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Form

**990****Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

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

OMB No 1545-0047

**2008****Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

<b>A</b> For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning <b>07/01, 2008</b> , and ending <b>06/30, 2009</b>	
<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization <b>SOCIETY OF EXPLORATION GEOPHYSICISTS</b> Doing Business As Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <b>8801 SOUTH YALE</b> City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 <b>TULSA, OK 74137</b> <b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>73-0555125</b> <b>E</b> Telephone number <b>(918) 497-5000</b> <b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>14,793,563.</b> <b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "No" attach a list (see instructions) <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( 6 ) (insert no ) 4947(a)(1) or 527	<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer <b>NANCY CARTER</b> <b>8801 S. YALE; SUITE 500 TULSA, OK 74137</b>
<b>J</b> Website ▶ <b>WWW.SEG.ORG</b>	
<b>K</b> Type of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶	<b>L</b> Year of formation <b>1930</b> <b>M</b> State of legal domicile <b>OK</b>

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities <u>TO PROMOTE THE SCIENCE OF GEOPHYSICS.</u>		
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets		
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>
	<b>5</b> Total number of employees (Part VII, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<b>81</b>
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<b>641</b>
	<b>7a</b> Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	<b>7a</b>	<b>1,212,480.</b>
<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990710e 34	<b>7b</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contribution and grants (Part VII, line 1b)	<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Current Year</b>
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VII, line 2b)	<b>1,207,056.</b>	<b>1,991,340.</b>
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<b>8,913,762.</b>	<b>10,247,084.</b>
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<b>380,225.</b>	<b>248,125.</b>
	<b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1,386,427.</b>	<b>986,732.</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	<b>11,887,470.</b>	<b>13,473,281.</b>
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<b>132,855.</b>	<b>67,107.</b>
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<b>4,870,884.</b>	<b>5,861,247.</b>
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses, Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	<b>6,312,301.</b>	<b>7,299,427.</b>
	<b>18</b> Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>11,316,040.</b>	<b>13,227,781.</b>
	<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>571,430.</b>	<b>245,500.</b>
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<b>Beginning of Year</b>	<b>End of Year</b>
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>17,261,673.</b>	<b>16,708,612.</b>
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>4,367,951.</b>	<b>4,355,154.</b>
		<b>12,893,722.</b>	<b>12,353,458.</b>

**Part II Signature Block**

<b>Sign Here</b>	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.			
	Signature of officer <i>Nancy L. Carter</i>		Date <i>May 14, 2010</i>	
<b>Paid Preparer's Use Only</b>	Preparer's signature <i>Edward L. Gigney, CPA</i>		Date <i>5/14/10</i>	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 <b>HOWERTON, MORRIS, SIMPSON &amp; SMITH, PLLC</b> <b>8292 S. MEMORIAL DR., STE. 110 TULSA, OK 74133</b>		EIN <b>57-1147617</b>	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions) <b>447605418</b>
		Phone no <b>918 481-5949</b>		

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

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**Part III** Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

SEE STATEMENT 12 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ 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 ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services 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.

4a (Code \_\_\_\_\_) (Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_ including grants of \$ \_\_\_\_\_) (Revenue \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

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CONTINUING EDUCATION - TO PROMOTE THE SCIENCE OF GEOPHYSICS  
THROUGH GENERAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )

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

4e Total program service expenses ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B) )

**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?		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 <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		
5 <b>Sections 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations.</b> Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where 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, 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 hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable	X	
12 Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	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 U S ?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I		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, Part II		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, Part III		X
17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	X	
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	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, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K If "No," go to question 25		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 <b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		
b Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X

**Part IV** Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
<b>28</b> During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee		
<b>a</b> Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .	<b>28a</b>	X
<b>b</b> Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .	<b>28b</b>	X
<b>c</b> Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .	<b>28c</b>	X
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .	<b>29</b>	X
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .	<b>30</b>	X
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I . . . . .	<b>31</b>	X
<b>32</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II . . . . .	<b>32</b>	X
<b>33</b> Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations section 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I . . . . .	<b>33</b>	X
<b>34</b> Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1 . . . . .	<b>34</b>	X
<b>35</b> Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .	<b>35</b>	X
<b>36</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .	<b>36</b>	
<b>37</b> 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI . . . . .	<b>37</b>	X

