Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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

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

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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:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) _____

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

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] Form 5558
- [ ] automatic extension
- [ ] the DFVC program
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
HOWARD BUILDING CORPORATION EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2014

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)
HOWARD BUILDING CORPORATION

707 WILSHIRE BLVD. #3750
LOS ANGELES, CA 90017

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
95-3874749

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
213-683-1850

2d Business code (see instructions)
236200

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/02/2026	JOSEPH CHAN
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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

4b EIN

c Plan Name

4d PN

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	234
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)**	160
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	188
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	7
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	77
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	272
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	2
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	274
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)**	212
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)**	270
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.	**6h**	7
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 Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

2I 2P 2Q 3I

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** [ ] Insurance
- **(2)** [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** [ ] Insurance
- **(2)** [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] 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)** [X] **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)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [ ] **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- **(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 2025 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2025 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 H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
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Financial Information

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2025

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A Name of plan
HOWARD BUILDING CORPORATION EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
HOWARD BUILDING CORPORATION

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
95-3874749

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	1661774	1136139
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	68051836	60356679
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
1e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
1f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	69713610	61492818
Liabilities			
1g Benefit claims payable	1g		
1h Operating payables	1h		
1i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	16479070	16376089
1j Other liabilities	1j		
1k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	16479070	16376089
Net Assets			
1l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	53234540	45116729

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)	2021792	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		2021792
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	36146	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		36146
(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	-7695157	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		-7695157

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		-5637219
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1821419	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		1821419
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		659163
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)	10	
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)**	2i(12)		10
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		2480592
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		-8117811
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

(1) [X] 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)** [X] 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: GELMAN LLP **(2)** EIN: 47-2310177

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.)	**4a**		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.)	**4b**		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.)	**4c**		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.)	**4d**		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	**4e**	X		5000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	**4f**		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?	**4g**		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?	**4h**		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.)	**4i**	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.)	**4j**		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?	**4k**		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	**4l**		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	**4m**		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	**4n**			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? [ ] Yes [X] No

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

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Retirement Plan Information

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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
HOWARD BUILDING CORPORATION

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
95-3874749

Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1** 0

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): 47-6723543 58-1428634

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

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3**

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.)

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.

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**

Part III Amendments

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**

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.

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):

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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 _____

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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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: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ 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. ☐ 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 ___/___/_____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number_____.

HOWARD BUILDING CORPORATION
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Financial Statements

December 31, 2025 and 2024

HOWARD BUILDING CORPORATION
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator of the
HOWARD BUILDING CORPORATION EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
Los Angeles, California

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Howard Building Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of Howard Building Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2025, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, 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 Howard Building Corporation Employee Stock Ownership 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 Howard Building Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

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

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

Gelman LLP

August 20, 2026
Irvine, California

HOWARD BUILDING CORPORATION
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
Statements of Net Assets Available For Benefits
December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025			2024		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Assets						
Investments at fair value:						
Howard Building Corporation common stock	$ 29,065,344	$ 31,291,335	$ 60,356,679	$ 32,065,405	$ 35,986,431	$ 68,051,836
Interest bearing cash and cash equivalents	1,136,139	-	1,136,139	1,661,774	-	1,661,774
Total assets	30,201,483	31,291,335	61,492,818	33,727,179	35,986,431	69,713,610
Liabilities						
Note payable	-	16,376,089	16,376,089	-	16,479,070	16,479,070
Total liabilities	-	16,376,089	16,376,089	-	16,479,070	16,479,070
Net assets available for benefits	$ 30,201,483	$ 14,915,246	$ 45,116,729	$ 33,727,179	$ 19,507,361	$ 53,234,540

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

HOWARD BUILDING CORPORATION
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available For Benefits
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Additions:			
Investment income:			
Interest income	$ 36,146	$ -	$ 36,146
Employer contributions	1,259,648	762,144	2,021,792
Allocation of 14,694 shares of Howard Building Corporation common stock at fair value	625,827	-	625,827
Total additions	1,921,621	762,144	2,683,765
Deductions:			
Investment loss:			
Net depreciation in the fair value of Plan investments	$ 3,625,888	$ 4,069,269	$ 7,695,157
	-	-	-
Interest expense	-	659,163	659,163
Payment of benefits	1,821,419	-	1,821,419
Administrative expenses	10	-	10
Allocation of 14,694 shares of Howard Building Corporation common stock at fair value	-	625,827	625,827
Total deductions	5,447,317	5,354,259	10,801,576
Net decrease	(3,525,696)	(4,592,115)	(8,117,811)
Net assets available for benefits:			
Beginning of year	33,727,179	19,507,361	53,234,540
End of year	$ 30,201,483	$ 14,915,246	$ 45,116,729

