

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2012

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)**

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2012, and ending											
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending		C Name of organization <u>Franklin Center for Government and Public Integrity</u> Doing Business As Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street addr) Room/suite <u>1229 King St, 3rd Floor</u> City, town or country State ZIP code + 4 <u>Alexandria VA 22314</u>					D Employer Identification Number <u>26-4066298</u>			E Telephone number <u>(571) 384-2090</u>	
		F Name and address of principal officer: <u>Jason Stverak 1229 King St, 3rd Fl Alexandria VA 22314</u>					G Gross receipts \$ <u>11,625,189.</u>			H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If 'No,' attach a list. (see instructions)	
		I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		J Website: ▶ <u>N/A</u>							
		K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶			L Year of Formation: <u>2009</u>		M State of legal domicile: <u>VA</u>				

Part I Summary				
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>The mission of Franklin Center is to promote social welfare and civil betterment by undertaking programs that promote journalism and the education of the public about corruption, incompetence, fraud or taxpayer abuse by elected officials at all levels of government.</u>			
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.			
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	3	
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	69	
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	0	
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0.	
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34			
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	6,611,263.	11,621,132.
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	3,279.	1,686.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		2,371.
	12	Total revenue — add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	6,614,542.	11,625,189.
	Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	1,214,725.
14		Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
15		Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		2,724,373.
16a		Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
b		Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <u>491,028.</u>		
17		Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	5,457,341.	5,792,350.
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	6,672,066.	11,773,324.	
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-57,524.	-148,135.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	526,338.	631,030.
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	52,374.	250,670.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	473,964.	380,360.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer	Date			
	<u>Jason Stverak</u>	<u>11/08/13</u>			
	Type or print name and title				
	<u>President</u>				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	<u>Lisa M Lally</u>				<u>P00517553</u>
	Firm's name	Firm's address		Firm's EIN	
	<u>Ceterus, Inc.</u>	<u>PO Box 19366</u>		<u>26-2418428</u>	
	<u>Kalamazoo MI 49019</u>		Phone no.		

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III. []

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

The mission of Franklin Center is to promote social welfare and civil betterment by undertaking programs that promote See Form 990, Page 2, Part III, Line 1 (continued)

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [] Yes [X] No

If 'Yes,' describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [] Yes [X] No

If 'Yes,' describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4 a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 9,469,282. including grants of \$ 3,256,601.) (Revenue \$ 11,685,175.)

Journalism has taken a substantial hit in the last decade. According to The Nation, of the 60,000 print journalists employed in 2001, at least 10,000 have lost their jobs while newspaper circulation dropped 7%. And an American Journalism Review study found that only 355 full-time newspaper reporters are still based in the nation's state capitols and that 44 statehouses have fewer full-time reporters than they did six years ago. The Franklin Center was established as a direct response to this decline. We set out as a new organization in January 2009 to recruit, train, and provide resources for journalists dedicated to exposing waste, fraud, and abuse at all levels of government. In the early days of this country, Benjamin Franklin realized the power a free and unfettered press could have on them to call for responsibility from their leaders and institutions. He wrote scathing letters and editorials, and then founded See Form 990, Page 2, Part III, Line 4a (continued)

4 b (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4 c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4 d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4 e Total program service expenses 9,469,282.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule A	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II		X
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III		X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part I		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes,' then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings and equipment in Part X, line 10? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VI	X	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments — other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VII		X
c Did the organization report an amount for investments — program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VIII		X
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IX		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X		X
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X		X
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI, and XII	X	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If 'Yes,' and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20 a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H		X
b If 'Yes' to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	X	
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		X
23 Did the organization answer 'Yes' to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J</i>	X	
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, and that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If 'Yes,' answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If 'No,' go to line 25.</i>		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an 'on behalf of' issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highest compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II.</i>		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	X	
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M</i>		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M</i>		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>		X
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	X	