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**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U S Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable. . . . .	<b>1a</b> 48	
<b>b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable. . . . .	<b>1b</b> NONE	
<b>c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? . . . . .	<b>1c</b>	X
<b>2a</b>	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. . . . .	<b>2a</b> 81	
<b>b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? . . . . . <b>Note:</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions)	<b>2b</b>	X
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return? . . . . .	<b>3a</b>	X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .	<b>3b</b>	X
<b>4a</b>	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)? . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts		
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . . . .	<b>5a</b>	X
<b>b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? . . . . .	<b>5b</b>	X
<b>c</b>	If "Yes," to question 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction? . . . . .	<b>5c</b>	
<b>6a</b>	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible? . . . . .	<b>6a</b>	X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? . . . . .	<b>6b</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>a</b>	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of more than \$75? . . . . .	<b>7a</b>	X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? . . . . .	<b>7b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? . . . . .	<b>7c</b>	X
<b>d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year. . . . .	<b>7d</b>	
<b>e</b>	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? . . . . .	<b>7e</b>	X
<b>f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . . . .	<b>7f</b>	X
<b>g</b>	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? . . . . .	<b>7g</b>	
<b>h</b>	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required? . . . . .	<b>7h</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year? . . . . .	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>a</b>	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? . . . . .	<b>9a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? . . . . .	<b>9b</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter		
<b>a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12. . . . .	<b>10a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities. . . . .	<b>10b</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter		
<b>a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders. . . . .	<b>11a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them). . . . .	<b>11b</b>	
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? . . . . .	<b>12a</b>	
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year. . . . .	<b>12b</b>	

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**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

	Yes	No
<i>For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, process, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.</i>		
<b>1a</b> Enter the number of voting members of the governing body . . . . .	<b>1a</b>	7
<b>b</b> Enter the number of voting members that are independent . . . . .	<b>1b</b>	7
<b>2</b> 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? . . . . .	<b>2</b>	X
<b>3</b> 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? . . . . .	<b>3</b>	X
<b>4</b> Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? . . . . .	<b>4</b>	X
<b>5</b> Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets? . . . . .	<b>5</b>	X
<b>6</b> Does the organization have members or stockholders? . . . . .	<b>6</b>	X
<b>7a</b> Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body? . . . . .	<b>7a</b>	X
<b>b</b> Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? . . . . .	<b>7b</b>	X
<b>8</b> Did the organizations contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>a</b> The governing body? . . . . .	<b>8a</b>	X
<b>b</b> Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . . . .	<b>8b</b>	X
<b>9a</b> Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? . . . . .	<b>9a</b>	X
<b>b</b> If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization? . . . . .	<b>9b</b>	
<b>10</b> Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990 . . . . .	<b>10</b>	X
<b>11</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>11</b>	X

**Section B. Policies**

	Yes	No
<b>12a</b> Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 . . . . .	<b>12a</b>	X
<b>b</b> Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? . . . . .	<b>12b</b>	X
<b>c</b> Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done . . . . .	<b>12c</b>	X
<b>13</b> Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy? . . . . .	<b>13</b>	X
<b>14</b> Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? . . . . .	<b>14</b>	X
<b>15</b> 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:		
<b>a</b> The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official? . . . . .	<b>15a</b>	X
<b>b</b> Other officers or key employees of the organization? . . . . .	<b>15b</b>	X
Describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
<b>16a</b> Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? . . . . .	<b>16a</b>	X
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has the organization adopted 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? . . . . .	<b>16b</b>	

**Section C. Disclosure**

**17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► OK

**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

**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.

**20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ► NANCY CARTER 8801 S. YALE; SUITE 500; TULSA, OK, 74137  
918-497-5000

