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**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2010****Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

<b>A For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning</b> <b>October 1</b> , 2010, and ending <b>September 30</b> , 20 <b>11</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"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>C Name of organization</b> <b>SETI Institute</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Doing Business As</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)</td> <td>Room/suite</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>189 Bernardo Ave</b></td> <td><b>100</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Mountain View, CA 94043</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>F Name and address of principal officer: Thomas Pierson</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">same as above</td> </tr> </table>	<b>C Name of organization</b> <b>SETI Institute</b>		Doing Business As		Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	<b>189 Bernardo Ave</b>	<b>100</b>	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4		<b>Mountain View, CA 94043</b>		<b>F Name and address of principal officer: Thomas Pierson</b>		same as above	
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<b>D Employer identification number</b> <b>94-2951356</b>																	
<b>E Telephone number</b> <b>650-961-6633</b>																	
<b>G Gross receipts \$</b> <b>17,900,912</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 Tax-exempt status</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no ) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527																	
<b>J Website:</b> ▶ <b>www.seti.org</b>																	
<b>K Form of organization</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶	<b>L Year of formation</b> <b>1984</b> <b>M State of legal domicile</b> <b>CA</b>																

<b>Part I Summary</b>							
<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b>	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>The SETI Institute's interdisciplinary team of scientists and educators are dedicated to understanding life on our world and the possibility of life beyond through investigation into the fundamentals of life and how and where it might have arisen and evolved. This includes examining life in its most extreme forms and locations, on Earth, in our solar systems and throughout the cosmos.</b>					
	<b>2</b>	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.					
	<b>3</b>	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) . . . . .	<b>3</b> <b>18</b>				
	<b>4</b>	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) . . . . .	<b>4</b> <b>16</b>				
	<b>5</b>	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2010 (Part V, line 2a) . . . . .	<b>5</b> <b>159</b>				
	<b>6</b>	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) . . . . .	<b>6</b> <b>100</b>				
	<b>7a</b>	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 . . . . .	<b>7a</b> <b>0</b>				
<b>b</b>	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 . . . . .	<b>7b</b> <b>0</b>					
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b>	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) . . . . .	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width:50%;">Prior Year</th> <th style="width:50%;">Current Year</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>18,189,691</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>17,491,515</b></td> </tr> </table>	Prior Year	Current Year	<b>18,189,691</b>	<b>17,491,515</b>
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	<b>9</b>	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) . . . . .	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width:50%;">Prior Year</th> <th style="width:50%;">Current Year</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>0</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>0</b></td> </tr> </table>	Prior Year	Current Year	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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<b>10</b>	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) . . . . .	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width:50%;">Prior Year</th> <th style="width:50%;">Current Year</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>(62,939)</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>101,755</b></td> </tr> </table>	Prior Year	Current Year	<b>(62,939)</b>	<b>101,755</b>	
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<b>11</b>	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) . . . . .	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width:50%;">Prior Year</th> <th style="width:50%;">Current Year</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>0</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>0</b></td> </tr> </table>	Prior Year	Current Year	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
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<b>12</b>	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width:50%;">Prior Year</th> <th style="width:50%;">Current Year</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>18,126,552</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>17,593,270</b></td> </tr> </table>	Prior Year	Current Year	<b>18,126,552</b>	<b>17,593,270</b>	
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<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b>	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3) . . . . .	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width:50%;">Prior Year</th> <th style="width:50%;">Current Year</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>0</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>0</b></td> </tr> </table>	Prior Year	Current Year	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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<b>15</b>	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10) . . . . .	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width:50%;">Prior Year</th> <th style="width:50%;">Current Year</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>12,158,081</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>12,987,453</b></td> </tr> </table>	Prior Year	Current Year	<b>12,158,081</b>	<b>12,987,453</b>	
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<b>b</b>	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <b>566,778</b>	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width:50%;">Prior Year</th> <th style="width:50%;">Current Year</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>6,383,118</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>6,809,549</b></td> </tr> </table>	Prior Year	Current Year	<b>6,383,118</b>	<b>6,809,549</b>	
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<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>18</b>	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX—column (A), line 25) . . . . .	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width:50%;">Prior Year</th> <th style="width:50%;">Current Year</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>(414,647)</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>(2,203,732)</b></td> </tr> </table>	Prior Year	Current Year	<b>(414,647)</b>	<b>(2,203,732)</b>
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<b>21</b>	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) . . . . .	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width:50%;">Beginning of Current Year</th> <th style="width:50%;">End of Year</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>9,948,809</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>7,555,316</b></td> </tr> </table>	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year	<b>9,948,809</b>	<b>7,555,316</b>	
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<b>22</b>	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 . . . . .	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width:50%;">Beginning of Current Year</th> <th style="width:50%;">End of Year</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>2,834,125</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>4,504,049</b></td> </tr> </table>	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year	<b>2,834,125</b>	<b>4,504,049</b>	
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**Part II Signature Block**

