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Form **990**
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

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

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

OMB No 1545-0047
2011
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2011 and ending 12-31-2011

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization: **ADVANCE ILLINOIS NFP**
 Doing Business As: _____
 Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite:
 50 East Washington Street _____
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4:
 Chicago, IL 60602

D Employer identification number: 26-2052733
E Telephone number: (312) 235-4531
G Gross receipts \$ 1,857,830

F Name and address of principal officer:
 ROBIN STEANS
 50 East Washington Street
 Chicago, IL 60602

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No
H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list (see instructions)
H(c) Group exemption number ▶ _____

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ▶ WWW.ADVANCEILLINOIS.ORG

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶ _____
L Year of formation: 2008 **M** State of legal domicile: IL

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: ADVANCE ILLINOIS' MISSION IS TO BE AN INDEPENDENT, OBJECTIVE VOICE TO PROMOTE A PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM IN ILLINOIS THAT PREPARES ALL STUDENTS TO BE READY FOR WORK, COLLEGE, AND DEMOCRATIC CITIZENSHIP		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	15
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	15
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)	5	10
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	19
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	448,200	1,855,125
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	0	0
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	6,007	2,705
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	454,207	1,857,830
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0	0
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	812,424	918,369
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 51,380		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	665,991	696,448
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,478,415	1,614,817	
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-1,024,208	243,013	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,691,450	1,855,930
	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	109,978	31,445
		1,581,472	1,824,485

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here
 Signature of officer: *****
 Date: 2012-08-27
 Type or print name and title: ROBIN STEANS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Paid Preparer's Use Only
 Preparer's signature: John Woodhull
 Date: _____
 Check if self-employed
 Preparer's taxpayer identification number (see instructions): P01305268
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: CROWE HORWATH LLP, 70 West Madison Street, Suite 700, Chicago, IL 606024903
 EIN: _____
 Phone no: (312) 899-7000

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission
 ADVANCE ILLINOIS' MISSION IS TO BE AN INDEPENDENT, OBJECTIVE VOICE TO PROMOTE A PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM IN ILLINOIS THAT PREPARES ALL STUDENTS TO BE READY FOR WORK, COLLEGE, AND DEMOCRATIC CITIZENSHIP CONT IN SCHEDULE O

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

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 655,514 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)
 POLICY OUTREACH - ADVANCE ILLINOIS STAFF CONTINUES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS, LEARN FROM AND INFORM KEY STAKEHOLDERS ACROSS THE STATE OF THE CHALLENGES FACING ILLINOIS SCHOOLS AND NEW POLICY INITIATIVES ADVANCE ILLINOIS ALSO WORKS PROACTIVELY WITH LEGISLATORS, EDUCATION STAKEHOLDERS, AND THE PUBLIC TO PUSH FOR AGGRESSIVE ACTION TO IMPROVE THE STATE'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS WE DO THIS THROUGH INVOLVEMENTS WITH THE ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE P-20 COUNCIL, LEGISLATIVE WORK GROUPS, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, EDUCATION STAKEHOLDER GROUPS, MEDIA, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO SHAPE AND ADVOCATE FOR A MULTIPRONGED, HIGH-IMPACT EDUCATION POLICY FRAMEWORK INCLUDING PREPARED AND EMPOWERED EDUCATORS, HIGHER EXPECTATIONS AND CLEAR GOALS, USING DATA MORE EFFECTIVELY, AND IMPROVING OUR LOWEST PERFORMING SCHOOLS