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors****Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- 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 the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee, or key employee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(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			
STEVE HILL PRESIDENT-ELECT		X		X						
BOB HARDAGE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT		X		X						
MARY M. POULTON SECOND VICE PRES.		X		X						
PAULO JOHANN VICE PRESIDENT		X		X						
RAY VOGLER SECRETARY TREASURER		X		X						
KEES WAPENAAR EDITOR		X		X						
LARRY LINES PRESIDENT		X		X						
MARY FLEMING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR					X	X		219,239.		21,951.
JIM LAWNICK DIRECTOR, MEETINGS					X			90,176.		13,069.
PETER PANGMAN DIRECTOR, GEOPHYSICS					X	X		157,735.		23,867.
TED BAKAMJIAN DIRECTOR, PUBLICATION					X			95,860.		13,741.
NANCY CARTER DIRECTOR, FINANCE & OPERATIONS					X	X		123,988.		17,945.
DAN DEMELLIER DIRECTOR, INFORMATION TECH.					X	X		127,014.		10,924.
BASTIAAN BOUMA DIRECTOR, GLOBAL RELATIONS					X	X		209,019.		12,657.
TOM AGNEW DIRECTOR, PROFESSIONAL DEV.					X			75,512.		NONE



[illegible]

	Yes	No
3		X
4	X	
5		X

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

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**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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				(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	1a	Federated campaigns . . . . .	1a				
	b	Membership dues . . . . .	1b	1,389,484.			
	c	Fundraising events . . . . .	1c				
	d	Related organizations . . . . .	1d	601,856.			
	e	Government grants (contributions) . . . . .	1e				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above . . . . .	1f				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ . . . . .					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .		1,991,340.			
Program Service Revenue	2a	ADVERTISING	Business Code 541800	1,212,480.		1,212,480.	
	b	PUBLICATION SALES		1,225,905.	1,225,905.		
	c	CONFERENCES/MEET		7,417,262.	7,417,262.		
	d	CONTINUING ED.		391,437.	391,437.		
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue . . . . .					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .		10,247,084.			
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .	STMT 2. ▶	214,517.		
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . . .		NONE			
5		Royalties . . . . .		NONE			
			(i) Real (ii) Personal				
6a		Gross Rents . . . . .	1,065,493.				
b		Less rental expenses . . . . .	992,901.				
c		Rental income or (loss) . . . . .	72,592.				
d		Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .		72,592.			72,592.
7a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other 33,608.				
b		Less cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .					
c		Gain or (loss) . . . . .	33,608.				
d		Net gain or (loss) . . . . .		33,608.			33,608.
8a		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 . . . . .		NONE			
9a		Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	a				
b		Less direct expenses . . . . .	b				
c		Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .		NONE			
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	a	542,687.				
b	Less cost of goods sold . . . . .	b	327,381.				
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory. . . . .	STMT 6. ▶	215,306.			215,306.	
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a	MAILING LIST		3,116.			3,116.	
b	SEG FOUNDATION SERVICES		656,800.	656,800.			
c	MISCELLANEOUS		38,918.	38,918.			
d	All other revenue . . . . .						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .		698,834.				
12	Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e . . . . .		13,473,281.	9,730,322.	1,212,480.	539,139.	

