Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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

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

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

2025

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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
ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 501

1c Effective date of plan 03/01/1960

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)
ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.

155 HARLEM AVENUE
GLENVIEW, IL 60025

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
36-1258310

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
847-724-7500

2d Business code (see instructions)
332110

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.	10/05/2026	BOB RIES
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/05/2026	BOB RIES
	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**	7910
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)**	7910
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	7609
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	7609
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	
g(1)	Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(1)**	
g(2)	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(2)**	
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.	**6h**	
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

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

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

4A 4B

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

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

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

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

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

a Pension Schedules

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

b General Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [X] **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 2
- **(4)** [X] **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 A (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

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

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

OMB No. 1210-0110

2025

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A Name of plan
ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 501

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
36-1258310

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

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
35-0472300	65676	CASE NO. 194	357	01/01/2025	12/31/2025

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
368627	81917

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

MFSM
1125 NW COUCH ST STE 900
PORTLAND, OR 97209

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
368627	81917	SERVICE FEES	3

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		**(e)** Organization code
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

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

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	**6b**	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	**6c**	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.	**6d**	

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity

(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

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

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

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee

(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶

b	Balance at the end of the previous year			**7b**	
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	**7c(1)**			
	(2) Dividends and credits	**7c(2)**			
	(3) Interest credited during the year	**7c(3)**			
	(4) Transferred from separate account	**7c(4)**			
	(5) Other (specify below) ▶	**7c(5)**			
	(6)Total additions			**7c(6)**	
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)			**7d**	
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	**7e(1)**			
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	**7e(2)**			
	(3) Transferred to separate account	**7e(3)**			
	(4) Other (specify below) ▶	**7e(4)**			
	(5) Total deductions			**7e(5)**	
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)			**7f**	

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:				
a Premiums: (1) Amount received	**9a(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	**9a(2)**			
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	**9a(3)**			
(4) Earned (**(1)** + **(2)** - **(3)**)			**9a(4)**	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	**9b(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	**9b(2)**			
(3) Incurred claims (add **(1)** and **(2)**)			**9b(3)**	
(4) Claims charged			**9b(4)**	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --				
(A) Commissions	**9c(1)(A)**			
(B) Administrative service or other fees	**9c(1)(B)**			
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	**9c(1)(C)**			
(D) Other expenses	**9c(1)(D)**			
(E) Taxes	**9c(1)(E)**			
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	**9c(1)(F)**			
(G) Other retention charges	**9c(1)(G)**			
(H) Total retention			**9c(1)(H)**	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were [ ] paid in cash, or [ ] credited.)			**9c(2)**	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement			**9d(1)**	
(2) Claim reserves			**9d(2)**	
(3) Other reserves			**9d(3)**	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line **9c(2)**.)			**9e**	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:				
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier			**10a**	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.			**10b**	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)

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D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
13-5581829	65978	0224579	7435	01/01/2025	12/31/2025

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
4073	37707

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

STRATEGIC NON-MEDICAL SOLUTIONS LLC
1 BEACON ST STE 17100
BOSTON, MA 02108-3107

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
4073	37707	SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION	3

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

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6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	**6b**	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	**6c**	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.	**6d**	

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity

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

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

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee

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b	Balance at the end of the previous year			**7b**	
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	**7c(1)**			
	(2) Dividends and credits	**7c(2)**			
	(3) Interest credited during the year	**7c(3)**			
	(4) Transferred from separate account	**7c(4)**			
	(5) Other (specify below) ▶	**7c(5)**			
	(6)Total additions			**7c(6)**	
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)			**7d**	
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	**7e(1)**			
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	**7e(2)**			
	(3) Transferred to separate account	**7e(3)**			
	(4) Other (specify below) ▶	**7e(4)**			
	(5) Total deductions			**7e(5)**	
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)			**7f**	