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

<b>Sign Here</b>	<b>Shannon Atkinson</b> Signature of officer	Date <b>8/13/2012</b>
	<b>Shannon Atkinson, Chief Financial Officer</b> Type or print name and title	

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶			
	Firm's address ▶	Phone no.			

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**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III ☒

- 1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:  
**The mission of the SETI Institute is to explore, understand and explain the origin, nature and prevalence of life in the universe.**
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- 2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ 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 \$ 10,823,594 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
**The Carl Sagan Center for the Study of Life in the Universe (CSC) specializes in the broad interdisciplinary field of astrobiology, striving to understand the origin, evolution and distribution of life in the universe. CSC scientists are addressing three of the most profound questions in science: How does life arise? Is there life beyond Earth? and What are the future directions for the evolution of life? CSC scientists publish the results of their research in peer reviewed journal articles and book chapters & give presentations to their colleagues & the public. Many also mentor students, training the next generation of scientists. Examples of some of the exciting research conducted by our scientists in FY 11 are: \*Using telescopes & laboratory experiments to understand the complex chemistry that takes place in the clouds of gas and dust between the star. \*Revealing the strange phenomena that occur in ring systems around planets & in the formation process of planets. \*Exploring remote locations on Earth, from the Arctic to the Antarctic to the Atacama Desert to understand the ability of life to adapt to extreme environments. \*Studying the rapid biological changes on Earth in response to climate change as a model to understand the history of habitability on Mars. \*Studying planetary systems around other suns being discovered by the NASA Kepler Space Telescope. \*Probing the surface and subsurface environments on Mars to reveal the history of the planet and address the questions of whether life is now, or once was, present there.**

**4b** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 1,751,302 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
**The Center for Education and Outreach (EDU) at SETI Institute conducts projects in formal and informal education and public outreach. These projects include curriculum development & teacher professional development, museum exhibit development, and outreach to students, teachers and the general public. The Institute is involved in scientific and educational trade shows, workshops, and courses which share the Institute scientific research. FY 12 was the sixth year of our Astrobiology Research Experience for Undergraduates program, sponsored by the NSF, and third year of our Undergraduate Research at the SETI Institute (URSA) collaboration with San Jose State University, a minority serving institution. To date, more than 50% of our REU students are pursuing advanced degrees, and several of the URSA interns are enrolled in graduate programs. In FY2012, SETI Institute hosted the second public science and arts convention, SETIcon II, with more than 800 people in attendance. The Institute also hosts a weekly scientific colloquium featuring both our scientists, and invited speakers; the talks are posted on YouTube where more than 20,000 people view the talks each month. Of particular note, SETI Institute hosts a science radio program, "Big Picture Science" which reaches millions of listeners world-wide through broadcast and download podcasts. In addition, EDU staff present talks nationwide and lead education/outreach programs for NASA's Kepler, SOFIA Missions and NASA's Astrobiology Institute.**

**4c** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 1,606,073 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
**The Allen Telescope Array (ATA) is a unique instrument designed to seek out signals from civilizations elsewhere in the universe while simultaneously conducting other radio astronomy research. Science conducted on the array during FY 11 has resulted in several published papers and presentations at scientific meetings. Since it is the first telescope of its type, SETI Institute is exploring new ideas for commercialization of ATA capabilities for spacecraft downlinks and space situational awareness. The ATA is also being used as a testbed for developing new search strategies for extraterrestrial transmitters or discoveries of unusual astronomical phenomena. This research program has also generated several papers and presentations.**

