62 with five years of participation.
Early Retirement Date:	None provided.
Eligible Compensation:	Prior to November 1, 2008, eligible compensation used to determine benefits will be based on the participant's total compensation reduced by bonuses and post-severance pay. Effective November 1, 2008, eligible compensation will exclude all bonuses, overtime pay, unused sick leave or vacation pay, and all other sources of pay that are not otherwise included in a participant's base pay.

Appendix A - Summary of Plan Provisions (cont.)

Normal Retirement Benefit:

Prior to January 1, 2008, the normal retirement benefit was equal to 8.1% of average monthly compensation multiplied by the lesser of total years of participation or 10.

Normal Retirement Benefit (cont.):

Effective January 1, 2008, the prior benefit was converted to a cash balance account. This initial sum and future contribution additions will accumulate interest credits at the rate of 5.5% per year. If the participant works at least 1,000 hours during the year, a contribution credit equaled to 25% of eligible compensation is earned.

Effective January 1, 2009, if the participant works at least 1,000 hours during the plan year, a contribution credit of 10% of eligible compensation is earned. The interest crediting rate will be an average of the 10-year Treasury rate for the last business day of August, September, October, and November prior to the plan year.

Effective June 1, 2020, if the participant works at least 1,000 hours during the plan year, a contribution credit of 5% of eligible compensation is earned. The interest crediting rate will be an average of the 10-year Treasury rate for the last business day of August, September, October, and November prior to the plan year.

Effective January 1, 2023, the contribution credit of 0% of eligible compensation is earned.

In no event will the normal retirement benefit be less than the benefit earned prior to January 1, 2008, when the plan was converted to cash balance.

Termination Benefit:

The amount of this benefit will be equal to his normal retirement benefit earned on the basis of service to date multiplied by the appropriate vested percentage from the following tables.

Prior to January 1, 2010:

Years of Service	Vested Interest
less than 2	0%
2 or more	100%

Effective January 1, 2010:

Years of Service	Vested Interest
less than 3	0%
3 or more	100%

An actively employed participant shall be 100% vested upon attainment of normal retirement age.

Appendix A - Summary of Plan Provisions (cont.)

Normal Form of Benefit:	The normal annuity form is a straight life annuity equal to the participant's cash balance account divided by an annuity conversion factor.
Optional Benefit Forms:	Any of the following alternate forms of benefit are available upon retirement. • Lump sum equal to the cash balance account • Certain-only period annuity • 100%, 75%, or 50% joint & survivor annuity
Death Benefits (Pre-Retirement):	Prior to December 1, 2013, if a participant was married and died prior to the time his benefit payments commence, a death benefit equal to the participant's cash balance account was payable. If the participant was not married, there was no death benefit available. Effective December 1, 2013, the plan was amended to provide death benefits to unmarried participants.
Death Benefits (Post-Retirement):	None except as provided by the annuity form elected.
Changes Since Last Year:	None.

Appendix B – Summary of Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

For attachment to 2025 Schedule SB, Part V – Actuarial Assumptions and Methods
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Actuarial Value of Assets: Market Value Method.

Turnover: Society of Actuaries 2003 Small Plan Age Table.

Age	Rate
25	19.5%
40	9.4%
55	4.2%

Retirement:

Age	Rate
62	80%
63	2%
64	2%
65	10%
66	5%
67	5%
68	5%
69	5%
70	100%

Disability Incidence: None.

Salary Scale (compounded annually): N/A

Interest Crediting Rate: 4.045% interest crediting for 2025.

Assumed Form of Payment: Upon termination of employment, 40% of active participants are assumed to elect an immediate lump sum and 60% are assumed to defer election of a lump sum to normal retirement age. Among the population of participants previously separated from service, 20% are assumed to elect an immediate lump sum and 80% are assumed to defer a lump sum to normal retirement age.

Lump Sum Valuation Method: Equal to cash balance account.

Marital Status: 100% married with husbands 3 years older than wives.

Expenses: None.

Plan Benefits Not Considered: None.

Appendix B – Summary of Actuarial Assumptions and Methods (cont.)

Funding Assumptions

Funding Target Discount Rates:	*For Min. Required (ARPA)*	*For Maximum Deductible*
Years 0 to 5:	5.07%	5.07%
Years 6 to 20:	5.31%	5.33%
Years 21 on:	5.50%	5.36%

Pre-Retirement Mortality Table:	None.
Post-Retirement Mortality Table:	IRS 2025 Small Plan Combined Static Mortality Table
Changes since the Prior Year:	The mortality tables and segment rates were updated as per IRS regulations. Interest Crediting rate has been updated from 4.4825% to 4.045% in 2025.

