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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2011

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A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning JUL 1, 2011 and ending JUN 30, 2012

<input type="checkbox"/> Check if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization The Sonoran Institute, Inc.		D Employer identification number 86-0684610	
	Doing Business As		E Telephone number (520) 290-0828	
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) 44 E. Broadway Blvd, Suite 350		Room/suite	
	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Tucson, AZ 85701		G Gross receipts \$ 5,836,082.	
	F Name and address of principal officer: Bill Mitchell same as C above		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)() (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
J Website: ► www.sonoraninstitute.org		If "No," attach a list (see instructions)		
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ►		L Year of formation: 1990 M State of legal domicile: AZ		

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities. The Sonoran Institute inspires and enables community decisions and public policies that respect the		
	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	21
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	21
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)	5	55
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	2
	7 a 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)	4,545,246.	4,522,345.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	1,515,791.	1,285,546.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	1,029.	1,546.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	6,068,716.	5,789,318.
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	25,717.	44,389.
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.
Expenses	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	2,800,937.	2,956,263.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0.	0.
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 267,661.		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	1,763,934.	1,655,064.
	18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	4,590,588.	4,655,716.
	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	1,478,128.	1,133,602.
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	3,092,624.	4,036,106.	
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	1,007,631.	811,889.	
	2,084,993.	3,224,217.	

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	► <i>Katie Shields</i>	Date 11/15/12
	Signature of officer	
Paid Preparer Use Only	► Katie Shields, Chief Finance & Admin Officer	
	Type or print name and title	
Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date
	Carla J. Keegan	<i>CSA</i>
	Preparer's signature	11/14/12
Firm's name ► Keegan, Linscott & Keneh, P.C.	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00596839
Firm's address ► 33 N. Stone Avenue, Suite 1100 Tucson, AZ 85701	Firm's EIN ► 86-0750225	Phone no. (520) 884-0176

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

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See Schedule O for Organization Mission Statement Continuation

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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 X1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

The Sonoran Institute inspires and enables community decisions and public policies that respect land and people of western North America.

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

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

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

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

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

4a (Code _____) (Expenses \$ 1,189,551. including grants of \$ 6,500.) (Revenue \$ 564,195.)

West-Wide - The research team has completed components of the report for the Eastern Sierra Economic Assessment and provided extensive research and report writing for WLC projects. The research team completed initial research for a Worker Attraction Study in collaboration with the U of A and has provided research and reports for various projects. They have completed a final report on ecosystem values in the Cache la Poudre watershed and completed reports & maps for the Western Maricopa Mineral Assessment. The research team also provides all GIS analysis and support for the entire organization and has provided research and report sections in support of projects in the Northern Rockies. The research team has conducted research and has collaborated in environmental coalition regarding the proposed Rosemont

4b (Code _____) (Expenses \$ 640,190. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 277,036.)

Colorado River Delta Program - Restoration: The Colorado River Delta Program restored 26 acres of riparian habitat along the Colorado River in Mexico, and monitored and maintained an additional 19 acres of riparian habitat. The program also created a pilot channel in the Upper Gulf of California estuary, which has effectively enhanced the connectivity of freshwater flows to the sea and opened new nursing and spawning areas for marine species. At the Las Arenitas Treatment Wetland, an additional 10 acres of cattail beds were completed, making the artificial treatment wetland over 60% complete.

Outreach: The program significantly expanded their fundraising and communications campaign through the creation of the Delta Plan of Action funding prospectus, the creation of the Sonoran Institute Delta

4c (Code _____) (Expenses \$ 491,508. including grants of \$ 21,000.) (Revenue \$ 11,667.)

Northern Rockies - The Northern Rockies program completed several pieces of research regarding the economics of real estate development and community planning. We completed studies in six communities comparing the tax revenues generated by properties in the downtown core with those from big-box stores on the community edge. The studies showed that downtown properties generate substantially more tax revenues per acre than do commercial properties on the edge. The Northern Rockies program also completed a fiscal impact analysis of for Natrona County, Wyoming, that assessed the local government costs of providing services to sprawling rural development in that county. Those costs were compared to the tax revenues those subdivisions generated; it showed that rural residential subdivisions cost far more to provide

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ 899,193. including grants of \$ 16,889.) (Revenue \$ 426,666.)

4e Total program service expenses ► 3,220,442.

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

- 1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)?
If "Yes," complete Schedule A
- 2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?
- 3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I
- 4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II
- 5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III
- 6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I
- 7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II
- 8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III
- 9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV
- 10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V
- 11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.
 - a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI
 - 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
 - c Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII
 - d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX
 - e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X
 - f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X
- 12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII
 - 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
- 13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E
- 14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?
 - b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV
- 15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV
- 16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV
- 17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I
- 18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II
- 19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III
- 20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H
 - b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?