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

HOWARD BUILDING CORPORATION
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2025 and 2024

Note 1 – Plan Description and Basis of Presentation

The following description of the Howard Building Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan") is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for complete information regarding all Plan issues related herein.

General – Howard Building Corporation (the "Company") established the Howard Building Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan effective as of January 1, 2014. The Plan operates, in relevant part, as a leveraged employee stock ownership plan ("ESOP"), and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended ("Code"), and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). On March 20, 2025, the Company amended the Plan to admit eligible employees of Village Property Systems, Inc. ("VPS"), a subsidiary acquired by the Company in a stock purchase on March 19, 2025. Under the amendment, employees of VPS who were employed as of March 19, 2025 became participants in the Plan in accordance with the amended eligibility provisions. Employees of VPS are eligible to receive an allocation of employer contributions and other applicable Plan allocations for the plan year ending December 31, 2025 if they are credited with at least 1,000 hours of service during the plan year and are employed on the last day of the plan year. Management believes the amendment was adopted and applied in accordance with the terms of the Plan and applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended. The Plan is administered by the Trustee or Board of Trustees appointed by the Company's Board of Directors.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Plan purchased the Company's common shares consisting of loans payable (Note 7) and holds the common stock in a trust established under the Plan. The borrowing is to be repaid by fully deductible Company contributions to the trust fund. As the Plan makes each payment of principal, an appropriate percentage of common stock will be allocated to eligible employees' accounts in accordance with applicable regulations under the Code.

The borrowing is collateralized by the unallocated shares of common stock. The lenders have no rights against shares once they are allocated under the ESOP. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2025 and 2024 and for the year ended December 31, 2025 present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to:

1. the accounts of employees with rights in allocated common stock (allocated), and

2. common stock not yet allocated to employees (unallocated).

Eligibility – Employees of the Company are generally eligible to participate in the Plan retroactively to the first day of the plan year in which the employee has completed 12 consecutive months of service providing they worked at least 1,000 hours during the plan year, and the employee has attained age twenty-one (21).

Participants who are not age 21, have not completed the required minimum hours of service during such plan year, are not employed on the last working day of a plan year, employees who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement, or leased employees are generally not eligible for an allocation of Company contributions for such year.

Note 1 – Plan Description and Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Employer Contributions – The Company is obligated to make contributions in cash to the Plan which, when aggregated with the Plan's dividends and interest earnings, equal the amount necessary to enable the Plan to make its regularly scheduled payments of principal and interest due on its term loan.

Payment of Benefits – The Plan provides for the payment of benefits to participants (or, if applicable, the beneficiary) within one year after the close of the plan year in which the participant separates from service by reason of reaching normal retirement date, disability, death, or the sixth year following the plan year in which the Participant otherwise separates from service. Distributions are generally in substantially equal installments over a period of five years following the fifth plan year. Distributions are made in cash or, if a participant elects, in the form of Company common shares plus cash for any fractional shares, except that any distribution of shares so long as the Company is an S Corporation will be immediately repurchased by the Company. The methods of distributing benefits are defined in the Plan agreement.

Under the provisions of the Plan, the Company is obligated to repurchase participant shares which have been distributed under the terms of the Plan as long as the shares are not publicly traded or if the shares are subject to trading limitations.

Voting Rights – Each participant is entitled to exercise limited voting rights attributable to the shares allocated to his or her account and is notified by the Trustee prior to the time that such rights are to be exercised. The Trustee shall vote any unallocated shares held by the trust as well as the allocated shares for which instructions have not been given by a participant.