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9 Experience-rated contracts:				
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b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	**9b(1)**			
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c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --				
(A) Commissions	**9c(1)(A)**			
(B) Administrative service or other fees	**9c(1)(B)**			
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	**9c(1)(C)**			
(D) Other expenses	**9c(1)(D)**			
(E) Taxes	**9c(1)(E)**			
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	**9c(1)(F)**			
(G) Other retention charges	**9c(1)(G)**			
(H) Total retention			**9c(1)(H)**	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were [ ] paid in cash, or [ ] credited.)			**9c(2)**	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement			**9d(1)**	
(2) Claim reserves			**9d(2)**	
(3) Other reserves			**9d(3)**	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line **9c(2)**.)			**9e**	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:				
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier			**10a**	1499334
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.			**10b**	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2025** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
36-1258310

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

EMPYREAN BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC.

20-3029813

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15	N/A	1414155	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD

36-1236610

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
12	N/A	1181382	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

CVS CAREMARK

51-0353040

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
12	N/A	433508	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

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

METLIFE

13-5581829

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
12	N/A	78818	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

WILLIS TOWERS WATSON

53-0181291

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
11	N/A	59750	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

THE NORTHERN TRUST

36-1251860

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
25	N/A	27500	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2025

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

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

A Name of plan
ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 501

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
36-1258310

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)	338033	95138
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(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)	3946	15568
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	399604482	442608214
(15) Other	1c(15)		

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(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	399946461	442718920
Liabilities			
1g Benefit claims payable	1g	5248023	5766583
1h Operating payables	1h	125360	122456
1i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
1j Other liabilities	1j		
1k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	5373383	5889039
Net Assets			
1l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	394573078	436829881

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)	28526294	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	9173622	
(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)		37699916
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	860343	
(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)		860343
(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)	45941447	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		45941447

		(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		84501706
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	37600269	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	1516518	
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		39116787
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	3100616	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(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)	27500	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)**	2i(12)		3128116
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		42244903
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		42256803
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) [X] DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 **(2)** [ ] DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) **(3)** [ ] neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

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

(1) Name: GRANT THORNTON LLP **(2)** EIN: 36-6055558

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		15000000
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 _____.

Illinois Tool Works Inc. Retiree Health and Welfare Plan

Financial Statements and Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants December 31, 2025 and 2024

Employer Identification Number 36-1258310
Plan Number 501

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Plan Administrator
Illinois Tool Works Inc. Retiree Health and Welfare Plan

Scope and nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit
We have performed audits of the financial statements of Illinois Tool Works Inc. Retiree Health and Welfare Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the 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, the statements of benefit obligations as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the related statement of changes in benefit obligations for the year ended December 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and for the year ended December 31, 2025, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion
In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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- The information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for opinion
We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) 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. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

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

Auditor’s responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with US GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is 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 US GAAS, we:

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

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

Other matter – supplemental schedule required by ERISA
The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2025 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 supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures. These additional procedures included 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 US GAAS.

For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion

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

Grant Thornton LLP

Atlanta, Georgia
September 24, 2026

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

As of December 31, 2025 and 2024

Employer Identification Number 36-1258310, Plan Number 501

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
Receivables		
Prescription drug rebates	$ 95,138	$ 338,033
Investments at fair value – (note 5)		
Registered investment companies	15,568	3,946
Insurance contract – Separate accounts	442,608,214	399,604,482
Total investments at fair value	442,623,782	399,608,428
Total assets	442,718,920	399,946,461
LIABILITIES		
Payables		
Benefits payable to claims administrator	536,014	554,514
Administrative expense payable	122,456	125,360
Total payables	658,470	679,874
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$442,060,450	$399,266,587

The accompanying notes
are an integral part of these financial statements.