Appendix C – Other Attachments to Schedule SB of Form 5500

For attachment to 2025 Schedule SB, Line 32 – Schedule of Amortization Bases
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Shortfall Amortization Bases

Date Established	Type of Base	Amortization Amount	Years Remaining	Present Value of Installments
01/01/2025	Shortfall	($55,378)	15	($593,932)
01/01/2024	Shortfall	52,759	14	540,269
01/01/2023	Shortfall	133,178	13	1,295,813
		$130,559		**$1,242,150**

Appendix C – Other Attachments to Schedule SB of Form 5500

For attachment to 2025 Schedule SB, Line 26 – Schedule of Active Participant Data
EIN 02-0570299 / PN 002

Active Participant Age/Service Distribution

	Years of Credit Service										
Age	**<1**	**1-4**	**5-9**	**10-14**	**15-19**	**20-24**	**25-29**	**30-34**	**35-39**	**>40**	**Total**
<25		2									2
25-29		3									3
30-34		3	2								5
35-39		2	2	1							5
40-44		1	5	5							11
45-49		3	2	3	3						11
50-54		3	2	2							7
55-59			1	1	2						4
60-64				1	1						2
65-69											0
>70				1		1					2
Total	0	17	14	14	6	1	0	0	0	0	52

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For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

▶ **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
RESEARCH AFFILIATES, LLC
DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF
RESEARCH AFFILIATES, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
02-0570299

E Type of plan: [X] Single [ ] Multiple-A [ ] Multiple-B

F Prior year plan size: [X] 100 or fewer [ ] 101-500 [ ] More than 500

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month 1 Day 1 Year 2025

2 Assets:

a Market value	**2a**	8,441,208
b Actuarial value	**2b**	8,441,208

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	3	646,707	646,707
b For terminated vested participants	32	3,785,439	3,785,439
c For active participants	52	5,124,220	5,124,220
d Total	87	9,556,366	9,556,366

4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) [ ]

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**	5.35 %
6 Target normal cost		
a Present value of current plan year accruals	**6a**	0
b Expected plan-related expenses	**6b**	0
c Target normal cost	**6c**	0

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 William N Cornell — Signature of actuary

May 14, 2026 — Date

WILLIAM N. CORNELL, EA, MAAA — Type or print name of actuary

26-06487 — Most recent enrollment number

STANDARD RETIREMENT SERVICES, INC. — Firm name

(971)321-8418 — Telephone number (including area code)

P O BOX 711

PORTLAND OR 97207-0711 — Address of the firm

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions [ ]

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	308,422
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)		185,937
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	122,485
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of 3.68%	0	4,507
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		0
	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 5.08%		0
	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		0
	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)	0	126,992

Part III Funding Percentages

14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	87.00%
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	87.00%
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	80.21%
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
03/25/2025	5,000				
			Totals ► 18(b)	5,000	18(c) 0

19	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:		
	a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years.	19a	0
	b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
	c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	4,941

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? [X] Yes [ ] No

b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? [X] 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

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

21 Discount rate:

a Segment rates:

1st segment:	2nd segment:	3rd segment:	
5.07 %	5.31 %	5.50 %	☐ N/A, full yield curve used

b Applicable month (enter code)	**21b**	4
22 Weighted average retirement age	**22**	63

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**	0
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	**31b**	0

32 Amortization installments:

	Outstanding Balance	Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment	1,242,150	130,559
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**	130,559

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	126,992	126,992

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	**36**	3,567
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	**37**	4,941

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

a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	**38a**	1,374
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

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.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

A This return/report is for: [X] a single-employer plan [ ] a multiple-employer plan (not multiemployer) (Pension Plan filers checking this box must attach Schedule MEP. Other plans must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)

B This return/report is [ ] the first return/report [ ] the final return/report
[ ] an amended return/report [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C Check box if filing under: [ ] 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
RESEARCH AFFILIATES, LLC
DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

1c Effective date of plan 02/01/2005

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)
RESEARCH AFFILIATES, LLC

660 NEWPORT CENTER DR, STE 300

NEWPORT BEACH CA 92660

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 02-0570299

2c Sponsor's telephone number (949)325-8700

2d Business code (see instructions) 523900

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor.

3b Administrator's EIN

3c Administrator's telephone number

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report.
a Sponsor's name
c Plan Name

4b EIN

4d PN

5a Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5a**	87
b Total number of participants at the end of the plan year	**5b**	80
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)**	
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)**	
d(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5d(1)**	52
d(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**5d(2)**	44
e Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**5e**	0

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

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including, if applicable, a Schedule SB or Schedule MB completed and signed by an enrolled actuary, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Jennifer A Arias	5/18/2026	JENNIFER A ARIAS
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor

6a Were all of the plan's assets during the plan year invested in eligible assets? (See instructions.) [X] 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.) [X] 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)? [X] Yes [ ] No [ ] Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 574553. (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information

7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	8,441,208	9,043,204
b Total plan liabilities	7b		
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	8,441,208	9,043,204
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		**(a) Amount**	**(b) Total**
a Contributions received or receivable from: (1) Employers	8a(1)	5,000	
(2) Participants	8a(2)		
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)		
b Other income (loss)	8b	1,300,073	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		1,305,073
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	703,077	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions)	8e		
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f		
g Other expenses	8g		
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		703,077
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		601,996
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j		

Part IV Plan Characteristic Codes

9a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:
1A 1C 3B

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		5,000,000
d Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	10d		X	
e Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.)	10e		X	
f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	10f		X	
g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)	10g		X	
h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	10h			
i If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	10i			

Part VI Pension Funding Compliance

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

a Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 | **11a** | 0

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

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

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

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

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

b Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year	**12b**	
c Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	**12c**	
d Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	**12d**	
e Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline?		☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets

13a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year?		☐ Yes ☒ No
a If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year	**13a**	
b Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

Part VIII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

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

15 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 02/28/2023 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q705217a .