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 474,128 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)
 RESEARCH & POLICY DEVELOPMENT - ADVANCE ILLINOIS CONDUCTS SECONDARY RESEARCH INTO EDUCATION AND EDUCATION REFORM FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING A POLICY AGENDA WHICH WILL STRENGTHEN TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATION, PREPARATION, AND EVALUATION, BUILD CUTTING-EDGE DATA SYSTEMS, SUPPORT THE ENACTMENT OF NEW COMMON CORE STATE STANDARD, TEST AND DISSEMINATE STRATEGIES FOR HOW TO BEST INTERVENE IN STRUGGLING SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS, CRAFT A COMPREHENSIVE AND PENETRATING ASSESSMENT STRATEGY FOR THE STATE, AND BUILD THE STATE'S LONG-TERM CAPACITY TO DRIVE AND IMPLEMENT ITS FAR-REACHING EDUCATION REFORM PLANS RECENT SUCCESSES INCLUDE SHAPING A MORE RELEVANT AND USER-FRIENDLY SCHOOL AND DISTRICT REPORT CARD FOR PARENTS, MAKING PERFORMANCE RELEVANT IN CERTIFICATION, TENURE, AND LAYOFF DECISIONS, RAISING EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS THROUGH REVISED STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS, PROGRESS ON THE BUILD-OUT OF THE STATE'S LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM, AND GROUND-BREAKING WORK AROUND INTERVENING IN TROUBLED SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 215,300 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)
 PUBLICATIONS - ADVANCE ILLINOIS DEVELOPS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS TO SPOTLIGHT AREAS OF INTEREST FOR EDUCATION REFORM IN ILLINOIS ADVANCE ILLINOIS WAS A LEAD PARTNER IN THE PUBLICATIONS OF "THE ILLINOIS SIG TOOLKIT INCORPORATING KEY COMPONENTS INTO DISTRICTS' SIG APPLICATIONS" IN FEBRUARY 2011 AND "A NEW BEGINNING THE ILLINOIS KINDERGARTEN INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT SURVEY" IN APRIL 2011 IN FALL 2011, ADVANCE ILLINOIS, TOGETHER WITH ITS EDUCATOR ADVISORY COUNCIL, PUBLISHED "TRANSFORMING TEACHERS' WORK FOR A BETTER EDUCATED TOMORROW " THE PIECE IS SERVING AS A PLATFORM FOR POLICY DISCUSSIONS AROUND THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATOR COLLABORATION, TEACHER LEADERSHIP, AND DYNAMIC CAREER PROGRESSIONS FOR TEACHERS FINALLY, BASED ON THE SUCCESS OF THE 2010 EDITION OF ADVANCE ILLINOIS' DATA-CENTERED REPORT, "THE STATE WE'RE IN," ADVANCE ILLINOIS HAS WORKED OVER THE PAST YEAR TO PREPARE FOR THE 2012 ITERATION OF THE REPORT, INCLUDING CONVENING AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND DATA GATHERING FOR A PROJECTED PUBLICATION THIS FALL

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
 (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses \$ 1,344,942

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A.</i>	Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?	Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I.</i>		No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II.</i>	Yes	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III.</i>		
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I.</i>		No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II.</i>		No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III.</i>		No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV.</i>		No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V.</i>		No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes,' then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i>	Yes	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.</i>		No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i>		No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i>		No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>		No
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>	Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.</i>	Yes	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional.</i>		No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E.</i>		No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I.</i>		No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U S? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II and IV.</i>		No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U S? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III and IV.</i>		No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I.</i>		No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II.</i>		No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III.</i>		No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H.</i>		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statement to this return? Note. All Form 990 filers that operated one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements.		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No columns. Includes sub-questions 1a-1b, 2a-2b, 3a-3b, 4a-4b, 5a-5c, 6a-6b, 7a-7h, 8, 9a-9b, 10a-10b, 11a-11b, 12a-12b, 13a-13c, 14a-14b.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year (15); 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent (15); 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? (No); 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? (No); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (No); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? (No); 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? (No); 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? (No); 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? (No); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a The governing body? (Yes); 8b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (Yes); 9 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 (No).

