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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

(x) ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004

OR

() TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE $$\operatorname{ACT}$$ OF 1934

For the transition period from _____to___

Commission File number 1-5674

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

THE ANGELICA CORPORATION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

ANGELICA CORPORATION
424 South Woods Mill Road
Chesterfield, Missouri 63017-3406

RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2004

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Retirement Savings Plan Administrator Committee

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits of The Angelica Corporation Retirement Savings Plan ("the Plan") as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial

statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Rubin, Brown, Gornstein & Co. LLP

St. Louis, Missouri July 12, 2005

CASH

ASSETS
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE (NOTE 3) \$ 28,708,

RECEIVABLES
Participant contributions 51,
Employer contributions 8,
Interest 49,

39,

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$	28 , 857,
See the accompanying notes to financial statements. Page 2		
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BEN	EFITS	;
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ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO: INVESTMENT INCOME		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments (Note 3) Interest and dividends	\$	1,956, 146,
NET INVESTMENT INCOME		2,103,
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Participant		1,434,
Employer Participant rollovers		316, 267,
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS		2,017,
OTHER INCOME		5,
TOTAL ADDITIONS		4,127,
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO: Benefits paid directly to participants Other expenses		6,450, 6,
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS		6,457,
NET DECREASE		(2,330,
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS - BEGINNING OF YEAR		31,187,

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS - END OF YEAR

END OF YEAR \$ 28,857,

See the accompanying notes to financial statements.

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THE ANGELICA CORPORATION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of The Angelica Corporation Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan documents for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

GENERAL

The Plan, as amended and restated, was adopted by the Board of Directors of Angelica Corporation (the "Company") and is a defined contribution profit sharing plan that includes a 401(k) provision. The Company is the Plan Administrator and the assets of the Plan are held in trust by Marshall & Ilsley Trust Company N.A. (the "Custodian").

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

All employees who have either (i) completed six months of service with the Company and are age 21 or older or (ii) completed two years of service, are eligible to participate in the Plan, except for certain classifications of employees who are excluded from Plan eligibility (as defined by the Plan).

CONTRIBUTIONS

Eligible employees may contribute up to 12% of their annual compensation to the Plan through payroll deferrals, subject to Internal Revenue Code limitations. The Company provides a matching contribution in an amount equal to 30% of the compensation deferred up to, but not exceeding 6% of annual compensation.

PARTICIPANT ACCOUNTS

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and an allocation of the Company's contribution and Plan earnings. Earnings allocations are based on the performance of the investment choices of each participant. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

VESTING

The deferred compensation and Company matching contributions of each participant's account and earnings thereon are fully vested and nonforfeitable at all times.

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PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

Participants are entitled to receive the balance of their accounts upon death, retirement or other termination of employment, or upon request after reaching age 59-1/2. Participants who have suffered a hardship (as defined by the Plan) may also withdraw a portion of their account balances.

PARTICIPANT LOANS

The Plan allows participants to borrow from their account, subject to certain limitations. Loans bear interest at the prime rate plus 0.5% at the time the loan is made. All loans are secured by the participant's account. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions. The outstanding participant loans at December 31, 2004 bear interest at rates ranging from 4.5% to 10% and are due at various dates through December 2009.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting.

INVESTMENT VALUATION AND INCOME RECOGNITION

Investments in mutual funds are valued at reported net asset value at December 31 as determined by the fund manager.

Investment income is recorded as earned on the accrual basis.

PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

Benefits are recorded when paid.

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3. INVESTMENTS

The Custodian of the Plan holds the Plan's investments and executes related investment transactions.

The fair value of individual assets that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets as of the beginning of the Plan year are as follows:

	DECEMBER 31,		
	2004		
American Balanced Fund	\$ 2,580,747	\$ 2,6	
Washington Mutual Investors Fund	8,120,777	9,1	
M&I Stable Principal Fund	12,829,884	14,7	

The net appreciation in fair value of investments is:

	FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
- -	2004	
Mutual funds Common stock	\$ 1,896,046 \$ 3 60,624	3 , 6
	\$ 1,956,670 \$ 3	3 , 6

4. TAX STATUS

The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on June 17, 2002 in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. The Plan Administrator is addressing certain possible Plan operational issues to ensure compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code, the effects of which the Plan Administrator believes are not material to the financial statements taken as a whole. The Plan Administrator believes the Plan will be treated as qualified and

the related trust will be treated as tax exempt.

5. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed intent to do so, the Company has the right to terminate the Plan, subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

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6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Due to its affiliation with the Plan, transactions involving Angelica Corporation common stock qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Marshall & Ilsley Trust Company N.A. is the custodian of the Plan and, as such, is a party-in-interest. Therefore, the purchase by the Plan of certain proprietary funds sponsored by M&I constitute party-in-interest transactions. These are allowable transactions under the Department of Labor regulations.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ Rubin, Brown, Gornstein & Co. LLP

July 12, 2005

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EIN: 43-0905260 PLAN NO: 003

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD AT END OF YEAR DECEMBER 31, 2004

IDENTITY OF ISSUER

DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT

COMMON STOCK

Angelica Corporation *

Common Stock

MUTUAL FUNDS

American Funds

Balanced Fund American Funds

Washington Mutual Investors Fund

American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund

Max Cap Fund Federated

Advisor Strategic Income Fund Fidelity

Fidelity

Aggressive Growen - Managers Special Equity Fund Managers Investments

TOTAL MUTUAL FUNDS

MONEY MARKET AND SECURITIES

DUE IN 1 YEAR

Marshall & Ilsley* M&I Stable Principal Fund

PARTICIPANT LOANS Interest rates ranging from 4.5% - 10%, due at various

dates through December 2009