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

Employer Identification Number 36-1258310, Plan Number 501

INCREASES (DECREASES)	
Contributions	
Company contributions	$ 28,526,294
Participant contributions	9,173,622
Total contributions	37,699,916
Investment income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	45,941,447
Interest and dividend income	860,343
Net investment income	46,801,790
Benefits paid to participants, net of rebates	(37,063,209)
Insurance premiums paid	(1,516,518)
Administrative expenses	(3,128,116)
Net increase	42,793,863
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	
Beginning of year	399,266,587
End of year	$ 442,060,450

The accompanying notes
are an integral part of this financial statement.

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN

STATEMENTS OF BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

As of December 31, 2025 and 2024

Employer Identification Number 36-1258310, Plan Number 501

	2025	2024
AMOUNTS CURRENTLY PAYABLE		
Claims payable and claims incurred but not reported	$ 5,230,569	$ 4,693,509
POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS, NET OF AMOUNTS CURRENTLY PAYABLE		
Current retirees	311,429,110	300,241,316
Other participants fully eligible for benefits	19,248,012	18,604,033
Other participants not yet fully eligible for benefits	86,919,528	93,714,048
	417,596,650	412,559,397
TOTAL BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS	$ 422,827,219	$ 417,252,906

The accompanying notes
are an integral part of these financial statements.

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

Employer Identification Number 36-1258310, Plan Number 501

AMOUNTS CURRENTLY PAYABLE	
Balance at beginning of year	$ 4,693,509
Benefits and premiums reported and approved for payment	39,116,787
Benefits paid to participants, net	(37,063,209)
Insurance premiums paid	(1,516,518)
Balance at end of year	$ 5,230,569
POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS, NET OF AMOUNTS CURRENTLY PAYABLE	
Balance at beginning of year	$ 412,559,397
Increase (decrease) during the year attributable to-	
Benefits earned	3,415,348
Benefits paid to participants	(39,211,639)
Interest	21,247,105
Participant contributions	9,093,759
Assumption changes	10,914,038
Other actuarial income	(421,358)
Balance at end of year	417,596,650
TOTAL BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS	$ 422,827,219

The accompanying notes
are an integral part of this financial statement.

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2025 and 2024

Employer Identification Number 36-1258310,
Plan Number 501

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

Described below are the major provisions of the Illinois Tool Works Inc. Retiree Health and Welfare Plan.

The Retiree Health and Welfare Plan is referred to as the "Plan." Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

Employees of designated divisions and subsidiaries of Illinois Tool Works Inc. (collectively referred to as the "Company") and their eligible dependents are eligible to participate in the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA").

The Plan covers the retiree groups enrolled in an ITW medical, dental, or life insurance plan and retirees that have elected medical coverage outside of an ITW plan with an HRA account balance. The postretirement benefit obligation continues to include active employees accruing benefits.

The Plan participates in the Illinois Tool Works Inc. Employees' Benefit Trust (the "Trust") and the assets of the Trust are held by The Northern Trust Company (the "Trustee"). Effective January 1, 2011, the Trust was modified so that the benefits may be paid directly from Company general assets as necessary.

The Plan provides benefits to eligible participants for covered health care expenses subject to usual and customary limits and maximum Plan benefit amounts. The Plan also utilizes a pharmacy benefit manager ("PBM") which periodically makes refunds to the Plan based on the Plan's actual utilization pattern of specific drugs. Benefits are paid to participants subject to annual deductibles set by the Company. After subtracting deductibles, the Plan provides benefits at levels from 50% to 100%, depending on the type of covered health care expense. Participants in some divisions may also elect to participate in an HMO option.

The Plan has a health reimbursement arrangement ("HRA") that is funded solely through Company contributions. The HRA allows eligible participants to be reimbursed for qualified medical expenses subject to a specified ceiling. Amounts remaining at the end of the year are forfeited. The employer is not permitted to refund any part of the balance to the employee; the account cannot be used for anything other than reimbursements for qualified medical expenses.

The Plan is funded through Company and participant contributions. Retirees' contributions are set to fund the expected program cost. Retirees' contributions are offset by credits earned based on years of service.

