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
STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2017

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)
STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, INC.

6000 EXECUTIVE BOULEVARD, SUITE 205
ROCKVILLE, MD 20852

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
52-1449891

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
301-770-7077

2d Business code (see instructions)
541512

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.	10/08/2026	ALEXANDER CHOPRA
	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**	916
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)**	771
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	617
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	205
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	0
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	822
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	822
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)**	642
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)**	650
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.	**6h**	0
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:

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D

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)** [X] 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)** [X] 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)** [X] **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 2
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [X] **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
STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
52-1449891

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
PRINCIPAL 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
42-0127290	61271	613953	806	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
210	35

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

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
70911 AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL CTR
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55474-0001

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
154	0	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE	3

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

LPL FINANCIAL LLC
ATTN ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
4707 EXECUTIVE DR
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
56	0	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE	3

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

THE RETIREMENT ADVANTAGE INC

47 PARK PLACE STE 850
APPLETON, WI 54914

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		**(e)** Organization code
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	
0	35	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE	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	

(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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(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	0
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	0

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 ▶ CUSTODIAL GUARANTEED INTEREST CONTRACT

b	Balance at the end of the previous year			7b	65589
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	20648		
	(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)			
	(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	1115		
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)			
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	35351		
	▶ LAON PAYMENT, ROLLOVER, OUTSIDE INVESTMENT TRANSFER				
	(6)Total additions			7c(6)	57114
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)			7d	122703
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	17600		
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	1015		
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)			
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	28003		
	▶ LAON WITHDRAWAL, OUTSIDE INVESTMENT TRANSFER				
	(5) Total deductions			7e(5)	46618
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)			7f	76085

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** ☐ 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)**	0
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)**	0
(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)**	0
(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 ☒ No

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

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)

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STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
52-1449891

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
PRINCIPAL 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
42-0127290	61271	819269	806	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
582	97

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

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
70911 AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL CTR
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55474

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
420	0	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE	3

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

LPL FINANCIAL LLC
ATTN ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
4707 EXECUTIVE DR
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
162	0	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE	3

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

THE RETIREMENT ADVANTAGE, INC.

600 S NICOLET RD STE B
APPLETON, WI 54914

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		**(e)** Organization code
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	
0	97	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE	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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(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	0
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	273720

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)	0
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)			7d	0
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)	0
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)			7f	0

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- **a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
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- **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)**	0
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)**	0
(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)**	0
(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 ☒ 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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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
52-1449891

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)

PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

42-0127290

(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?
13 37 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	157643	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [ ] No [X]

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

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

41-0973005

(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?
49 55 99	OTHER SERVICES	0	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [X]	26003	Yes [ ] No [X]

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

THE RETIREMENT ADVANTAGE, INC.

39-1816008

(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?
13 50 49 99	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	16415	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [X]	6642	Yes [ ] No [X]

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)

LPL FINANCIAL LLC

94-2834236

(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?
49 55 99	OTHER SERVICES	0	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [X]	10211	Yes [ ] No [X]

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

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

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

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes [ ] No [ ]	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
AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	49 55 99	26003

(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.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	COMMISSIONS AND REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
LPL FINANCIAL LLC	49 55 99	10211

(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.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	COMMISSIONS AND REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
THE RETIREMENT ADVANTAGE, INC	13 50 49 99	6642

(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.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE

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 D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan 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.**

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
STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
52-1449891

Part I **Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)**
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN DIVERSIFIED INTL SA-Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-015	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	41923
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LARGECAP GROWTH I SA-Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-066	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	78954
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN REAL ESTATE SECS SA-Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-095	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	25811
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN INFLATION PROTECT SA-Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-099	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	47116
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFETIME HYB 2070 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-014	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	103461
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2015 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-002	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	37438
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2020 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-003	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	391548

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2025 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-004	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	1667322
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2030 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-005	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	2403090
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2035 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-006	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	1807296
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2040 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-007	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	1929023
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2045 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-008	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	1142285
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2050 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-009	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	946627
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2055 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-010	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	711855
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFETIME HYBR INC CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-011	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	3
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN CORE FIX INC SEP ACCT-Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-118	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	46242
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN EQUITY INCOME SA-Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-120	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	33674

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2060 CIT Z

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO

c EIN-PN 26-6447574-012	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 789816

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2065 CIT Z

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO

c EIN-PN 26-6447574-013	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 522698

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II **Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)**
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN

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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).