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? (No); 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?; 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? (Yes); 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990; 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 (Yes); 12b Were officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (Yes); 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done (Yes); 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? (Yes); 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? (Yes); 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official (Yes); 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization (No); If "Yes," to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions); 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? (No); 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed IL
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
Own website [] Another's website [] Upon request [x]
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table.
20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization.
Robin Steans
50 EAST WASHINGTON STREET
Chicago, IL 60602
(312) 235-4531

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, and **current** key employees 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, or 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 organizations compensated any current or former officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) EDWARD B RUST JR VICE-CHAIR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) JOHN EDWARDSON CHAIR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) LEW COLLENS CHAIR OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) PATRICIA WATKINS SECRETARY	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) SYLVIA PUENTE TREASURER	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(6) CHERYL WATKINS DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(7) DR TIMOTHY KNOWLES DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(8) ELLEN ALBERDING DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(9) JAMES C FRANCZEK JR DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(10) JIM EDGAR CHAIR EMERITUS	1 00	X						0	0	0
(11) JUDY ERWIN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(12) MARIN GJAJA DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(13) MIGUEL DEL VALLE DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(14) PAUL FINNEGAN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(15) RICK STEPHENS DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(16) ROBIN STEANS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40 00			X				202,710	0	30,249
(17) BENJAMIN BOER POLICY DIRECTOR	40 00					X		121,000	0	1,054

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 (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) JAMES O'CONNOR PROJECT DIRECTOR	40 00					X		104,584	0	28,219
(19) MEGAN VIDIS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS	40 00					X		103,285	0	7,367
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								531,579	0	66,889

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **4**

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP PO BOX 864084 ORLANDO, FL 328864084	REVIEW OF STATE & LOCAL STAFFING POLICIES	145,043

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

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	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns 1a					
	b	Membership dues 1b					
	c	Fundraising events 1c					
	d	Related organizations 1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions) 1e					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f	1,855,125				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f	1,855,125				
Program Service Revenue	2a	_____ Business Code _____					
	b	_____					
	c	_____					
	d	_____					
	e	_____					
	f	All other program service revenue	0	0	0	0	
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f	0				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)	2,705			2,705	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds	0				
	5	Royalties	0				
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real				
			(ii) Personal				
			Less rental expenses				
			Rental income or (loss)	0	0		
	d	Net rental income or (loss)	0				
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
			(ii) Other				
			Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
			Gain or (loss)	0	0		
	d	Net gain or (loss)	0				
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18					
	a						
b	Less direct expenses b						
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events	0					
9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19						
a							
b	Less direct expenses b						
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities	0					
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances						
a							
b	Less cost of goods sold b						
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory	0					
	Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a	_____	_____					
b	_____	_____					
c	_____	_____					
d	All other revenue		0	0	0	0	
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		0				
12	Total revenue. See Instructions		1,857,830	0	0	2,705	

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)

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States See Part IV, line 21	0			
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22	0			
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0			
4	Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	205,008	156,626	36,081	12,301
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0			
7	Other salaries and wages	594,144	552,940	39,697	1,507
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	7,772	7,316	427	29
9	Other employee benefits	56,806	52,626	3,923	257
10	Payroll taxes	54,639	49,361	4,686	592
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management	0			
b	Legal	143,022	141,488	1,534	
c	Accounting	54,750		52,132	2,618
d	Lobbying	75,933	75,933		
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17	0			
f	Investment management fees	0			
g	Other	282,746	209,181	40,839	32,726
12	Advertising and promotion	150	150		
13	Office expenses	38,471	25,902	11,285	1,284
14	Information technology	12,379	4,551	7,762	66
15	Royalties	0			
16	Occupancy	5,281	3,405	1,876	
17	Travel	59,456	55,815	3,641	
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	19,092	9,648	9,444	
20	Interest	0			
21	Payments to affiliates	0			
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	874		874	
23	Insurance	2,468		2,468	
24	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)				
a	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	1,826		1,826	
b					
c					
d					
e					
f	All other expenses	0	0	0	0
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	1,614,817	1,344,942	218,495	51,380
26	Joint costs. 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	0			

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing		1	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	1,661,843	2	1,575,120
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	0	3	265,000
	4 Accounts receivable, net	8,083	4	874
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	16,678	9	9,804
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	6,391		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	1,259	10c	5,132
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11	0	12	0
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11	0	13	0
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	0	15	0
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	1,691,450	16	1,855,930	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	109,978	17	31,445
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D	0	25	0
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	109,978	26	31,445
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	32,534	27	94,660
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	1,548,938	28	1,729,825
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	1,581,472	33	1,824,485	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,691,450	34	1,855,930	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,857,830
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,614,817
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	243,013
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	1,581,472
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	0
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	1,824,485