**4d** Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)  
 (Expenses \$ 1,020,929 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4e** Total program service expenses **▶ 15,543,297**

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A . . . . .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? (see instructions) . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>3</b> 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 . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>4</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>5</b> Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>6</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or 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 . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>7</b> 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 . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>9</b> 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 . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>10</b> Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V . . . . .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>11</b> If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
<b>a</b> Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI . . . . .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b</b> Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>c</b> Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>d</b> Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X . . . . .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>f</b> Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>12 a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII . . . . .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b</b> Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>14 a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b</b> Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>15</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>16</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>17</b> Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions) . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>18</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>19</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>20 a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statements to this return? <b>Note.</b> Some Form 990 filers that operate one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements (see instructions) . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V ☐

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable . . . . .	<b>1a</b> 61		
<b>b</b> Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable . . . . .	<b>1b</b> 0		
<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>		
<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> 159		
<b>b</b> If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? . . . . .	<b>2b</b> ✓		
<b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file. (see instructions)			
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? . . . . .	<b>3a</b>		✓
<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>		
<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>		✓
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ► See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.			
<b>5a</b> Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . . . .	<b>5a</b>		✓
<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>		
<b>c</b> If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? . . . . .	<b>5c</b>		
<b>6a</b> Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible? . . . . .	<b>6a</b>		✓
<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 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>			
<b>a</b> Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? . . . . .	<b>7a</b>		✓
<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>		✓
<b>d</b> If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year . . . . .	<b>7d</b>		
<b>e</b> Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7e</b>		✓
<b>f</b> Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . . . .	<b>7f</b>		✓
<b>g</b> If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	<b>7g</b>		✓
<b>h</b> If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	<b>7h</b>		✓
<b>8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year? . . . . .	<b>8</b>		✓
<b>9 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 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 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 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>		
<b>13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>			
<b>a</b> Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? . . . . .	<b>13a</b>		
<b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			
<b>b</b> Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans . . . . .	<b>13b</b>		
<b>c</b> Enter the amount of reserves on hand . . . . .	<b>13c</b>		
<b>14a</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? . . . . .	<b>14a</b>		
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .	<b>14b</b>		

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

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

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year . . . . . <b>1a</b> <b>18</b>		
<b>b</b> Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent . . . . . <b>1b</b> <b>16</b>		
<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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<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>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>4</b> Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? . . . . . <b>4</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>5</b> Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? . . . . . <b>5</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>6</b> Does the organization have members or stockholders? . . . . . <b>6</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<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>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b</b> Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? . . . . . <b>7b</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>8</b> Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>a</b> The governing body? . . . . . <b>8a</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>b</b> Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . . . . <b>8b</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>9</b> Is there any officer, director, 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>9</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

	Yes	No
<b>10a</b> Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? . . . . . <b>10a</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<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>10b</b>		
<b>11a</b> Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? . . . . . <b>11a</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>b</b> Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. . . . .		
<b>12a</b> Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 . . . . . <b>12a</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>13</b> Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy? . . . . . <b>13</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>14</b> Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? . . . . . <b>14</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>b</b> Other officers or key employees of the organization . . . . . <b>15b</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, 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>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<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 ► **California**

**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: ► **Shannon Atkinson, CFO, 189 Bernardo Ave., Mountain View, CA 94043, (650) 960-4520**

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(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			
(1) John Gertz Chairman	15+	✓						0	0	0
(2) Andrew Fraknoi Vice-Chairman	5+	✓						0	0	0
(3) Thomas Pierson Secretary & CEO	50+	✓		✓				169,000	0	42,315
(4) Alan Bagley Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
(5) Linda Bernardi Trustee	10+	✓						0	0	0
(6) John Billingham Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
(7) Baruch Blumberg Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
(8) Frank Drake Trustee	10+	✓						0	0	0
(9) Paul Elliot Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
(10) Elizabeth Garrett Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
(11) Dane Glasgow Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
(12) Russ Holdstein Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
(13) David Liddle Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
(14) Michael Moradzadeh Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
(15) Greg Papadopoulos Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
(16) David Pratt Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0