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No		
1 a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1 a	75		
1 b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1 b	0		
1 c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1 c			
2 a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2 a	69		
2 b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2 b		X	
Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file. (see instructions)					
3 a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3 a			X
3 b	If 'Yes' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O	3 b			
4 a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4 a			X
4 b	If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.				
5 a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5 a			X
5 b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5 b			X
5 c	If 'Yes,' to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5 c			
6 a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6 a			X
6 b	If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6 b			
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).				
7 a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7 a			X
7 b	If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7 b			
7 c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7 c			X
7 d	If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7 d			
7 e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7 e			X
7 f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7 f			X
7 g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7 g			
7 h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7 h			
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8			
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.				
9 a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9 a			
9 b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9 b			
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:				
10 a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10 a			
10 b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10 b			
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:				
11 a	Gross income from members or shareholders.	11 a			
11 b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11 b			
12 a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12 a			
12 b	If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12 b			
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.				
13 a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?	13 a			
Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.					
13 b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13 b			
13 c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13 c			
14 a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14 a			X
14 b	If 'Yes,' has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O	14 b			

Part VI Governance, Management and Disclosure For each 'Yes' response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a 'No' response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1 a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year 1 a 3 If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent 1 b 3		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee or key employee?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7 a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		X
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or other persons other than the governing body?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	X	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?		X
9	Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If 'Yes,' provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
10 a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
b	If 'Yes,' did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
11 a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12 a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If 'No,' go to line 13	X	
b	Were officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this is done	X	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
b	Other officers of key employees of the organization If 'Yes' to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O. (See instructions.)	X	
16 a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
b	If 'Yes,' did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization:

▶ Ceterus, Inc PO Box 19366 Kalamazoo MI 49019 (269) 544-0322

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII.

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1 a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of 'key employee.'
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Rudie Martinson Director and Secretary	5.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) Doug Loen Director	5.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(3) Jason Stverak President and Chairman	40.00	X		X				99,000.	0.	0.
(4) Gwen Beattie Executive Vice Pres	40.00			X				90,500.	0.	0.
(5) Steven Greenhut VP of Professional Journalism	40.00					X		111,192.	0.	0.
(6) Blair Thoreson Board Director	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) _____										
(8) _____										
(9) _____										
(10) _____										
(11) _____										
(12) _____										
(13) _____										
(14) _____										

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (cont)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
(15) -----									
(16) -----									
(17) -----									
(18) -----									
(19) -----									
(20) -----									
(21) -----									
(22) -----									
(23) -----									
(24) -----									
(25) -----									

1 b Sub-total	300,692.	0.	0.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A			
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	300,692.	0.	0.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **1**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3	X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If 'Yes' complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4	X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5	X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
J Connors and Co 1126 S 70th St Milwaukee WI 53214	Projects Management	114,930.
Activate Direct 1717 I Streeet Sacramento CA 95811	Computer/Web Service	125,074.
Skyles Law Group 119 S Emerson #231 Mount Prospect IL 60056	Consulting	114,713.