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	Yes	
c	If "Yes," to 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	Yes	
d	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 separated basis		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
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 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2011

Open to Public Inspection

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.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
ADVANCE ILLINOIS NFP

Employer identification number

26-2052733

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 **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 the supported organization?
 (ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?
 (iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in 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	
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 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) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")		4,420,000	249,500	448,200	1,855,125	6,972,825
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	0	4,420,000	249,500	448,200	1,855,125	6,972,825
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						5,561,895
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						1,410,930

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	0	4,420,000	249,500	448,200	1,855,125	6,972,825
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources		12,808	8,413	6,007	2,705	29,933
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV.) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets	0	25	0	0	0	25
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						7,002,783

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (See instructions.)**12****13 First Five Years** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** **Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage****14** Public Support Percentage for 2011 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))**14****15** Public Support Percentage for 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14**15****16a 33 1/3% support test—2011.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization **b 33 1/3% support test—2010.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization **17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2011.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization **b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2010.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization **18 Private Foundation** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 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) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						
14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public Support Percentage for 2011 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2011 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2011.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3% and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- b 33 1/3% support tests—2010.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- 20 Private Foundation** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions

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

Facts And Circumstances Test

Explanation
OTHER INCOME, SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 10, DESCRIPTION - MISCELLANEOUS INCOME, COLUMN A - , COLUMN B - 25, COLUMN C - , COLUMN D - , COLUMN E - , COLUMN F - 25,,

SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No 1545-0047

2011

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.

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

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

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

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

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, line 35c (Proxy Tax), then

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

Name of the organization ADVANCE ILLINOIS NFP

Employer identification number

26-2052733

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office in Part IV
2 Political expenditures
3 Volunteer hours

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955
2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955
3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?
4a Was a correction made?
b If "Yes," describe in Part IV

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities
2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities
3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b
4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name, (b) Address, (c) EIN, (d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds, (e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization.

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)
- B** Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing Organization's Totals	(b) Affiliated Group Totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)														
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	193,515													
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	193,515	0												
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	1,151,427													
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	1,344,942	0												
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns	209,494	0												
<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="text-align: left;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	52,374	0												
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-														
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	0	0												
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No													

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) Total
2a Lobbying non-taxable amount		181,683	198,954	209,494	590,131
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					885,196
c Total lobbying expenditures		23,929	90,808	193,515	308,252
d Grassroots non-taxable amount		45,421	49,738	52,374	147,533
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					221,300
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures				0	0

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

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

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

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

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, line 3 is answered "Yes".

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

Part IV Supplemental Information

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

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

OMB No 1545-0047

Supplemental Financial Statements

2011

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

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization ADVANCE ILLINOIS NFP

Employer identification number 26-2052733

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

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows 1-4: Total number at end of year, Aggregate contributions to (during year), Aggregate grants from (during year), Aggregate value at end of year.

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

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

- 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply): Preservation of land for public use, Protection of natural habitat, Preservation of open space, Preservation of an historically importantly land area, Preservation of a certified historic structure.

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

Table with 2 columns: Description, Held at the End of the Year. Rows 2a-2d: Total number of conservation easements, Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a), Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06.

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

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

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

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

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

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

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

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

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

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

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

3 Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

- a** Public exhibition
- b** Scholarly research
- c** Preservation for future generations
- d** Loan or exchange programs
- e** Other

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV 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

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

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

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

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if 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
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Investment earnings or losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

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

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
- b** Permanent endowment ▶
- c** Term endowment ▶

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

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)	
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)	
b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b	

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 property	(a) Cost or other basis (Investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				0
b Buildings				0
c Leasehold improvements				0
d Equipment		6,391	1,259	5,132
e Other				0
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶				5,132

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		
Other		
Total. (Column (b) should 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
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)		

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Total. (Column (b) should 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
Federal Income Taxes	0
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)	0

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 Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,857,830
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,614,817
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	243,013
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	0
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	0
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	243,013