Plan Termination – Although the Company has expressed no intent to do so, it reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan at any time, subject to Plan provisions. Upon termination of the Plan, the interest of each participant in the trust fund shall immediately become fully vested and will be distributed to such participant or his or her beneficiary at the time prescribed by the Plan terms and the Code. Upon termination of the Plan, the Administration Committee shall direct the Trustee to pay all liabilities and expenses of the trust and to sell shares of financed stock held in the loan suspense account to the extent it determines such sale to be necessary in order to repay the loan.

Participant Accounts – The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which a separate individual account is established for each participant. Each participant's account is credited as of an allocation date with an allocation of employer contributions, shares of the Company's common stock released by the Trustee from the unallocated account, and forfeitures of terminated participants' non-vested accounts. Only those participants who are eligible employees of the Company as of the allocation date will receive an allocation. Allocations are based on a participant's eligible compensation relative to total eligible compensation for the allocation period. Plan earnings are allocated to each participant's account based on the ratio of the participant's account balance.

Note 1 – Plan Description and Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Vesting – If a participant's employment with the Company ends for any reason other than retirement, permanent disability or death, he or she will vest in the balances in his or her account based on years of service with the Company. Participants will vest 0% until the first two years of service are completed, and then 20% each year until fully vested in the sixth year.

Put Option – Under Federal income tax regulations, the employer stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradable on an established market, or is subject to trading limitations, includes a put option available in various situations as defined in the agreement. The put option is a right to demand that the Company buy any shares of its stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The put price is representative of the current appraised value of the stock. The Company can pay for the purchase in a single payment or with interest over a period of five years. The purpose of the put option is to ensure that the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash.

Diversification – Diversification is offered to participants close to retirement so that they may have the opportunity to move part of the value of their investment in Company stock into investments which are more diversified. Participants who are at least 55 with at least 10 years of participation in the Plan may elect to diversify a portion of their account. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over a six-year period. In each of the first five years, a participant may diversify up to 25% of the number of shares allocated to his or her account, less any shares previously diversified. In the sixth year, the percentage changes to 50%.

Forfeitures – No forfeiture shall occur on non-vested account balances until either the earlier of a distribution of the entire vested portion of the participant account or until the plan year in which a participant incurs 5 consecutive 1-year breaks-in-service. Forfeitures will be added to the employer contributions for the plan year and allocated in the same manner as employer contributions are allocated for the plan year. Forfeitures of terminated non-vested account balances allocated to remaining participants at December 31, 2025 totaled approximately $231,000. Plan earnings are allocated to each participant based on the ratio of the participant's beginning of the year account balance to all participants' beginning of the year account balances.

Administrative Expenses – As provided in the Plan agreement, administrative expenses may be paid either by the Plan or by the Company. The Company has historically paid the operating expenses for the Plan.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting – The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual method of accounting.

Use of Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition – The shares of Company common stock are reported at fair value. See Note 6 for a discussion on the fair value measurements. Dividend income is accrued on the ex-dividend date. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are reported on the average cost method. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Payment of Benefits – Benefits are recorded when paid.

Risks and Uncertainties – The Plan invests primarily in the Company's common stock, which is exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks, as well as valuation assumptions based on earnings, cash flow and/or other such techniques. Due to the level of risks associated with the investment in common stock and to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of common stock will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

Note 3 – Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated January 26, 2018, that the Plan is qualified, and the trust established under the Plan is tax-exempt, under the appropriate sections of the Code.

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 if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 4 – Administration of Plan Assets

The Plan's assets, which consist principally of Howard Building Corporation common stock, are held by the Trustee of the Plan.

Company contributions are held and managed by the Trustee, which invests cash received, interest and dividend income, and makes distributions to participants.

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. Administrative expenses for the Trustee's fees are paid directly by the Company.

Note 5 – Investments

The Plan's investment in the Howard Building Corporation common stock at December 31, is as follows:

	2025		2024	
	Allocated	Unallocated	Allocated	Unallocated
Number of shares	682,445	734,711	667,751	749,405
Cost	$ 13,648,905	$ 14,694,217	$ 13,355,021	$ 14,988,101
Estimated fair value	$ 29,065,344	$ 31,291,335	$ 32,065,405	$ 35,986,431

Note 6 – Fair Value Measurements

The accounting standards regarding fair value measurements define fair value, establish a framework for measuring fair value, and provide for enhanced disclosures about fair value measurements. Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in orderly transaction value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs when measuring fair value.