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization **3**

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VIII

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS, GRANTS AND OTHER SIMILAR AMOUNTS	1 a Federated campaigns	1 a				
	b Membership dues	1 b				
	c Fundraising events	1 c				
	d Related organizations	1 d				
	e Government grants (contributions) . .	1 e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above . .	1 f 11,621,132.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lns 1a-1f: \$					
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶		11,621,132.				
PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE	Business Code					
	2 a -----					
	b -----					
	c -----					
	d -----					
	e -----					
	f All other program service revenue . . .					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶						
OTHER REVENUE	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) ▶		1,686.	1,686.	0.	0.
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . ▶					
	5 Royalties ▶					
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
		b Less: rental expenses				
		c Rental income or (loss) . .				
	d Net rental income or (loss) ▶					
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
		(ii) Other				
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . .				
		c Gain or (loss)				
	d Net gain or (loss) ▶					
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18. a					
		b Less: direct expenses b				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ▶						
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19. a						
	b Less: direct expenses b					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ▶					
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a						
	b Less: cost of goods sold b					
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ▶					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11 a Reimbursements -----	900099	2,371.	2,371.	0.	0.	
b -----						
c -----						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶		2,371.				
12 Total revenue. See instructions ▶		11,625,189.	4,057.	0.	0.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21	3,256,601.	3,256,601.		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	189,500.	168,655.	9,512.	11,333.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).				
7 Other salaries and wages	2,131,518.	1,897,051.	106,576.	127,891.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions).				
9 Other employee benefits	210,345.	187,207.	10,517.	12,621.
10 Payroll taxes	193,010.	171,779.	9,650.	11,581.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	547,944.	192,530.	355,414.	0.
c Accounting	85,185.	0.	85,185.	0.
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amt exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amt, list line 11g expenses on Sch O)	1,580,127.	1,086,187.	316,248.	177,692.
12 Advertising and promotion	170,155.	161,787.	8,128.	240.
13 Office expenses	312,992.	214,096.	79,779.	19,117.
14 Information technology	175,794.	151,082.	22,441.	2,271.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	118,716.	21,309.	97,407.	0.
17 Travel	1,022,205.	473,367.	470,035.	78,803.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	66,653.	0.	66,653.	0.
23 Insurance	12,667.	0.	12,667.	0.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a Events	698,204.	638,474.	45,377.	14,353.
b Development	312,031.	294,430.	1,732.	15,869.
c Mailings	56,264.	42,895.	8,284.	5,085.
d Business Registration Fees	1,954.	0.	1,954.	0.
e All other expenses	631,459.	511,832.	105,455.	14,172.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	11,773,324.	9,469,282.	1,813,014.	491,028.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
ASSETS	1	Cash — non-interest-bearing	415,457.	1	440,282.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net	69,001.	4	750.
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	21,929.	9	51,555.
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 138,073.		
	10b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 19,360.		
	11	Investments — publicly traded securities		11	
	12	Investments — other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13	Investments — program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	3,586.	15	19,730.
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	526,338.	16	631,030.	
LIABILITIES	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	52,374.	17	250,670.
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	52,374.	26	250,670.
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27	Unrestricted net assets	473,964.	27	380,360.
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33	Total net assets or fund balances.	473,964.	33	380,360.	
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances.	526,338.	34	631,030.	

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	11,625,189.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	11,773,324.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-148,135.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	473,964.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	54,531.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	380,360.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked 'Other,' explain in Schedule O.		
2 a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
2 b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
2 c	If 'Yes' to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.		X
3 a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
3 b	If 'Yes,' did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

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SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.** ▶ **See separate instructions.**

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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33-1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions – subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33-1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a Type I b Type II c Type III – Functionally integrated d Type III – Non-functionally integrated
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

	Yes	No
(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?	11 g (i)	
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?	11 g (ii)	
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	11 g (iii)	

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in column (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in column (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in column (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants.')		2,378,931.	3,776,997.	6,713,763.	11,621,132.	24,490,823.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge.						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3		2,378,931.	3,776,997.	6,713,763.	11,621,132.	24,490,823.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						2,964,949.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						21,525,874.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4		2,378,931.	3,776,997.	6,713,763.	11,621,132.	24,490,823.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources		230.	1,076.	3,279.	1,686.	6,271.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						24,497,094.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33-1/3% support test – 2012. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 33-1/3% support test – 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2012. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		<input type="checkbox"/>

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants.')						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge.						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7 a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10 a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lns 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15.	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2012 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19 a 33-1/3% support tests — 2012. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33-1/3% support tests — 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions.

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Supplemental Financial Statements

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes,' to Form 990, Part IV, lines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions.

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 3 columns: Line number, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows 1-4: Total number at end of year, Aggregate contributions to (during year), Aggregate grants from (during year), Aggregate value at end of year.

- 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

- 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).
2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows 2a-2d: Total number of conservation easements, Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a), Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register.

- 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year
4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located
5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?
6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?
9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

- 1 a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.
b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:
2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a Public exhibition
 - b Scholarly research
 - c Preservation for future generations
 - d Loan or exchange programs
 - e Other _____
- 4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1 a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian, or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No
- b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- | | Amount |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|
| c Beginning balance | 1 c |
| d Additions during the year | 1 d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1 e |
| f Ending balance | 1 f |
- 2 a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No
- b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years	(d) Three years	(e) Four years
1 a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ _____ %
 - b Permanent endowment ▶ _____ %
 - c Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ _____ %
- The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3 a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations | 3a(i) | |
| (ii) related organizations | 3a(ii) | |
| b If 'Yes' to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | |

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1 a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		5,000.	182.	4,818.
d Equipment		133,073.	19,178.	113,895.
e Other				

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶ 118,713.