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	1,894,380
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	36,550
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	0
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	36,550
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,857,830
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	0
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	1,857,830

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,651,367
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	36,550
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	0
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	36,550
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,614,817
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	0
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	1,614,817

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
FIN 48 (ASC 740) footnote	Schedule D, Part X, Line 2	ADVANCE ILLINOIS IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXES UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND, THEREFORE, HAS MADE NO PROVISION FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAXES IN THE ACCOMPANYING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THERE WERE NO INCOME TAX RELATED INTEREST OR PENALTIES RECOGNIZED BY THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010. THE ORGANIZATION HAS NOT BEEN EXAMINED BY ANY TAX JURISDICTION. THE ORGANIZATION HAS NO ON-GOING FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL TAX AUDITS, HOWEVER, THE ORGANIZATION'S TAX RETURNS FOR 2008 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS ARE OPEN TO EXAMINATION. THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT EXPECT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF UNRECOGNIZED TAX BENEFITS TO SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGE IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS. THE ORGANIZATION WOULD RECOGNIZE INTEREST AND PENALTIES RELATED TO UNRECOGNIZED TAX BENEFITS IN INTEREST AND INCOME TAX EXPENSE, RESPECTIVELY. A TAX POSITION IS RECOGNIZED AS A BENEFIT ONLY IF IT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THAT THE TAX POSITION WOULD BE SUSTAINED IN A TAX EXAMINATION, WITH A TAX EXAMINATION BEING PRESUMED TO OCCUR. THE AMOUNT RECOGNIZED IS THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF TAX BENEFIT THAT IS GREATER THAN 50% LIKELY OF BEING REALIZED ON EXAMINATION. FOR TAX POSITIONS NOT MEETING THE MORE LIKELY THAN NOT TEST, NO TAX BENEFIT IS RECORDED.

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

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

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
ADVANCE ILLINOIS NFP

Employer identification number

26-2052733

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

Yes No

- 1a** Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items
- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

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

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization

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

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

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

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

Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III

6 For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III

7 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs section 53 4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

9 If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53 4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
1b		
2		
4a		No
4b		No
4c		No
5a		No
5b		No
6a		No
6b		No
7		No
8		No
9		

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.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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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 to provide any additional information.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

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Name of the organization
ADVANCE ILLINOIS NFP

Employer identification number

26-2052733

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
ORGANIZATIONS MISSION	FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1	<p>ADVANCE ILLINOIS DEVELOPED AND LAUNCHED A LONG-TERM, STUDENT-FOCUSED VISION OF EDUCATIONAL REFORM. WE INFUSE THE DIALOGUE ON WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE WITH OBJECTIVE INFORMATION, FIND STATEWIDE COMMON GROUND, AND BUILD PUBLIC WILL AND CIVIC ACTION FOR MEANINGFUL CHANGE. SPECIFICALLY, ADVANCE ILLINOIS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *PROVIDES OBJECTIVE RESEARCH AND DATA ABOUT THE STATE OF EDUCATION IN ILLINOIS. *LISTENS TO WHAT CITIZENS AND KEY STAKEHOLDERS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE NEEDS. *DEVELOPS A COMPREHENSIVE, MULTI-ISSUE POLICY AGENDA FOR CHANGE. *WORKS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER GROUPS AND LEADERS TO MOBILIZE CITIZEN SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTING THAT POLICY AGENDA. <p>BY LISTENING TO ILLINOIS RESIDENTS AND DISTILLING THE BEST RESEARCH, WE HAVE DEVELOPED A FRAMEWORK OF EDUCATION POLICY PRIORITIES THAT, WHEN IMPLEMENTED, WILL HELP PROVIDE A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION TO ALL ILLINOIS YOUTH. THROUGHOUT OUR DELIBERATIONS, WE HAVE BEEN GUIDED BY THESE CORE PRINCIPLES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *A QUALITY EDUCATION IMPROVES THE ODDS OF SUCCESS FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AND ANCHORS A STATE'S CIVIC AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING. *A 21ST-CENTURY EDUCATION BEGINS AT BIRTH AND ENGAGES FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. *EFFECTIVE TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS ARE AT THE CORE OF GREAT SCHOOLS. *IMPROVEMENT BEGINS WITH HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR EVERY STUDENT AND EVERY SCHOOL. *RESULTS MATTER. WE MUST FOCUS ON OUTCOMES AND EMPLOY QUALITY DATA TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE ARE DOING AND PUT THAT KNOWLEDGE TO USE. *INNOVATIVE AND FAR-REACHING POLICIES ARE THE HALLMARKS OF SUCCESSFUL REFORM. ACHIEVING THEM WILL REQUIRE US ALL TO MOVE BEYOND OLD DEBATES AND COME TOGETHER AROUND SOLUTIONS THAT WORK FOR CHILDREN. *SOUND EDUCATION POLICY REQUIRES DELIBERATE AND PERSISTENT EFFORT COMBINED WITH HONEST COLLABORATION AND CLEAR COMMUNICATION. *QUALITY SCHOOLS REQUIRE ADEQUATE RESOURCES AND THE ABILITY TO USE THEM WISELY AND EFFECTIVELY TO PROMOTE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Review of form 990 by governing body	Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11b	THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PROVIDES A COPY OF THE 990 TO THE FULL BOARD AND ALSO REVIEWS IT WITH THE ORGANIZATION'S FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE PRIOR TO FILING WITH THE IRS