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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(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			
(17) Pierre Schwob Trustee	1+	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(18) William Welch Trustee	10+	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(19) Shannon Atkinson Chief Financial Officer	40+			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				130,000	0	27,063
(20) Jill Tarter Director, Center for SETI Research	50+				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			152,070	0	23,493
(21) Jon Jenkins Senior Research Scientist	40+					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		182,280	0	38,548
(22) Joseph Twicken Senior Scientific Programmer	40+					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		153,799	0	13,962
(23) Peter Tenenbaum Scientific Programmer	40+					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		148,111	0	22,539
(24) Virginia Gulick Senior Research Scientist	40+					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		142,065	0	31,880
(25) Doug Caldwell Senior Research Scientist	40+					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		138,577	0	33,314
(26)										
(27)										
(28)										
<b>1b Sub-total</b>								<b>1,215,902</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>233,114</b>
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>								<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>								<b>1,215,902</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>233,114</b>

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **27**

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

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
Univ. of California, Berkeley, 2195 Hearst Ave MC 1103, Berkeley, CA 94720	ATA Operations & Maint.	343,119
Minex Engineering 1000 Apollo St, Antioch, CA 94509	Instrument design & maint.	326,676

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

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
<b>Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts</b>	<b>1a</b>	Federated campaigns . . . . .	<b>1a</b> 32,095				
	<b>b</b>	Membership dues . . . . .	<b>1b</b>				
	<b>c</b>	Fundraising events . . . . .	<b>1c</b>				
	<b>d</b>	Related organizations . . . . .	<b>1d</b>				
	<b>e</b>	Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b> 16,478,337				
	<b>f</b>	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b> 981,083				
	<b>g</b>	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f. \$	74,732				
	<b>h</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . . ▶	17,491,515				
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b> _____ <b>Business Code</b> _____						
	<b>b</b>	_____					
	<b>c</b>	_____					
	<b>d</b>	_____					
	<b>e</b>	_____					
	<b>f</b>	All other program service revenue . . . . .					
	<b>g</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . . ▶					
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b>	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . . ▶		32,014			32,014
	<b>4</b>	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶					
	<b>5</b>	Royalties . . . . . ▶					
			(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	<b>6a</b>	Gross Rents . . . . .					
	<b>b</b>	Less: rental expenses . . . . .					
	<b>c</b>	Rental income or (loss) . . . . .					
	<b>d</b>	Net rental income or (loss) . . . . . ▶					
	<b>7a</b>	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory . . . . .	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
			377,383				
	<b>b</b>	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .		307,642			
	<b>c</b>	Gain or (loss) . . . . .		69,741			
	<b>d</b>	Net gain or (loss) . . . . . ▶		69,741			69,741
	<b>8a</b>	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . . <b>a</b>					
	<b>b</b>	Less: direct expenses . . . . . <b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . . ▶					
	<b>9a</b>	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . . . . <b>a</b>					
	<b>b</b>	Less: direct expenses . . . . . <b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . . ▶					
	<b>10a</b>	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . . <b>a</b>					
<b>b</b>	Less: cost of goods sold . . . . . <b>b</b>						
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . . ▶						
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>			<b>Business Code</b>				
<b>11a</b>	_____						
<b>b</b>	_____						
<b>c</b>	_____						
<b>d</b>	All other revenue . . . . .						
<b>e</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . . ▶						
<b>12</b>	<b>Total revenue.</b> See instructions. . . . . ▶		17,593,270			101,755	