**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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>	(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 U.S. See Part IV, line 21 . . .	67,107.	67,107.		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .	NONE			
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .	NONE			
4 Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	NONE			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	1,088,343.			
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . .	NONE			
7 Other salaries and wages . . . . .	3,462,280.			
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401 (k) and section 403(b) employer contributions). .	434,651.			
9 Other employee benefits . . . . .	561,139.			
10 Payroll taxes . . . . .	314,834.			
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management . . . . .	NONE			
b Legal . . . . .	59,501.			
c Accounting . . . . .	20,000.			
d Lobbying . . . . .	NONE			
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17	NONE			
f Investment management fees . . . . .	NONE			
g Other . . . . .	NONE			
12 Advertising and promotion . . . . .	9,235.			
13 Office expenses . . . . .	2,341,385.			
14 Information technology . . . . .	NONE			
15 Royalties . . . . .	NONE			
16 Occupancy . . . . .	NONE			
17 Travel . . . . .	362,248.			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	NONE			
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . .	3,262,035.			
20 Interest . . . . .	916.			
21 Payments to affiliates . . . . .	NONE			
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . .	702,017.			
23 Insurance . . . . .	90,608.			
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a BANK CHARGES . . . . .	170,084.			
b DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS . . . . .	30,783.			
c MEALS & ENTERTAINMENT . . . . .	16,311.			
d PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES . . . . .	21,921.			
e BAD DEBT . . . . .	6,130.			
f All other expenses . . . . .	206,253.			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	13,227,781.	67,107.		
26 Joint Costs Check here <input type="checkbox"/> If following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation . . . . .				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing . . . . .	1,816,004.	1	803,900.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	697,707.	2	300,246.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	816,053.	4	2,856,821.
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		7	
	8 Inventories for sales or use . . . . .	486,784.	8	593,781.
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . . STMT. 7 . . . . .	550,369.	9	475,405.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost basis . . . . . 10a 13,074,934.			
	b Less accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D . . . . . 10b 6,129,485.	7,364,398.	10c	6,945,449.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities . . . . . STMT. 8 . . . . .	5,180,358.	11	4,383,010.
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	350,000.	12	350,000.
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		13	
	14 Intangible assets . . . . .		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		15	
16 <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	17,261,673.	16	16,708,612.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	458,376.	17	722,132.
	18 Grants payable . . . . .		18	
	19 Deferred revenue . . . . . STMT. 9 . . . . .	3,890,513.	19	3,593,692.
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		20	
	21 Escrow account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .		21	
	22 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 . . . . .		24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D . . . . .	19,062.	25	39,330.
	26 <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	4,367,951.	26	4,355,154.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	27 Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	12,893,722.	27	12,353,458.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .		29	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	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 <b>Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .</b>	12,893,722.	33	12,353,458.
	34 <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .</b>	17,261,673.	34	16,708,612.

**Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting**

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . . . .	2a	X
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? . . . . .	2b	X
c	If "Yes" to lines 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? . . . . .	2c	X
3a	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? . . . . .	3a	X
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? . . . . .	3b	

SCHEDULE D  
(Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No 1545-0047

2008

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that  
answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

SOCIETY OF EXPLORATION GEOPHYSICISTS

73-0555125

**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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year . . . . .		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year) . . . . .		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year) . . . . .		
4 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? . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or other impermissible private benefit? . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

**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)

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or pleasure)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically importantly land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	

2 Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements . . . . .	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements . . . . .	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) . . . . .	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06 . . . . .	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable 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, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff or volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing 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 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIV, 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.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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 XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 relating to these items

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

3 Using the organization's 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 XIV

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

1a 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 XIV and complete the following table

	Amount
1c Beginning balance . . . . .	
1d Additions during the year . . . . .	
1e Distributions during the year . . . . .	
1f Ending balance . . . . .	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

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

	(a) Current Year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance . . . . .					
b Contributions . . . . .					
c Investment earnings or 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 year end balance held as

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ %  
 b Permanent endowment ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ %  
 c Term endowment ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ %

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

- (i) unrelated organizations . . . . .  
 (ii) related organizations . . . . .

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? . . . . .

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

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

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land . . . . .		489,605.		489,605.
b Buildings . . . . .		8,303,336.	4,310,368.	3,992,968.
c Leasehold improvements . . . . .				
d Equipment . . . . .		1,750,939.	1,189,823.	561,116.
e Other . . . . .		2,531,054.	629,294.	1,901,760.
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c) ) . . . . .				6,945,449.

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**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
Financial derivatives and other financial products . . . . .		
Closely-held equity interests . . . . .	350,000.	
Other _____		
_____		
_____		
_____		
_____		
_____		
_____		
_____		
_____		
_____		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ►	350,000.	

**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
_____		
_____		
_____		
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_____		
_____		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ►		

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
_____	
_____	
_____	
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_____	
_____	
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_____	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) . . . . . ►	

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

(a) Description of liability	(b) Amount
Federal income taxes	
<b>CAPITAL LEASES</b>	39,330.
_____	
_____	
_____	
_____	
_____	
_____	
_____	
_____	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ►	39,330.

