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Short Form

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 1545-1150

2008

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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form. The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning OCT 1, 2008 and ending SEP 30, 2009

B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Termination, Amended return, Application pending.

C Name of organization: FLOORING INDUSTRY COUNCIL

D Employer identification number: 43-1301817

E Telephone number: 314-968-8130

F Group Exemption Number: []

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address): 2025 S. BRENTWOOD BLVD

Room/suite: 104

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: ST. LOUIS, MO 63144-1850

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting method: Cash, Accrual. Other (specify): []

I Website: N/A

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

J Organization type (check only one): 501(c)(6), 4947(a)(1), 527

K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$ 23,931.

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I)

1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	5,500.
4	Investment income	4	50.
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
5b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (attach schedule)	5c	
6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ 4,665. of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	18,381.
6b	Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	20,731.
6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	<2,350.>
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
7b	Less cost of goods sold	7b	
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
8	Other revenue (describe)	8	
9	Total revenue Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	3,200.
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
16	Other expenses (describe) SEE STATEMENT 1	16	11,525.
17	Total expenses Add lines 10 through 16	17	11,525.
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	<8,325.>
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	<11,876.>
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation) SEE STATEMENT 3	20	26,701.
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20	21	6,500.

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

(See the instructions for Part II)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	15,141.	10,532.
23 Land and buildings		
24 Other assets (describe)		
25 Total assets	15,141.	10,532.
26 Total liabilities (describe) SEE STATEMENT 2	27,017.	4,032.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	<11,876.>	6,500.

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	X	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		X
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Sch N		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a 0.		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?		X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b N/A		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a N/A		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b N/A		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ N/A , section 4912 ▶ N/A , section 4955 ▶ N/A		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I 40b N/A		
c	Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ 0.		
d	Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0.		
e	All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T 40e X		
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ MO		
42a	The books are in care of ▶ BEVERLY GARNANT Telephone no ▶ 314-968-8130 Located at ▶ 2025 S. BRENTWOOD, SUITE 104, ST. LOUIS, MO ZIP + 4 ▶ 63144-1850		
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)? 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.		X
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____		X
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 N/A		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 44 X		
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 45 X		

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

- 46 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
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II
48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?
b If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization?
50 Complete this table for the five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Rows 46, 47, 48, 49a, 49b.

Table for line 50: (a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000; (b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position; (c) Compensation; (D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation; (E) Expense account and other allowances. Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000.

- 51 Complete this table for the five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

Table for line 51: (a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000; (b) Type of service; (c) Compensation. Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000.

Sign Here: 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: Wm. Michael Gould, Date: 1/21/10, Type or print name and title: Wm. Michael Gould, President.

Paid Preparer's Use Only: Preparer's signature: [Signature], Date: 12/03/09, Check if self-employed: [], Preparer's Identifying Number (See instr.): [], Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: MENGWASSER MARTIN LALL & CLARK PC, 12647 OLIVE BLVD STE 120, ST LOUIS, MISSOURI 63141-6345, EIN: [], Phone no: (314) 576-5670.

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions. [X] Yes [] No

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No 1545-0047

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

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▶ To be completed by organizations described below.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III.

Name of organization **FLOORING INDUSTRY COUNCIL** Employer identification number **43-1301817**

Part I-A To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c) and section 527 organizations.
See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV
- 2 Political expenditures ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Volunteer hours _____

Part I-B To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3).
See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$ _____
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No
- 4a Was a correction made? Yes No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).
See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Total of direct and indirect exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2 and enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$ _____
- 4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No
- 5 State the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which payments were made. Enter the amount paid and indicate if the amount was paid from the filing organization's funds or were political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-

Part II-A To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). See the instructions for Schedule C for details

- A Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group.
 B Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1 a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)														
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)														
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)														
d Other exempt purpose expenditures														
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)														
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.														
<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width:35%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is.</th> <th style="width:65%;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is.	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
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Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000													
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000													
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)														
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. Enter -0- if line g is more than line a														
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. Enter -0- if line f is more than line c														
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
 (Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f of the instructions.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) Total
2a Lobbying non-taxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots non-taxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). See the instructions for Schedule C for details

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1j)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means?			
i Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV			
j Total lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6). See the instructions for Schedule C for details

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?		X
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?		X
3 Did the organization agree to carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?		X

Part III-B To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, questions 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, question 3 is answered "Yes." See Schedule C instructions for details.

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) non-deductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 2c total minus 3 and 4)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5, and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

FORM 990-EZ	OTHER EXPENSES	STATEMENT	1
DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT	
MEETINGS-EVENTS			11,274.
BANK CHARGES			251.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16			11,525.

FORM 990-EZ	OTHER LIABILITIES	STATEMENT	2
DESCRIPTION		BEG. OF YEAR	END OF YEAR
DUE TO FLOORING INDUSTRY FOUNDATION		26,701.	0.
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		316.	4,032.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 26		27,017.	4,032.

FORM 990-EZ	OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	STATEMENT	3
DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT	
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT			26,701.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 20			26,701.

FORM 990-EZ

INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFERS
ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS

STATEMENT 4

A) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS,
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL
BENEFIT CONTRACT? [] YES [X] NO

B) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, PAY PREMIUMS,
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT? . . [] YES [X] NO

TO ADVANCE THE RELATIONS OF THE FLOOR COVERING INDUSTRY