The standard describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1 Valuation is based upon quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 Valuation is based upon other observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable inputs in situations where there is little or no market activity for the asset or liability and the reporting entity makes estimates and assumptions relating to the pricing of the asset or liability including assumptions regarding risk.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for instruments measured at fair value, including the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no changes to the methodologies used at December 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024.

Note 6 – Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Interest Bearing Cash and Cash Equivalents

The carrying value is believed to be representative of the fair value.

Howard Building Corporation Common Stock

The fair value of the Howard Building Corporation common stock held by the Plan is valued at fair value based upon an independent appraisal. This appraisal was based upon the income valuation techniques consistent with prior years. The following table describes the nature of the basic assumptions used in arriving at fair value:

Instrument	Fair Value	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs
Howard Building Corporation common stock	$ 60,356,679	Income	EBITDA Cash flows Weighted average cost of capital Discount for lack of marketability

The valuation process involves selection of an independent appraiser by the Trustee. Plan management accumulates the data for the Trustee and appraiser from the reviewed financial statements of the Company. The appraiser prepares a preliminary report which the ESOP Trustee, reviews in detail with plan management, approves and sets the value of the Company common stock.

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

Note 6 – Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The following table sets forth the fair value hierarchy of the Plan's assets by level:

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2025			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Howard Building Corporation common stock	$ -	$ -	$ 60,356,679	$ 60,356,679
Interest bearing cash and cash equivalents	1,136,139	-	-	1,136,139
	$ 1,136,139	$ -	$ 60,356,679	$ 61,492,818

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Howard Building Corporation common stock	$ -	$ -	$ 68,051,836	$ 68,051,836
Interest bearing cash and cash equivalents	1,661,774	-	-	1,661,774
	$ 1,661,774	$ -	$ 68,051,836	$ 69,713,610

The table below sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan's level 3 investments assets and liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2025:

	As of December 31, 2025			
	Beginning Fair Value	Shares Redeemed	Total Unrealized (Losses)	Ending Fair Value
Howard Building Corporation common stock	$ 68,051,836	$ -	$ (7,695,157)	$ 60,356,679

Unrealized losses are included in changes in net assets for the period above are reported in net depreciation in fair value of investments in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Available For Benefits.

Note 7 – Loan Payable

On February 29, 2016, the Plan entered into a term loan agreement. The proceeds of the loan were used to purchase the Company's common stock. Unallocated shares are collateral for the loan. The agreement provides for the loan to be repaid over fifteen years. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the loan was refinanced and extended until 2075. The loan bears interest at 4% until the note is paid in full.

The fair value of the note payable as of December 31, 2025 was $16,376,089, determined by using interest rates currently available for issuance of debt with similar terms, maturity dates, and nonperformance risk.

The amortization schedule of the loan for the succeeding years is as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	
2026	$ 107,100
2027	111,384
2028	115,840
2029	120,473
2030	125,292
Thereafter	15,796,000
	$ 16,376,089

Note 8 – Related Party Transactions

The Plan invests in Company common stock and has indebtedness guaranteed by the Company. These are related party and party-in-interest transactions. As described in Notes 1 and 4, the Plan has a number of service providers. Such parties are parties-in-interest under ERISA.

Note 9 – Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through August 20, 2026, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued. No events have occurred through this date requiring additional disclosure.

Supplemental Information

HOWARD BUILDING CORPORATION
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Schedule H, Line 4i
Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
EIN 95-3874749 Plan Number 003
December 31, 2025

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	American Business Bank	Cash-Business Money Market	$ 1,136,139	$ 1,136,139
*	Howard Building Corporation	1,417,156 shares of common stock	28,343,122	60,356,679
			$ 29,479,261	$ 61,492,818

HOWARD BUILDING CORPORATION
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Schedule H, Line 4i
Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
EIN 95-3874749 Plan Number 003
December 31, 2025

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	American Business Bank	Cash-Business Money Market	$ 1,136,139	$ 1,136,139
*	Howard Building Corporation	1,417,156 shares of common stock	28,343,122	60,356,679
			$ 29,479,261	$ 61,492,818