In Part XIV, 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

**Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements**

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	13,473,281.
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	13,227,781.
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	245,500.
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	-785,764.
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4-8	9	-785,764.
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-540,264.

**Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return**

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	14,263,166.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	-785,764.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	1,575,649.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	789,885.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	13,473,281.
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	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	13,473,281.

**Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return**

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	14,942,204.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	1,714,423.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	1,714,423.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	13,227,781.
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	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	13,227,781.

**Part XIV 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, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b

SEE PAGE 5



**Part XIV** Supplemental Information (continued)

## OTHER REVENUE NOT INCLUDED IN THE RETURN

SCHEDULE D, PAGE 4, PART XII, LINE 2D

## NOT INCLUDED ARE REVENUES RELATED TO:

SEG GLOBAL, INC. \$14,204

SEG ADVANCED MODELING CORPORATION \$241,163

SEG BUILDING RENTAL EXPENSES \$992,901

COST OF SALES FOR BOOKS \$327,381

## OTHER EXPENSES NOT INCLUDED

SCHEDULE D, PAGE 4, PART XIII, LINE 2D

SEG ADVANCED MODELING CORPORATION \$235,180

SEG GLOBAL, INC. \$158,961

SEG BLDG. RENT EXPENSE IN REVENUE \$992,901

COS OF SALES FOR BOOKS IN REVENUE \$327,381





SCHEDULE J  
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

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

▶ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations  
that answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

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Inspection

Name of the organization

SOCIETY OF EXPLORATION GEOPHYSICISTS

Employer identification number

73-0555125

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a 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.

☐ First-class or charter travel

☐ Travel for companions

☐ Tax indemnification and gross-up payments

☐ Discretionary spending account

☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use

☐ Payments for business use of personal residence

☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees

☐ Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)

b If line 1a is 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 . . . . .

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? . . . . .

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply.

☒ Compensation committee

☒ Independent compensation consultant

☒ Form 990 of other organizations

☒ Written employment contract

☒ Compensation survey or study

☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee

4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a:

a Receive a severance payment or change of control payment? . . . . .

b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? . . . . .

c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? . . . . .

If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete lines 5-8.

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? . . . . .

b Any related organization? . . . . .

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? . . . . .

b Any related organization? . . . . .

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 . . . . .

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 Regs. section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III . . . . .

Yes No

1b

2

4a

X

4b

X

4c

X

5a

5b

6a

6b

7

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**Part III Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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FORM 990 SCHEDULE J, PART I, QUESTION 4A

BASTIAAN BOUMA - \$60,000 SEVERANCE PAYMENT

**SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**Supplemental Information to Form 990**

► Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations to provide additional information for responses to specific questions for the Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

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**2008**

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73-0555125

990 REVIEW

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, QUESTION 10

THE SEG ACCOUNTING MANAGEMENT WORKING WITH THE AUDITOR PROVIDE AND REVIEW

THE FORM 990 DATA AND INFORMATION. A FINAL DRAFT IS PRESENTED TO THE

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL. THE

GOVERNING BODY IS PROVIDED A COPY OF THE FILED FORM 990.

Name of the organization

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CONFLICT OF INTERESTFORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, QUESTIONS 12CSEG ISSUES A CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SENIORMANAGEMENT ANNUALLY. THEY MUST SIGN A STATEMENT THAT THEY HAVERECEIVED THE POLICY AND UNDERSTAND THE ACTIVITIES SEG ENGAGES INNECESSARY TO MAINTAIN ITS TAX-EXEMPT STATUS. DUE TO THE VOLUNTEER NATUREOF SEG'S GOVERNING BODY (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE) ALL MUST DISCLOSE POTENTIALCONFLICTS AND THE NATURE OF THE MEMBER'S INTEREST IN POTENTIALTRANSACTIONS. THE IDENTIFIED CONFLICTS ARE CIRCULATED AMONG THE BOARD OFDIRECTORS AND STATEMENTS FILED WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THAT ARE DETERMINED TO HAVE A CONFLICTOF INTEREST ARE EXCUSED FROM THE DISCUSSION AND PARTICIPATION OF MANAGINGTHOSE TRANSACTIONS.