**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>		<b>(A)</b> Total expenses	<b>(B)</b> Program service expenses	<b>(C)</b> Management and general expenses	<b>(D)</b> Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b>	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21 . . . . .				
<b>2</b>	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .				
<b>3</b>	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .				
<b>4</b>	Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .				
<b>5</b>	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	<b>543,941</b>	<b>175,563</b>	<b>368,378</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>6</b>	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .				
<b>7</b>	Other salaries and wages . . . . .	<b>9,600,338</b>	<b>8,168,802</b>	<b>1,103,772</b>	<b>327,764</b>
<b>8</b>	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .	<b>590,506</b>	<b>486,858</b>	<b>77,796</b>	<b>25,852</b>
<b>9</b>	Other employee benefits . . . . .	<b>1,527,590</b>	<b>1,279,123</b>	<b>193,508</b>	<b>54,959</b>
<b>10</b>	Payroll taxes . . . . .	<b>725,078</b>	<b>602,584</b>	<b>99,309</b>	<b>23,185</b>
<b>11</b>	Fees for services (non-employees):				
<b>a</b>	Management . . . . .				
<b>b</b>	Legal . . . . .	<b>90,807</b>	<b>14,265</b>	<b>73,081</b>	<b>3,461</b>
<b>c</b>	Accounting . . . . .	<b>76,002</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76,002</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>d</b>	Lobbying . . . . .				
<b>e</b>	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b>	Investment management fees . . . . .				
<b>g</b>	Other . . . . .				
<b>12</b>	Advertising and promotion . . . . .				
<b>13</b>	Office expenses . . . . .	<b>434,909</b>	<b>199,377</b>	<b>208,419</b>	<b>27,113</b>
<b>14</b>	Information technology . . . . .	<b>339,812</b>	<b>293,918</b>	<b>34,038</b>	<b>11,856</b>
<b>15</b>	Royalties . . . . .				
<b>16</b>	Occupancy . . . . .	<b>1,207,110</b>	<b>11,213</b>	<b>1,193,707</b>	<b>2,190</b>
<b>17</b>	Travel . . . . .	<b>598,104</b>	<b>576,231</b>	<b>7,135</b>	<b>14,738</b>
<b>18</b>	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
<b>19</b>	Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	<b>61,211</b>	<b>51,905</b>	<b>4,685</b>	<b>4,621</b>
<b>20</b>	Interest . . . . .				
<b>21</b>	Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
<b>22</b>	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	<b>761,457</b>	<b>703,078</b>	<b>58,379</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>23</b>	Insurance . . . . .	<b>36,886</b>	<b>7,931</b>	<b>28,955</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>24</b>	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f. If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O.)				
<b>a</b>	<b>Subcontracts</b> . . . . .	<b>2,329,222</b>	<b>2,319,247</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,975</b>
<b>b</b>	<b>Temporary help &amp; consultants</b> . . . . .	<b>386,267</b>	<b>274,292</b>	<b>65,076</b>	<b>46,899</b>
<b>c</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b> . . . . .	<b>320,944</b>	<b>215,031</b>	<b>92,180</b>	<b>13,733</b>
<b>d</b>	<b>Lab Supplies</b> . . . . .	<b>166,818</b>	<b>163,879</b>	<b>2,507</b>	<b>432</b>
<b>e</b>	. . . . .				
<b>f</b>	All other expenses . . . . .				
<b>25</b>	<b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24f	<b>19,797,002</b>	<b>15,543,297</b>	<b>3,686,927</b>	<b>566,778</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Joint costs.</b> Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720). 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>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	<b>198,610</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>626,235</b>
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	<b>125,932</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>75,179</b>
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	<b>2,785,364</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2,213,993</b>
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	<b>168,000</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>168,000</b>
	<b>5</b> Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .	<b>168,525</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>149,280</b>
	<b>6</b> Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) . . . . .		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	<b>416,456</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>474,946</b>
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	<b>10a</b> <b>9,734,204</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation . . . . .	<b>10b</b> <b>3,956,605</b>	<b>6,164,250</b>	<b>10c</b> <b>5,777,599</b>
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .	<b>2,755,797</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2,574,133</b>
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	<b>12,782,934</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12,059,365</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	<b>2,188,367</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3,698,805</b>
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .	<b>327,275</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>525,668</b>
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D . . . . .	<b>318,483</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>279,576</b>
	<b>26</b> <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	<b>2,834,125</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4,504,049</b>
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	<b>8,758,081</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>6,762,030</b>
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .	<b>1,185,468</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>788,026</b>
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .	<b>5,260</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5,260</b>
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .		<b>32</b>	
	<b>33</b> <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> . . . . .	<b>9,948,809</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>7,555,316</b>
<b>34</b> <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> . . . . .	<b>12,782,934</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>12,059,365</b>	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI ☒

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	<b>17,593,270</b>
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	<b>19,797,002</b>
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	<b>(2,203,732)</b>
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	<b>9,948,809</b>
<b>5</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>5</b>	<b>(189,761)</b>
<b>6</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>6</b>	<b>7,555,316</b>

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII ☐

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

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

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

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

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**2010**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Name of the organization

SETI Institute

Employer identification number

94-2951356

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

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

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

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		
- (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? 