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Conflict of interest policy	Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c	ALL DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND EMPLOYEES ARE UNDER A CONTINUING OBLIGATION TO MAKE FULL DISCLOSURE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ALL SITUATIONS INVOLVING ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED ANNUALLY BY EACH DIRECTOR, OFFICER, COMMITTEE MEMBER, AND EMPLOYEE. FOLLOWING DISCLOSURE OF A PERCEIVED CONFLICT OF INTEREST, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR RELEVANT COMMITTEE SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS AND, IF SO, DETERMINE A COURSE OF ACTION TO RESOLVE THE CONFLICT.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Process used to establish compensation of top management official	Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15a	COMPENSATION GUIDELINES FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION (ED) COMPENSATION INCLUDES TOTAL CASH COMPENSATION GUIDELINES AND A MENU OF BENEFITS (DEFINED BY LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE) THAT WERE USED FOR HIRING THE RIGHT INDIVIDUAL FOR THIS POSITION THE ADVANCE ILLINOIS SEARCH COMMITTEE UTILIZED ISAACSON MILLER TO RECRUIT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION ON JUNE 5, 2008 TIM KNOWLES, INTERIM CHAIR (ON THE BEHALF OF THE INDEPENDENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS) SENT AN OFFER LETTER TO ROBIN STEANS WHO ACCEPTED THE ED POSITION THIS CONTRACT, SIGNED BY TIM KNOWLES, SERVED AS THE CONTEMPORANEOUS DOCUMENTATION WITH RESPECT TO THE DELIBERATION AND DECISION REGARDING THE COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT THE ORGANIZATION ENGAGED A CONSULTING COMPANY TO PROVIDE AN ASSESSMENT OF MARKET PRACTICES TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NO ADJUSTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE ED'S BASE COMPENSATION SINCE THE EXECUTION OF THE INITIAL EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT IN FEBRUARY 2011 (FOR FY 2010) AND DECEMBER 2011 (FOR FY 2011), THE ADVANCE ILLINOIS BOARD APPROVED 30,000 BONUSES FOR ROBIN BASED ON A PERCENTAGE OF HER BASE COMPENSATION AS OUTLINED IN HER OFFER LETTER

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
COMPENSATION OF OTHER OFFICER & KEY EMPLOYEES	FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15B	THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT HAVE ANY OTHER OFFICERS OR KEY EMPLOYEES PER THE IRS DEFINITION, THEREFORE THIS QUESTION IS NOT APPLICABLE AND HAS INTENTIONALLY BEEN CHECKED "NO"

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Governing documents, conflict of interest policy and financial statements available to the public	Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19	FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICIES ARE NOT REQUIRED DISCLOSURES PURSUANT TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (IRC) SECTION 6104. THESE DOCUMENTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT THIS TIME.

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