Part VII Investments – Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other _____		
(A) _____		
(B) _____		
(C) _____		
(D) _____		
(E) _____		
(F) _____		
(G) _____		
(H) _____		
(I) _____		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 12.) . . ▶		

Part VIII Investments – Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 13.) . . ▶		

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 15.) ▶	

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 25.) . . . ▶	

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	11,625,189.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
	a Net unrealized gains on investments	2 a	
	b Donated services and use of facilities	2 b	
	c Recoveries of prior year grants	2 c	
	d Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2 d	
	e Add lines 2 a through 2 d	2 e	
3	Subtract line 2 e from line 1	3	11,625,189.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
	a Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b.	4 a	
	b Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4 b	
	c Add lines 4 a and 4 b	4 c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4 c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	11,625,189.

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements.	1	11,718,793.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
	a Donated services and use of facilities	2 a	
	b Prior year adjustments	2 b	
	c Other losses	2 c	
	d Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2 d	
	e Add lines 2 a through 2 d	2 e	
3	Subtract line 2 e from line 1	3	11,718,793.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
	a Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b.	4 a	
	b Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4 b	54,531.
	c Add lines 4 a and 4 b	4 c	54,531.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4 c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	11,773,324.

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Pt XII Line 4b Book to Tax Difference on Depreciation

SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Franklin Center for Government and Public Integrity

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

Employer identification number

26-40662298

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments, and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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- Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No
- Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States. Yes No

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) Cause of Action 2100 M Street NW Washington DC 20037	45-2805977	501C3	250,000.				Support Journa
(2) American Phoenix Foundati 1108 Lavaca St Austin TX 78701	90-0616678	501C3	25,000.				Support Journa
(3) TNReport.com News Service PO Box 119 Buffalo Valley TN 38549	27-1188570	501C3	50,000.				Support Journa
(4) Small Business Hawaii Fou 6600 Kalianaole Hwy Honolulu HI 96825	26-1210792	501C3	21,000.				Support Journa
(5) Texas Watchdog 945 McKinney St, Ste 221 Houston TX 77002	26-3057133	501C3	322,500.				Support Journa
(6) Foundations for Ethics in 333 Fayetteville Raleigh NC 27601	24-4505542	501C3	30,000.				Support Journa
(7) Nevada News Bureau 4347 Mesa Landing Ave North Las Vegas NV 89085	27-3192716	501C3	162,851.				Support Journa
(8) True the Vote Houston PO Box 27378 Houston TX 77227	27-2860095	501C3	50,000.				Support Journa

- Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table
- Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2012)

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 22. Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Pt I Line 2 We require any organization that is given a grant to provide a written request for the grant and a description of the program they are asking funds to implement. We require a progress report from the organization as well as a final report to ensure the organization spent the funds in accordance to the program outline they provided to the Franklin Center.

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Compensation Information

OMB No. 1545-0047

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

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▶ **Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990.** ▶ **See separate instructions.**

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
1 a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.		
<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel		
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments		
<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account		
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use		
<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence		
<input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees		
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If 'No,' complete Part III to explain	1 b	
2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2	
3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee		
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant		
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations		
<input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract		
<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study		
<input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:		
a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	4 a	X
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4 b	X
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?	4 c	X
If 'Yes' to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.		
Only section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete lines 5-9.		
5 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:		
a The organization?	5 a	X
b Any related organization?	5 b	X
If 'Yes' to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.		
6 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:		
a The organization?	6 a	X
b Any related organization?	6 b	X
If 'Yes' to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.		
7 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If 'Yes,' describe in Part III	7	X
8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If 'Yes,' describe in Part III	8	X
9 If 'Yes' to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	9	