Termination of Coverage

Participant coverage in the Plan ceases on the last day of the month in which a participant becomes ineligible through death or status change.

Contributions and Funding

The Company and participants contribute as necessary to the Plan to provide for current and future Plan benefits. The Plan's deficiency of net assets over benefit obligations at December 31, 2024 relates primarily to the post-retirement benefit obligation. It is expected that the deficiency will be funded through future contributions and increases in the contribution rates.

2. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements of the Plan have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires management to use estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, benefit obligations, and changes therein, claims incurred but not reported ("IBNR"), eligibility credits, claims, payables and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments (other than the fixed fund in the insurance company's general account) are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 5 for a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value.

The fixed fund in the insurance company's general account is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of the plan attributable to fully-benefit responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount the plan would receive if it were to initiate permitted transactions under terms of the Plan. See Note 3 for a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at contract value.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade date basis.

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

The net investment income includes the Plan's gains (losses) on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Prescription Drug Rebates

Refunds due from the Plan's PBM are recorded when earned. Refunds due as of the financial statement date have been reported as a receivable, with the offset being netted against claims paid. The Plan's rebate process is primarily a Point-of-Sale system, which applies the rebates and nets the cost to participants at the point of sale.

Benefit Payments

Premiums paid by either the Company or the VEBA trust are recorded as premium payments in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. Claim payments are recorded when paid by the third-party claims processor. Amounts due to claims processors that have yet to be reimbursed by the Plan are recorded as payable to claims administrators in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits.

Health Reimbursement Arrangement

Included in the accompanying financial statements in benefits paid to participants, are amounts reimbursed to participants for qualifying medical expenses totaling $18,800,106 for 2025. Claims incurred before Plan year-end that were submitted after year-end (but before the date defined by the Plan agreement) totaled $4,579,543 and $3,936,411 as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, which are included in the statement of benefit obligations in the claims payable and claims incurred but not reported.

Retiree Contributions

Employer subsidy provided to retiree and spouse based on pension service. Any remaining are fully paid by the employee. As of January 1, 2025:

- Pre-65
  Retiree: $25.78/month per year of service (maximum 35 years).
  Spouse: $17.16/month per year of service (maximum 35 years).

- Post-65
  Retiree: $8.63/month per year of service (maximum 35 years).
  Spouse: $5.72/month per year of service (maximum 35 years).

3. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

The Plan's expenses are paid either by the Plan or the Company, as provided by the Plan document. Expenses that are paid directly by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Certain expenses incurred in connection with the general administration of the Plan that are paid by the Plan are recorded as deductions in the accompanying statement of change in net assets available for benefits. In addition, certain investment-related expenses are included in net appreciation of fair value of investments presented in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Financial Accounting Standard Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820 *Fair Value Measurements,* provides a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The valuation inputs for the three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820 are described below:

Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 Other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, a Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

Level 3 Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

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

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2025 and 2024.

Registered investment companies –The funds are valued at the net asset value ("NAV") of shares held by the Plan at year-end, by reference to quoted market prices.

Insurance contract –Separate accounts –The Plan's life insurance contract is invested in Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.'s various separate accounts in which the Plan has elected. The fair value of the separate accounts is estimated at their cash surrender value ("CSV"). CSV for certain separate accounts is valued at NAV, which is used as the practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAVs are based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the separate accounts less its liabilities. For these separate accounts, there are currently no redemption restrictions or notice periods stipulated under the contract, or unfunded commitments.