11g(ii)		
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- (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? 

11g(iii)		
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- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

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

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

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

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . . . .	15,217,181	17,279,238	18,457,170	18,189,691	17,491,515	86,634,795
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 . . . . .	15,217,181	17,279,238	18,457,170	18,189,691	17,491,515	86,634,795
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) . . . . .						0
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						86,634,795

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4 . . . . .	15,217,181	17,279,238	18,457,170	18,189,691	17,491,515	86,634,795
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .	176,101	92,348	28,516	(63,139)	101,755	335,581
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) . . . . .						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						86,970,376
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . .				12		0
<b>13 First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . . . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2010 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>14</b>	100 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . .	<b>15</b>	96 %
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test—2010.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b 33 1/3% support test—2009.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2010.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>18 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions . . . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II.

If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose . . . .						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . .						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . .						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 . . . .						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons . . . .						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b . . . .						
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) . . . .						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 . . . .						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . .						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b . . . .						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . .						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) . . . .						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) . . . .						
<b>14 First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2010 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . .	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . .	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2010 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . .	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . .	<b>18</b>	%
<b>19a 33⅓% support tests—2010.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33⅓%, and line 17 is not more than 33⅓%, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b 33⅓% support tests—2009.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33⅓%, and line 18 is not more than 33⅓%, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>20 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions . . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>		



**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

N/A

**SCHEDULE D  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service  
Name of the organization

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990,  
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.  
► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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

	(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 can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? . . . . .		<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).

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) ☐ Preservation of an historically important land area

☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

☐ Preservation of open space

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

	Held at the End of the Tax 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, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register . . . . .	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ►

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ►

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B) (i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? . . . . . ☐ 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 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(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 (ASC 958) 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 acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

**a** ☐ Public exhibition

**d** ☐ Loan or exchange programs

**b** ☐ Scholarly research

**e** ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**c** ☐ Preservation for future generations

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

**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:

**c** Beginning balance

**d** Additions during the year

**e** Distributions during the year

**f** Ending balance

	Amount
<b>1c</b>	
<b>1d</b>	
<b>1e</b>	
<b>1f</b>	

**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 the 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
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance	5,260	5,260	5,260		
<b>b</b> Contributions					
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses					
<b>g</b> End of year balance	5,260	5,260	5,260		

**2** Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:

**a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ☐ %

**b** Permanent endowment ☒ 100 %

**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
<b>3a(i)</b>		✓
<b>3a(ii)</b>		✓
<b>3b</b>		

**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 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) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land				
<b>b</b> Buildings				
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements		141,525	10,569	
<b>d</b> Equipment		9,592,679	3,946,036	
<b>e</b> Other				
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				5,777,599

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

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

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

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation. Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) _____		
(2) _____		
(3) _____		
(4) _____		
(5) _____		
(6) _____		
(7) _____		
(8) _____		
(9) _____		
(10) _____		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must 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
(1) _____	
(2) _____	
(3) _____	
(4) _____	
(5) _____	
(6) _____	
(7) _____	
(8) _____	
(9) _____	
(10) _____	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) . . . . . ►	

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Amount
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) <b>Unitrust Payable</b>	<b>279,576</b>
(3) _____	
(4) _____	
(5) _____	
(6) _____	
(7) _____	
(8) _____	
(9) _____	
(10) _____	
(11) _____	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ►	<b>279,576</b>

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote. 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 (ASC 740).

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	17,593,270
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	19,797,002
<b>3</b>	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	(2,203,732)
<b>4</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>4</b>	(189,761)
<b>5</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Investment expenses	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8	<b>9</b>	(189,761)
<b>10</b>	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	<b>10</b>	(2,393,493)

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	<b>1</b>	17,403,509
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains on investments	<b>2a</b>	(189,761)
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	<b>2d</b>	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b>	<b>2e</b>	(189,761)
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	17,593,270
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b>	<b>4c</b>	
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	<b>5</b>	17,593,270

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

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	<b>1</b>	19,797,002
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Other losses	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	<b>2d</b>	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b>	<b>2e</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b>	<b>4c</b>	
<b>5</b>	Total expenses. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	<b>5</b>	19,797,002

**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, line 2; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

The SETI Institute intends to establish a permanent endowment to ensure that future generations can continue to foster the excitement

of our mission and help to answer the questions about life in the universe. The current balance of our permanently restricted net assets

were donated to the Institute 2000 and represent the first funds set aside for our future endowment.