Name of the organization

Employer identification number

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COMPENSATION POLICYFORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, QUESTIONS 15A AND 15BCOMPENSATION IS REVIEWED ANNUALLY DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS. THEEXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVES THE BUDGET, WHICH INCLUDES DETAILCOMPENSATION FOR SENIOR STAFF AND THE OVERALL COMPENSATION FOR EACHDEPARTMENT OF SEG.

## Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

► Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.

► See separate instructions

Name of the organization

Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

SOCIETY OF EXPLORATION GEOPHYSICISTS

Employer identification number -

73-0555125

## Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities

[illegible]

## Part II

[illegible]

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**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations**

**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV.

**1** During the tax year did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II–IV?

	Yes	No
<b>a</b> Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties (iv) rent from a controlled entity . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s) . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>c</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s) . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>d</b> Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s) . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>e</b> Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s) . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>f</b> Sale of assets to other organization(s) . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>g</b> Purchase of assets from other organization(s) . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>h</b> Exchange of assets . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>i</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to other organization(s) . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>j</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from other organization(s) . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>k</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s) . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>l</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s) . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>m</b> Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>n</b> Sharing of paid employees . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>o</b> Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>p</b> Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>q</b> Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s) . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>r</b> Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s) . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**2** If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(A) Name of other organization(s)	(B) Transaction type (a–r)	(C) Amount involved
(1) SEG GLOBAL, INC.	PAYROLL	
(2) SEG GLOBAL, INC.	ASSET SHR	
(3) SEG GLOBAL, INC.	EXP REIMB	
(4) SEG ADVANCED MODELING GROUP	PAYROLL	
(5) SEG ADVANCED MODELING GROUP	ASSET SHR	
(6) SEG ADVANCED MODELING GROUP	EXP REIMB	

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1 - ORGANIZATION'S MISSION  
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TO PROMOTE THE SCIENCE OF GEOPHYSICS, AS IT RELATES TO EXPLORATION  
AND RESEARCH, TO FOSTER THE COMMON SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS OF  
GEOPHYSICISTS, AND TO MAINTAIN A HIGH PROFESSIONAL STANDING AMONG ITS  
MEMBERS.

FORM 990, PART VIII - INVESTMENT INCOME

DESCRIPTION	(A) TOTAL REVENUE	(B) RELATED OR EXEMPT REVENUE	(C) UNRELATED BUSINESS REV.	(D) EXCLUDED REVENUE
TOTALS	214,517.			214,517.

## RENT AND ROYALTY SUMMARY

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PROPERTY -----	TOTAL INCOME -----	DEPLETION/ DEPRECIATION -----	OTHER EXPENSES -----	ALLOWABLE NET INCOME -----
SEG BUILDING	1,065,493. -----	170,986. -----	821,915. -----	72,592. -----
TOTALS	1,065,493. =====	170,986. =====	821,915. =====	72,592. =====



FORM 990, PART VIII - GROSS SALES AND COST OF GOODS SOLD

DESCRIPTION	GROSS SALES	BEGINNING INVENTORY	PURCHASES	SALARIES AND WAGES	OTHER COSTS	MINUS:		COST OF GOODS SOLD
						ENDING INVENTORY		
SALES OF REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS	542,687.	486,784.	384,852.		49,526.		593,781.	327,381.
TOTALS	542,687.	486,784.	384,852.		49,526.		593,781.	327,381.