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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
STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
52-1449891

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)	243308	189710
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(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)	255177	269616
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	9980079	12452460
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	165659	273720
(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)	1479516	2007039
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	65589	76085
(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	12189328	15268630
Liabilities			
1g Benefit claims payable	1g		
1h Operating payables	1h		
1i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
1j Other liabilities	1j	0	1450
1k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	1450
Net Assets			
1l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	12189328	15267180

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)	2765043	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1724972	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	402030	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		4892045
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)	25745	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	2059	
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		27804
(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)	19233	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		19233
(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)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		1691074
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		23491
(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)		229025
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		6882672
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	3630762	
(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)		3630762
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)	174058	
(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)** through **(11)**	2i(12)		174058
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		3804820
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		3077852
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: UHY LLP **(2)** EIN: 20-0694403

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		600000
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)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

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

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

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
STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
52-1449891

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): 42-0127290

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 _____

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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(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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(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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(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 _____

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 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q703981A .

STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, INC.
RETIREMENT PLAN

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

For the years ended
December 31, 2025 and 2024

STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, INC.
RETIREMENT PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the
Strategic Technology Institute, Inc. Retirement Plan
Rockville, MD

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Strategic Technology Institute, Inc. Retirement 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 statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of Strategic Technology Institute, Inc. Retirement 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 years then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 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 financial statements referred to above, 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.

- The information in the financial statements referred to above 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. 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 Strategic Technology Institute, Inc. Retirement 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 Strategic Technology Institute, Inc. Retirement 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 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 Strategic Technology Institute, Inc. Retirement 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 Strategic Technology Institute, Inc. Retirement 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.

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 information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. 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, are 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).



Columbia, Maryland
October 9, 2026

STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value	$ 14,733,219	$ 11,625,254
Investments, at contract value	76,085	65,589
Total investments	14,809,304	11,690,843
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	189,710	243,308
Notes receivable from participants	269,616	255,177
Total receivables	459,326	498,485
TOTAL ASSETS	15,268,630	12,189,328
LIABILITIES		
Due to another plan of the sponsor	1,450	-
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 15,267,180	$ 12,189,328

See notes to financial statements.

STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
For the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
ADDITIONS:		
Investment income:		
Interest and dividends	$ 20,348	$ 15,165
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	1,944,534	1,090,812
Total investment income	1,964,882	1,105,977
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	25,745	16,286
Contributions:		
Participants	1,724,972	1,505,119
Employer	2,765,043	2,157,351
Rollovers	402,030	510,231
Total contributions	4,892,045	4,172,701
Total additions	6,882,672	5,294,964
DEDUCTIONS:		
Benefits paid to participants	3,630,762	1,471,180
Administrative expenses	174,058	121,958
Total deductions	3,804,820	1,593,138
Net Increase	3,077,852	3,701,826
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS		
Beginning of Year	12,189,328	8,487,502
End of Year	$ 15,267,180	$ 12,189,328

See notes to financial statements.

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Strategic Technology Institute, Inc. Retirement Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) adopted on January 1, 2017.

The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The assets of the Plan are held and managed by Principal Trust Company, the Plan trustee, and Principal Life Insurance Company provides recordkeeping services to the plan (collectively referred to as "Principal," the plan trustee).

The *Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act 2.0 of 2022* (SECURE Act 2.0), signed into law December 29, 2022, among other things, includes several required and optional provisions that will impact employee benefit plans and go into effect at various times through 2027. The provision that was required to be implemented during the year ended December 31, 2025 was that long-term part-time employees with 2-consecutive 12-month periods of at least 500 hours of service must be eligible to participate in the Plan. The optional provisions that could be implemented during the year ended December 31, 2025, are: 1) an increase of catch-up contributions ("super catch-up" provision), which allows Plan participants aged 60 to 63 to make larger catch-up contributions to the Plan equal to the greater of $10,000 or 150% of the standard catch-up limit ($11,250 for 2025) and 2) allow employers to treat student loan payments as elective deferrals for purpose of receiving matching contributions. The Plan has implemented the required provisions and did not implement the optional provisions of the SECURE Act 2.0 during the 2025 plan year. The Plan will be amended for any provisions elected in accordance with applicable law and IRS guidance.

Eligibility

The Plan covers substantially all employees of Strategic Technology Institute, Inc. (the Company) performing work for the Company subject to the Service Contract Act (SCA). Eligibility for plan participation is immediate and not subject to age or service requirements. Employees can enter the Plan on the first day of employment.

Contributions

Participants may contribute on a pre-tax or after-tax basis up to 100% of their annual compensation, as defined in the Plan, subject to the statutory limitations established by the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The after-tax "Roth" contributions are subject to federal income taxes in the year of deferral.