One of the separate accounts the Plan has selected is an insurance company general account fixed fund. The CSV of the general account fixed fund is credited with contributions and a variable crediting rate and charged for withdrawals and administrative expenses. The fixed fund provides for a variable crediting rate, which typically resets at least annually, and which will never be less than 3.00% per the terms of the contract. The Plan may direct the withdrawal or transfer of a portion of their investment at contract value within a forty-five-day window following the annual anniversary date of the contract. There are no restrictions on transfers into the fixed fund. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future values. Furthermore, while 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.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2025:

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2025			
	Total	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**
Registered investment companies-				
Money-market fund	$ 15,568	$ 15,568	$ —	$ —
Contract with Insurance Company-				
Separate Accounts (a)	408,088,768			
General Account	34,519,446	—	34,519,446	—
Total investments at fair value	$ 442,623,782	$ 15,568	$ 34,519,446	$ —

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024:

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024			
	Total	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**
Registered investment companies-				
Money-market fund	$ 3,946	$ 3,946	$ —	$ —
Contract with Insurance Company-				
Separate Accounts (a)	367,917,161			
General Account	31,687,321	—	31,687,321	—
Total investments at fair value	$ 399,608,428	$ 3,946	$ 31,687,321	$ —

a) The separate accounts are managed by The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and include investments in an S&P 500 fund, a small-cap equity index fund, and an intermediate bond fund. These investments measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the financial statements.

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation. Specifically, $31,687,321 of Insurance Contract Separate Accounts was reclassified to Insurance Contract General Account for the period ended December 31st, 2024. These reclassifications had no effect on the previously reported total Net Assets Available for Benefits.

5. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEE

Plan management has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, the Trustee has certified that the following data included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule is complete and accurate:

- Investments at fair value, as shown in the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2025 and 2024.
- Investment income, as shown in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2025.
- Schedule H, line 4i – schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2025.

6. RELATED PARTY AND PARTIES IN INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are managed by the Trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions as of and during the year ended December 31, 2025.

7. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Plan Sponsor has the right under the Plan to modify the benefits provided to active employees, to discontinue its contributions at any time, and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA.

8. TAX STATUS

The trust has received an exemption letter from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") dated July 22, 1982, stating that the Trust qualifies as a Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association under Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") and is, therefore, exempt from federal taxation under current income tax laws. The Company and the Plan administrator believe that the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and that the investments in the Trust are tax-exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the organization has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would be sustained upon examination by the IRS or other applicable taxing authorities. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any periods in progress.

9. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The actuarial present value of benefit obligations is reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates, overall market volatility, health care inflation rates, and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term would be material to the financial statements.

10. PLAN BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

Amounts Currently Payable

Incurred but not reported ("IBNR") represents estimated medical costs for services performed in the Plan year that have not yet been submitted for payment by participants or providers as of the end of the Plan year, nor processed by the provider. IBNR amounts are calculated based on the average lag between the date of service and date of payment for the Plan. The IBNR amounts are provided quarterly to the Company through its third-party administrator.

Postretirement Benefit Obligations

The postretirement benefit obligations represent the actuarial present value of estimated future health care benefits that are attributed to employee service rendered to December 31. Postretirement benefit obligations include future health care benefits expected to be paid to or for (a) qualified retired employees and their beneficiaries and dependents and (b) employees and dependents after retirement from service with the Company. The postretirement benefit obligations are funded by Company contributions, participant contributions and existing plan assets. Prior to an employee's full eligibility date, the postretirement benefit obligation is the portion of the expected postretirement benefit obligation that is attributed to that employee's service rendered to the valuation date.

The actuarial present value of the expected postretirement benefit obligations is the amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to historical cost data to estimate future annual incurred costs per participant and to adjust such estimates for the time value of money and the probability of payment between the valuation date and the expected date of payment, net of the portion of those costs expected to be borne by Medicare, the retired participants and other providers. The Company's actuary performed the actuarial valuations as of December 31, 2025 and 2024.