**Part XIV**      **Supplemental Information** *(continued)*This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

**SCHEDULE J**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service  
Name of the organization

SETI Institute

**Compensation Information**  
**For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**  
▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.**  
▶ **Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.**

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**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items. <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)		
<b>b</b> If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain . . . . .	<b>1b</b>	
<b>2</b> 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? . . . . .	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee		
<b>4</b> During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:		
<b>a</b> Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment from the organization or a related organization?	<b>4a</b>	✓
<b>b</b> Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	✓
<b>c</b> Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	✓
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III		
<b>Only section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete lines 5-9.</b>		
<b>5</b> 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:		
<b>a</b> The organization? . . . . .	<b>5a</b>	✓
<b>b</b> Any related organization? . . . . .	<b>5b</b>	✓
If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.		
<b>6</b> 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:		
<b>a</b> The organization? . . . . .	<b>6a</b>	✓
<b>b</b> Any related organization? . . . . .	<b>6b</b>	✓
If "Yes" to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.		
<b>7</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>7</b>	✓
<b>8</b> Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III . . . . .	<b>8</b>	✓
<b>9</b> If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)? . . . . .	<b>9</b>	

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

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

**Note.** The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a.

(A) Name	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 Thomas Pierson	(i) 169,000	0	0	13,520	28,795	211,315	0
2 Shannon Atkinson	(i) 130,000	0	0	10,400	16,663	157,063	0
3 Jill Tarter	(i) 152,070	0	0	12,166	11,327	175,563	0
4 Jon Jenkins	(i) 182,280	0	0	14,582	23,966	220,828	0
5 Joseph Twicken	(i) 148,599	5,200	0	11,888	2,074	167,761	0
6 Peter Tenebaum	(i) 148,111	0	0	11,849	10,690	170,650	0
7 Virginia Gulick	(i) 142,065	0	0	11,365	20,515	173,945	0
8 Doug Caldwell	(i) 138,577	0	0	11,086	22,228	171,891	0
9	(i)						
10	(i)						
11	(i)						
12	(i)						
13	(i)						
14	(i)						
15	(i)						
16	(i)						



**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.

N/A

**SCHEDULE L**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

SETI Institute

**Transactions With Interested Persons**

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

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**Part I**

**Excess Benefit Transactions** (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only).

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

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

2 Enter the amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958. . . . . ▶ \$

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

**Part II**

**Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a.

(a) Name of interested person and purpose	(b) Loan to or from the organization?		(c) Original principal amount	(d) Balance due	(e) In default?		(f) Approved by board or committee?		(g) Written agreement?	
	To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(1) Thomas Pierson, Home mortgage		✓	343,713	149,280		✓	✓		✓	
(2)										
(3)										
(4)										
(5)										
(6)										
(7)										
(8)										
(9)										
(10)										
Total				\$ 149,280						

**Part III**

**Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

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

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) William Welch	Trustee	0	Consultant		✓
(2) Jill Tarter	Wife of Trustee	175,563	Employee		✓
(3) Baruch Blumberg	Trustee	39,304	Employee, contract lead		✓
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					

**Supplemental information.** Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

**SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

SETI Institute

**Noncash Contributions**

► Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form

990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.

► Attach to Form 990.

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**Part I Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art . . . . .				
2 Art—Historical treasures . . . . .				
3 Art—Fractional interests . . . . .				
4 Books and publications . . . . .				
5 Clothing and household goods . . . . .				
6 Cars and other vehicles . . . . .				
7 Boats and planes . . . . .				
8 Intellectual property . . . . .				
9 Securities—Publicly traded . . . . .	✓	1	1,092	cost
10 Securities—Closely held stock . . . . .				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests . . . . .				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous . . . . .				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures . . . . .				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other . . . . .				
15 Real estate—Residential . . . . .				
16 Real estate—Commercial . . . . .				
17 Real estate—Other . . . . .				
18 Collectibles . . . . .				
19 Food inventory . . . . .	✓	2	238	cost
20 Drugs and medical supplies . . . . .				
21 Taxidermy . . . . .				
22 Historical artifacts . . . . .				
23 Scientific specimens . . . . .				
24 Archeological artifacts . . . . .				
25 Other ► ( Trvl & Postage ) . . . . .	✓	2	557	cost
26 Other ► ( Cabinetry ) . . . . .	✓	1	1,690	cost
27 Other ► ( Pledges & pv adj ) . . . . .	✓	2	(49,715)	cost
28 Other ► ( Cloud Storage ) . . . . .	✓	1	120,869	cost