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (Continued)

Contributions (Continued)

Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans (rollovers). Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers various mutual funds, pooled separate accounts, collective investment trusts, and a guaranteed investment contract as investment options for participants.

The Company may make contributions on behalf of eligible participants as follows:

- Prevailing wage contributions for participants performing work for the Company subject to SCA - the Company will make contributions to the Plan to help satisfy the requirements of that law. The contribution is determined based on the required contribution rates for the employment classifications under the contracts subject to SCA.

- Contributions determined in accordance with any Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA) addressing retirement benefits of collective bargained employees: matching contributions and/or non-elective fixed profit-sharing contributions.

- Qualified non-elective contributions.

During 2025 and 2024, the Company made the following contributions on behalf of eligible participants:

- Prevailing wage contributions totaling $2,501,708 and $2,068,434, respectively.

- Matching contributions for eligible employees in accordance with applicable CBAs, equal to a percentage of the participants' compensation contributed to the Plan (ranging from 2.5% to 5%), as stipulated in the applicable CBAs, totaling $263,104 and $65,606, respectively.

- 2024 corrective contributions for misallocation error totaling $23,400. The amount of the corrective contributions is included in employer contributions receivable and employer contributions for the year ended December 31, 2024.

- No nonelective or profit-sharing contributions were made in 2025 and 2024.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is participant-directed and is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of the Company's contributions, investment earnings and losses and any administrative expenses paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant investments held, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (Continued)

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their elective deferrals, rollovers, and employer contributions plus all earnings thereon.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants in the Plan may borrow from their accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of their eligible account balance, reduced by any outstanding note balance. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the prime rate plus 2%. The maximum duration of a loan is not to exceed five years, except in cases where funds are used to purchase a principal residence in which case the repayment period can be up to 20 years. Plan participants may have only one loan outstanding at any time. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions. The interest rates for outstanding loans ranged between 5.25% and 10.50% at December 31, 2025 and 2024.

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service, retirement, death, full and permanent disability or attaining age 65, participants may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of their account, a direct rollover into a qualified retirement plan, or a combination of the two. In-service withdrawals at age 59 1/2 are also permitted, subject to the provisions described in the Plan document. Hardship withdrawals are not permitted. Withdrawals from rollover contributions are permitted at any time.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Investments held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts (FBRIC). Contract value is the relevant measure for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to FBRIC because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the plan.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value, except for FBRIC, which are reported at contract 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 4 for discussion of fair value measurements. Contract value equals the accumulated cash contributions and interest credited to the Plan's contracts.

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

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are charged directly to the borrowing participant's account and are included in administrative expenses when incurred. If a participant does not make loan repayments and the plan administrator considers the participant loan to be in default, the loan balance is reduced, and the delinquent participant note receivable is recorded as a benefit payment based on the terms of the Plan document.

Due to another plan of the sponsor

Amounts due to another plan of the sponsor represent the accounts of participants that became eligible for another plan of the Plan sponsor.

Contributions

Contributions from Plan participants and the associated Company matching contributions are recorded in the year in which the employee contributions are withheld from compensation. Prevailing wage contributions are recorded when earned.

Benefit Payments

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses may be paid either by the Plan or directly by the Company. The Plan is not required to reimburse the Company for expenses paid on behalf of the Plan. Investment-related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants and distributions are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses.

NOTE 3 - CERTIFIED INFORMATION

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the years then ended, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified by Principal Trust Company, the plan trustee, as complete and accurate in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The fair value measurement accounting literature establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy consists of three broad levels: Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and have the highest priority. Level 2 inputs consist of observable inputs other than quoted prices for identical assets (Level 1). Level 3 inputs are unobservable and have the lowest priority. The Plan uses appropriate valuation techniques based on the available inputs to measure the fair value of its investments. The 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. When available, the Plan measures fair value using Level 1 inputs because they generally provide the most reliable evidence of fair value. Level 2 inputs are used for investments for which Level 1 inputs were not available. Level 3 inputs would only be used if Level 1 or Level 2 inputs were not available.

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.

Mutual Funds

Mutual Funds represent investments with various investment managers. The mutual funds are valued at the daily closing net asset value (NAV) as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Pooled Separate Accounts (PSA)

The PSA invest mainly in domestic stocks and mutual funds which have observable level 1 quoted pricing inputs. The NAV of the pooled separate accounts is not publicly quoted but is available to current investors via the Company website or when plan participants access their account values. The NAV is the basis for current transactions, and the PSA can be redeemed at NAV as of the measurement date. Therefore, those investments are considered to have a readily determinable fair value. The Plan has no unfunded commitments related to the pooled separate accounts and redemptions and subscriptions are permitted daily.

NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

Common Collective Trusts (CCTs)

The CCTs are invested in collective investment trusts and a variety of separate accounts and mutual funds. The fair values of the collective trusts and separate accounts are not publicly quoted pricing inputs; the fair values of the mutual funds are publicly quoted pricing inputs (level 1). The fair value of all these investments is used in determining the NAV of the CCTs, which is not publicly quoted but is available to current investors via the Company website or when plan participants access their account values. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Therefore, those investments are considered to have a readily determinable fair value. If the Plan initiates a full redemption of the collective trust, the issuer reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2025 and 2024:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
December 31, 2025				
Mutual funds	$2,007,039	$ -	$ -	$ 2,007,039
Pooled separate accounts	-	273,720	-	273,720
Common collective trusts	-	12,452,460	-	12,452,460
Total	$ 2,007,039	$12,726,180	$ -	$ 14,733,219
December 31, 2024				
Mutual funds	$ 1,479,516	$ -	$ -	$ 1,479,516
Pooled separate accounts	-	165,659	-	165,659
Common collective trusts	-	9,980,079	-	9,980,079
Total	$ 1,479,516	$10,145,738	$ -	$11,625,254

NOTE 5 - GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CONTRACT (FBRIC)

The Plan has a fully benefit-responsive guaranteed investment contract (FBRIC) with Principal Life Insurance Company (Principal). Principal maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The FBRIC issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan.

Because the guaranteed investment contract is fully benefit-responsive, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to the FBRIC.

NOTE 5 - GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CONTRACT (FBRIC) (Continued)

The FBRIC is presented on the face of the statement of net assets available for benefits at contract value. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by Principal, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise.

The FBRIC is a group annuity contract with a guaranteed rate of interest. Guaranteed interest rate means the effective annual interest rate determined by Principal and announced to the plan participants in advance of the applicable rate schedule's effective date. Under the terms of the existing contract, the crediting interest rate is based on a formula agreed upon with the issuer. In no case will the guaranteed minimum interest rate be less than 1% or greater than 3%.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at account value with the issuer. Such events include the following: (1) amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the plan sponsor or other plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. The Plan administrator does not believe that any events that would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with Plan participants or the issuer are probable of occurring.

NOTE 6 - TRANSACTIONS WITH PARTIES-IN-INTEREST

The Plan's investments are managed by the plan trustee and recordkeeper Principal Trust Company, and Principal Life Insurance Company, respectively. Therefore, the transactions in these funds qualify as party-in-interest. The Plan also has several service providers including The Retirement Advantage, Inc. (third party administrator) and BSI Companies (Service Contract Act benefits administrator). Personnel and facilities of the Company have been used to perform administrative functions for the Plan at no charge to the plan. Notes receivable from participants also qualify as party-in-interest transactions. There were no financial transactions recorded between the Company and the Plan other than contributions made. All of these party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

NOTE 7 - PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become fully vested in their accounts.

NOTE 8 - TAX STATUS

The Plan has adopted a pre-approved profit-sharing plan sponsored by The Retirement Advantage, Inc. The prototype plan has received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated June 30, 2020, which states that the prototype plan, as then designed, is in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the organization has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions for the statutory period; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE 9 - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities, which are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

NOTE 10 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Effective January 1, 2026 the Plan has adopted a pre-approved profit-sharing plan sponsored by Retirement Planners & Administrators, Inc. The plan document incorporates the required provisions of the SECURE 2.0, SECURE, and CARES Acts. There were no other changes to the Plan provisions.

Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 9, 2026, which is the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Supplemental Schedule

STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

EIN: 52-1449891; PLAN - 002
SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
As of 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
	Mutual Funds			
	Allspring Global Investments	Allspring Spec Sm Cp Value R6		$ 10,371
	American Funds	American Funds New Prsp R6 Fund		66,639
	Dimensional Fund Advisors	DFA International Value I Fund		1,463
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity International Idx Fd		6,547
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Mid Cap Gr Idx Fd		272,138
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund		106,351
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Sm Cap Index Fund		23,722
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity 500 Index Fund		663,844
	Franklin Templeton Investments	Franklin Small Cap Grth R6 Fd		6,096
	Hartford Mutual Funds	Hartford Core Equity R6 Fund		26,402
	Hartford Mutual Funds	Hartford MidCap R6 Fund		6,108
	PGIM Investments	PGIM High Yield R6 Fund		25,775
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Growth Index Adm Fund		448,606
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Intl Growth Adm Fd		51,030
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard MidCap Val Idx Adm Fd		88,809
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Sm Cap Gr Idx Adm Fd		76,633
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Sm Cap Val Idx Adm Fd		27,883
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Value Index Adm Fund		98,622
		Total Mutual Funds		**2,007,039**
	Pooled Separate Accounts			
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Prin Core Fix Inc Sep Acct-Z		46,242
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Prin Diversified Intl SA-Z		41,923
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Prin Equity Income SA-Z		33,674
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Prin Inflation Protect SA-Z		47,116
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Prin LargeCap Growth I SA-Z		78,954
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Prin Real Estate Secs SA-Z		25,811
		Total Pooled Separate Accounts		**273,720**
	Collective Investment Trusts			
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr Inc CIT Z		3
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2015 CIT Z		37,438
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2020 CIT Z		391,548
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2025 CIT Z		1,667,322
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2030 CIT Z		2,403,090
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2035 CIT Z		1,807,296
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2040 CIT Z		1,929,023
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2045 CIT Z		1,142,283
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2050 CIT Z		946,627
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2055 CIT Z		711,855
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2060 CIT Z		789,816
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2065 CIT Z		522,698
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2070 CIT Z		103,461
		Total Collective Investment Trusts		**12,452,460**
		Total investments at fair value		**14,733,219**

See report of independent auditors.

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SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR) (Continued)
As of 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
	Guaranteed Investment Contract (FBRIC)			
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Fixed Income Guaranteed Option		**$ 76,085**
		Total Investments		**14,809,304**
*	**Participant loans**	Loans to plan participants, maturing at various dates, bearing interest at rates from 5.25% to 10.50%	-0-	**269,616**
		Total		**$ 15,078,920**

* Indicates a party-in-interest to the Plan.
** Note: All investments are participant-directed; therefore, historical cost is not required to be presented.

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

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

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.)
- ☒ 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:
- ☒ 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
STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2017

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)

STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, INC.

6000 EXECUTIVE BOULEVARD, SUITE 205

ROCKVILLE MD 20852

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-1449891

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 301-770-7077

2d Business code (see instructions) 541512

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	Signature of plan administrator	Date 10/08/26	ALEXANDER CHOPRA Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date 10/08/26	ALEXANDER CHOPRA 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**	916
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)**	771
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	617
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	205
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	0
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	822
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	822
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)**	642
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)**	650
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	0
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:
2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D

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)** [X] 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)** [X] 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)** [X] **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 2
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [X] **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_____

STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

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	Mutual Funds			
	Allspring Global Investments	Allspring Spec Sm Cp Value R6		$ 10,371
	American Funds	American Funds New Prsp R6 Fund		66,639
	Dimensional Fund Advisors	DFA International Value I Fund		1,463
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity International Idx Fd		6,547
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Mid Cap Gr Idx Fd		272,138
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	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Sm Cap Val Idx Adm Fd		27,883
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Value Index Adm Fund		98,622
		Total Mutual Funds		**2,007,039**
	Pooled Separate Accounts			
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Prin Core Fix Inc Sep Acct-Z		46,242
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Prin Diversified Intl SA-Z		41,923
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Prin Equity Income SA-Z		33,674
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Prin Inflation Protect SA-Z		47,116
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Prin LargeCap Growth I SA-Z		78,954
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Prin Real Estate Secs SA-Z		25,811
		Total Pooled Separate Accounts		**273,720**
	Collective Investment Trusts			
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr Inc CIT Z		3
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2015 CIT Z		37,438
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2020 CIT Z		391,548
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2025 CIT Z		1,667,322
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2030 CIT Z		2,403,090
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2035 CIT Z		1,807,296
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2040 CIT Z		1,929,023
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2045 CIT Z		1,142,283
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2050 CIT Z		946,627
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2055 CIT Z		711,855
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2060 CIT Z		789,816
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2065 CIT Z		522,698
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Prin LifeTime Hybr 2070 CIT Z		103,461
		Total Collective Investment Trusts		**12,452,460**
		Total investments at fair value		**14,733,219**

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(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
	Guaranteed Investment Contract (FBRIC)			
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Fixed Income Guaranteed Option		**$ 76,085**
		Total Investments		**14,809,304**
*	**Participant loans**	Loans to plan participants, maturing at various dates, bearing interest at rates from 5.25% to 10.50%	-0-	**269,616**
		Total		**$ 15,078,920**

* Indicates a party-in-interest to the Plan.
** Note: All investments are participant-directed; therefore, historical cost is not required to be presented.