The significant assumptions used in the benefit obligations of the Plan as of December 31, 2025 and 2024 were as follows:

Discount rate	5.45% - 2025; 5.66% - 2024
Health care cost trend rate	12.70%; ultimate rate 4.50% in 2035 - 2025 13.00%; ultimate rate 4.50% in 2035 - 2024
Average retirement age rates	Various rates ranging from 4% at age 55 to 100% at age 70
Mortality	Pri-2012 Combined Employee and Healthy Annuitant Table reflecting MP2021 - 2025 Pri-2012 Combined Employee and healthy Annuitant Table reflecting MP2021 - 2024
Health care claims	Based on the Company's actual claims experience for pre-65 and post-65 aged claimants

Assumed health care cost trend rates have an effect on the amounts reported for the postretirement benefit obligations. A one-percentage-point increase in assumed health care cost trend rates each year would increase the postretirement benefit obligations as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, by approximately $1,379,000 and $1,400,000 respectively.

The foregoing assumptions are based on the presumption that this plan will continue. If the Plan was to terminate, different actuarial assumptions and other factors might be applicable in determining the actuarial present value of the postretirement benefit obligations.

The Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 grants a subsidy to sponsors of postretirement health care plans with prescription drug coverage under prescribed conditions. The Company is entitled to and was paid the subsidy under the provisions of the Act. Therefore, the Plan's postretirement benefit obligations in the accompanying financial statements do not include any subsidy.

11. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following reconciles net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 as of December 31, 2025 and 2024:

	2025	2024
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	$ 442,060,450	$ 399,266,587
Claims payable and claims incurred but not reported	(5,230,569)	(4,693,509)
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	$ 436,829,881	$ 394,573,078

The following reconciles net increase per the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2025:

	2025
Net increase per the financial statements	$ 42,793,863
Claims payable and claims incurred but not reported at:	
December 31, 2025	(5,230,569)
December 31, 2024	4,693,509
Net income per the Form 5500	$ 42,256,803

Amounts currently payable to, or for, participants and dependents are recorded on Form 5500 for benefit claims that have been incurred but not reported and unpaid claims prior to December 31, 2025 and 2024.

12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company has evaluated subsequent events from December 31, 2025 through the date these financial statements were available to be issued. There were no subsequent events that require recognition or disclosure in these financial statements.

Supplemental Schedule

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4I SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

As of December 31, 2025
Employer Identification Number 36-1258310, Plan Number 501

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue	(c) Description of Investments	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	The Northern Trust Company	MFB Northern Trust Instl FDS Tax-Exempt	$ 15,568	$ 15,568
	Lincoln National Life Insurance Company	Contract with Insurance Company	86,840,137	442,608,214
	Total Investments		$ 86,855,705	$ 442,623,782

*Party-in-interest as defined in ERISA Section 3(14).

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)	Financial Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2025** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning and ending

A Name of plan	**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)

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)		
(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)**		
	(2) Employer real property	**1d(2)**		
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	**1e**		
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	**1f**		
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	**1g**		
h	Operating payables	**1h**		
i	Acquisition indebtedness	**1i**		
j	Other liabilities	**1j**		
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	**1k**		
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	**1l**		

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

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

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

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	**2e(1)**		
(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)**		
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	**2f**		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	**2g**		
h Interest expense	**2h**		
i Administrative expenses: **(1)** Salaries and allowances	**2i(1)**		
(2) Contract administrator fees	**2i(2)**		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	**2i(3)**		
(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) athrough (11)	**2i(12)**		
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	**2j**		

Net Income and Reconciliation

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

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **(2)** EIN:

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, 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**			
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**			
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**			
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**			
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	**4e**			
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**			
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**			
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**			
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**			
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**			
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**			
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	**4l**			
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	**4m**			
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 ☐ 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 _____.

Attachment to 2025 Form 5500
Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

Plan Name Illinois Tool Works Inc. Retiree Health and Welfare Plan **EIN:** 36-1258310

Plan Sponsor's Name Illinois Tool Works Inc. **PN:** 501

(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
*	Lincoln National Life Ins. Company	Lincoln National Life Insurance Company	86,840,137	442,608,214
	The Northern Trust Company	MFB Northern Trust Instl FDS Tax-Exempt	15,568	15,568