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement . . . . . 29 0

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1–28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period? . . . . .		✓
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions? . . . . .	✓	
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions? . . . . .		✓
b If "Yes," describe in Part II		
33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

**Part II** **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33. Also complete this part for any additional information.

**Part 1, column(b) is reporting the number of contributions received.**

**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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**FORM 990, Part III, Statement of Program Service Accomplishments, line 4d, Program Services:**

The Center for SETI Research (CSR) is conducting the most comprehensive project dedicated to answering the question, "Are we alone?" Astronomers are using the Allen Telescope Array to search for signs of intelligent extraterrestrial life by attempting to detect radio signals from a distant technological civilization. The signal processing is carried out in near-real-time to enterprise services donated by Dell Inc and others. During FY 11 we began a focused sky survey that coordinates with the Kepler Spacecraft, examining thousands of stars where extrasolar planets are thought to exist. Indeed, Kepler's results on exoplanets indicate the probability for SETI success is higher than previously thought. CSR's accomplishments on our setiQuest program have lead to near complete open-sourcing of core SETI search software and the publication of hundreds of raw telescope datasets available for public use. Stemming from the TED award won by Dr. Jill Tarter in 2009, the SETILive program, which allows citizen scientists to participate in SETI in a hands-on way. Each year CSR staff members give dozens of presentations to a variety of audiences in order to inform both their scientific peers and the general public about their work and accomplishments. CSR staff and their work also appeared in countless science documentaries and television and radio programs. The CSR staff published several peer reviewed papers and wrote, or were featured in, many popular articles in FY 11.

**FORM 990, Part VI, Governance Management & Disclosure, Section A, line 2, Family or Business Relationships**

Key Employee, Dr. Jill Tarter & Trustee Dr. William Welch have a family relationship.

**FORM 990, Part VI, Governance, Management & Disclosure, Section B, line 11b, Procedure for Board review of Form 990.**

When the form is completed, and prior to submission to the IRS, the form 990 is reviewed by a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees. Upon approval by this subcommittee, the form 990 is finalized and distributed to the full Board for information and comment and is mailed to the IRS.

**FORM 990, Part VI, Governance, Management & Disclosure, Section B, lines 12 b & c, Monitor & Compliance with Conflict of Interest Policy:**

The SETI Institute has a formal conflict of interest questionnaire that is designed to identify possible conflicts of interest among our Trustees. This questionnaire is distributed annually and Trustees are required to complete it and return it to the Board Secretary. The Secretary, in conjunction with the Trusteeship Committee Chairperson, reviews each questionnaire, conducts interviews when needed, and communicates any identified conflicts to the full Board.

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**FORM 990, Part VI, Governance, Management & Disclosure, Section B, lines 15 a & b, Approval of Officer's Compensation.****The SETI Institute uses a professionally prepared compensation study to determine appropriate compensation levels for all employees.****When changes to any officer's compensation amount is proposed, the Board, in executive session, reviews the proposed change and approves it by formal board resolution prior to it being granted.****FORM 990, Part VI, Governance, Management & Disclosure, Section C, line 19, Distribution of Financial Statements and Governing****Documents:****The SETI Institute distributes its financial information to the public via Dun and Bradstreet and other outside websites, such as Guidestar.****We also make our form 990 and financial statements available upon request. Governing documents may also be made available upon request.****FORM 990, Part XI, Reconciliation of Net Assets, line 5, Other Changes in net assets or fund balances:****The amount reported on this line represents current year unrealized gains or losses on investment activity, which is not represented on the form 990 statement of revenue, however does impact SETI Institute's ending net asset balance.**