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2012

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable columns (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported as deferred in prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus and incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 Jason Stverak President	(i) 99,000.	0.	0.	0.	0.	99,000.	0.
	(ii) 0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
2 Gwen Beattie Executive Vice Pres	(i) 90,500.	0.	0.	0.	0.	90,500.	0.
	(ii) 0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
3	(i) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	(ii) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
4	(i) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	(ii) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
5	(i) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	(ii) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
6	(i) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	(ii) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
7	(i) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	(ii) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
8	(i) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	(ii) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
9	(i) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	(ii) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
10	(i) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	(ii) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
11	(i) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	(ii) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
12	(i) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	(ii) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
13	(i) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	(ii) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
14	(i) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	(ii) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
15	(i) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	(ii) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
16	(i) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	(ii) ---	---	---	---	---	---	---

SCHEDULE L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Transactions With Interested Persons

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▶ **Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.** ▶ **See separate instructions.**

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only).
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ \$ _____

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ \$ _____

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990-EZ, Page V, line 38a or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?		
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(1)													
(2)													
(3)													
(4)													
(5)													
(6)													
(7)													
(8)													
(9)													
(10)													
Total													

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of Assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				
(7)				
(8)				
(9)				
(10)				

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Pt XI _____ Book to Tax Difference in Depreciation _____

Pt VI, Line 8b _____ Franklin does not have any committees. _____

Pt VI, Line 15b _____ Payment was made through contract payroll and then as _____

Pt VI, Line 15b _____ regular employees. The board approved all amounts. _____

Pt VI, Line 12c _____ The policy is looked at, but there have never been problems with it. _____

Pt VI, Line 11b _____ The return is distributed between the board for approval before filing _____

_____ Additional info for Schedule B: Statement of Donor Anonymity _____

_____ The Franklin Center does not provide specific identifying _____

_____ information on its donors on the ground that such disclosure _____

_____ may chill the donors' First Amendment right to associate in _____

_____ private with the organization. NAACP v Alabama, 357 US 449 (1958); _____

_____ International Union UAM v National Right to Work, 590 F 2d 1139, _____

_____ 1152 (D.C. Cir 1978). While the other information has been _____

_____ provided on this Schedule B, actual identities have been _____

_____ protected by assigning a number or letter to each donor listed. _____

Pt VI, Line 15a _____ Payment was made through contract employees and then as _____

Pt VI, Line 15a _____ regular employees. The board approved all amounts. _____

**Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)**

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▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

Attachment
Sequence No. **179**

Name(s) shown on return

Franklin Center for Government and Public Integrity

Identifying number
26-4066298

Business or activity to which this form relates

Form 990 / Form 990EZ

Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount (see instructions)	1	
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	
4	Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions.	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property. Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2011 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instrs)	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2013. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	▶ 13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	56,873.
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)

Section A

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2012	17	1,559.
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		

Section B – Assets Placed in Service During 2012 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only — see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19 a 3-year property						
b 5-year property		6,479.	5.0 yrs	HY	200 DB	1,296.
c 7-year property		47,891.	7.0 yrs	HY	200 DB	6,842.
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property		2,500.	15.0 yrs	HY	S/L	83.
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27.5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			27.5 yrs	MM	S/L	
			39 yrs	MM	S/L	

Section C – Assets Placed in Service During 2012 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20 a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions.)

21	Listed property. Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations — see instructions.	22	66,653.
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)
Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete only 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

Section A – Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24 a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No									24b If 'Yes,' is the evidence written? . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/ investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/ Convention	(h) Depreciation deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost		
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions)								25		
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use:										
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use:										
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27. Enter here and on line 21, page 1								28		
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26. Enter here and on line 7, page 1								29		

Section B – Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other 'more than 5% owner,' or related person. If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles.

30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)	(a) Vehicle 1		(b) Vehicle 2		(c) Vehicle 3		(d) Vehicle 4		(e) Vehicle 5		(f) Vehicle 6	
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year												
32 Total other personal (noncommuting) miles driven												
33 Total miles driven during the year. Add lines 30 through 32												
	Yes	No										
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?												
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?												

Section C – Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions).

	Yes	No
37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?		
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions.)		

Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is 'Yes,' do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles.

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) Amortization period or percentage	(f) Amortization for this year
42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2012 tax year (see instructions):					
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2012 tax year					43
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f). See the instructions for where to report					44