FORM '990, PART X - PREPAID EXPENSES AND DEFERRED CHARGES  
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DESCRIPTION -----	ENDING BOOK VALUE -----
INSURANCE	29,556.
2009 AM HOUSTON	126,315.
2013 AM HOUSTON	14,992.
LEVEL IV MEETINGS	2,240.
GEO COMPOSITION	26,467.
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS	61,471.
LAS VEGAS 2008	
LAS VEGAS 2012	50,000.
SAN ANTONIO 2011	41,191.
DENVER 2010	19,895.
INTERNATIONAL OFFICES	28,954.
FORUMS	1,119.
CAPS ACCOUNT	13,164.
OTHER	60,041.
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TOTALS	475,405.
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## FORM 990, PART X - INVESTMENTS - PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES

DESCRIPTION -----	ENDING BOOK VALUE -----	COST OR FMV -----
EQUITY INVESTMENTS	2,064,509.	FMV
CORPORATE BONDS	1,082,629.	FMV
FEDERAL AGENCY SECURITY		FMV
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS	1,235,872.	FMV
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TOTALS	4,383,010.	
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## FORM 990, PART X - DEFERRED REVENUE

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## DESCRIPTION

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ENDING  
BOOK VALUE

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ADV, MTG, DUES &amp; SUBSCRIPTIONS

3,593,692.

TOTALS

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3,593,692.  
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- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** and check this box ☒ **X**

**Note.** Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** (on page 1)

**Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time.** Only file the original (no copies needed)

Type or print  File by the extended due date for filing the return. See instructions	Name of Exempt Organization	Employer identification number
	SOCIETY OF EXPLORATION GEOPHYSICISTS	73-0555125
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions	For IRS use only
	8801 SOUTH YALE	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions	
	TULSA, OK 74137	

**Check type of return to be filed** (File a separate application for each return)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec 401(a) or 408(a))	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above)		

**STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

- The books are in the care of **NANCY CARTER**
- Telephone No **918 497-5000** FAX No **FEB 12 2010**
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ☐
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number **32105**. If this is for the whole group, check this box ☐. If it is for part of the group, check this box ☐ and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for

- I request an additional 3-month extension of time until **05/15/2010**
- For calendar year **07/01/2008**, or other tax year beginning **07/01/2008**, and ending **06/30/2009**
- If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Change in accounting period
- State in detail why you need the extension **ADDITIONAL TIME IS NECESSARY TO GATHER THE INFORMATION TO PROPERLY PREPARE THE RETURN.**

<b>8a</b> If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions	<b>8a</b> \$
<b>b</b> If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868	<b>8b</b> \$
<b>c Balance Due.</b> Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions	<b>8c</b> \$

**Signature and Verification**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form

Signature **Math S. Smith** Title **CPA** Date **2/11/10**

HOWERTON, MORRIS, SIMPSON & SMITH, PLLC  
8282 S. MEMORIAL DR., STE. 110  
TULSA, OK 74133

Form 8868 (Rev 4-2009)

**Application for Extension of Time To File an  
Exempt Organization Return**

OMB No 1545-1709

► **File a separate application for each return.**

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box ☒ **X**
  - If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form)
- Do not complete Part II unless** you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868

**Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time.** Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete

Part I only ☐

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns

**Electronic Filing (e-file).** Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T). However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile) and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*

<b>Type or print</b>  File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of Exempt Organization <b>SOCIETY OF EXPLORATION GEOPHYSICISTS</b>	Employer identification number <b>73-0555125</b>
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions <b>8801 SOUTH YALE SUITE 500</b>	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions <b>TULSA, OK 74137</b>	

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
W & I - FIELD ASSISTANCE  
TULSA, OK 74128**Check type of return to be filed** (file a separate application for each return)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870

- The books are in the care of ► NANCY CARTER

Telephone No ► 918 497-5000

FAX No ► \_\_\_\_\_

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ☐
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) \_\_\_\_\_ If this is for the whole group, check this box ☐ If it is for part of the group, check this box ☐ and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until 02/15, 2010, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for

► ☐ calendar year \_\_\_\_\_ or  
 ► ☒ tax year beginning 07/01, 2008, and ending 06/30, 2009

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Change in accounting period

<b>3a</b> If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	<b>3a</b>	\$
<b>b</b> If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	<b>3b</b>	\$
<b>c Balance Due.</b> Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	<b>3c</b>	\$

**Caution.** If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

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