	Yes	No
1	X	
2	X	
3		X
4	X	
5		X
6		X
7	X	
8		X
9		X
10	X	
11a	X	
11b		X
11c		X
11d	X	
11e	X	
11f		X
12a	X	
12b		X
13		X
14a	X	
14b		X
15		X
16		X
17		X
18	X	
19		X
20a		X
20b		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No", go to line 25	24a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b <input type="checkbox"/>	
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 <input type="checkbox"/>	
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d <input type="checkbox"/>	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1	34 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? 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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
35b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	32
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	X
2a 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	2a	55
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <i>Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)</i>	2b	X
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	X
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	
4a 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)?	4a	X
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ► <u>Mexico</u> See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22 1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.	5a	X
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5b	X
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5c	
c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	6a	X
6a 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?	6b	
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	7a	X
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c). a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7b	
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7c	X
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7d	
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7e	
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7f	
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7g	
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7h	
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	8	
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	9a	
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. a Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9b	
b Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	10a	
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10b	
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	11a	
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter a Gross income from members or shareholders	11b	
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	12a	
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12b	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	13a	
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers. a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <i>Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.</i>	13b	
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	13c	
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand	14a	X
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14b	
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		

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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 X

Section A. Governing Body and Management

1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year
 If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.

1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent

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?

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?

4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?

5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?

6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?

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?

b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?

8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:

a The governing body?

b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?

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

	Yes	No
1a	21	
1b	21	
2		X
3		X
4		X
5		X
6		X
7a		X
7b		X
8a	X	
8b	X	
9		X

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

10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?

b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?

11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?

b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.

12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13

b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?

c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done

13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?

14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?

15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?

a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official

b Other officers or key employees of the organization
 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?

b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

	Yes	No
10a		X
10b		
11a		X
12a	X	
12b	X	
12c		X
13	X	
14	X	
15a	X	
15b		X
16a		X
16b		

Section C. Disclosure

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

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 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

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 during the tax year

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ►
The Organization - 520-290-0828
44 E. Broadway Blvd., Suite 350, Tucson, AZ 85701

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 (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			
(1) Phil Allsopp <u>Director</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(2) Patsy Batchelder <u>Director</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(3) Henri Bisson <u>Director</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(4) Andrew Downs <u>Director</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(5) Chris Duerksen <u>Director</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(6) Louise Glasser <u>Director</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(7) Paul Walden Hansen <u>Director</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(8) Ann Hunter-Welborn <u>Director</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(9) Nyda Jones-Church <u>Treasurer</u>	1.00	X	X				0.	0.	0.
(10) Joseph Kalt <u>Member at Large</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(11) Suzanne Lewis <u>Director</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(12) Dennis Minano <u>Vice-Chair</u>	1.00	X	X				0.	0.	0.
(13) Bill Mitchell <u>Chair</u>	1.00	X	X				0.	0.	0.
(14) Bryan Morgan <u>Director</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(15) Alan Nicholson <u>Member at Large</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(16) Laurinda Oswald <u>Director</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(17) Chris Perez <u>Director</u>	1.00	X					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 (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			
(18) Louise Benz Plank Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(19) Buzz Thompson Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(20) Karen Wade Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(21) Martin Yenawine Secretary	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.
(22) Luther Propst Executive Director	40.00			X			125,350.	0.	0.
(23) Beth Frantz Chief Finance & Admin Offi	40.00			X			104,766.	0.	0.
1b Sub-total						►	230,116.	0.	0.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A						►	0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)						►	230,116.	0.	0.

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

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
NONE		

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 ► 0

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					
1 a Federated campaigns	1a				
b Membership dues	1b				
c Fundraising events	1c	20,354.			
d Related organizations	1d				
e Government grants (contributions)	1e	756,487.			
f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	3745504.			
g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		► 4522345.			
Program Service Revenue		Business Code			
2 a Contract Income		900099	1278894.	1278894.	
b Program Service Income		900099	6,652.	6,652.	
c					
d					
e					
f All other program service revenue					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		► 1285546.			
3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		► 33,390.			33,390.
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		►			
5 Royalties		►			
6 a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
b Less rental expenses					
c Rental income or (loss)					
d Net rental income or (loss)		►			
7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses		783.			
c Gain or (loss)	32,094.	533.			
d Net gain or (loss)	<32094.►	250.			
8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 20,354. of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a	0.			
b Less direct expenses	b	14,137.			
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		►	<14,137.►		<14,137.►
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a				
b Less direct expenses	b				
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		►			
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a				
b Less cost of goods sold	b				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		►			
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
11 a Other Income	900099	546.	546.		
b Loss on Exchange Rate	900099	<6,528.►	<6,528.►		
c					
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		► <5,982.►			
12 Total revenue. See instructions.		► 5789318.	1279564.	0.	<12,591.►

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

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(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	44,389.	44,389.		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	2,513,539.	1,716,312.	610,843.	186,384.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	13,739.	10,501.	2,645.	593.
9 Other employee benefits	215,597.	145,617.	51,078.	18,902.
10 Payroll taxes	213,388.	152,426.	47,279.	13,683.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	3,778.		3,778.	
c Accounting	21,382.	6,082.	15,300.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	593,778.	501,042.	86,995.	5,741.
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	59,699.	28,669.	28,060.	2,970.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	195,213.	96,374.	98,839.	
17 Travel	205,480.	138,938.	50,696.	15,846.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	71,413.	39,211.	24,885.	7,317.
20 Interest	4,754.		4,754.	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	41,587.	33,243.	8,344.	
23 Insurance	14,177.	4,406.	9,771.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a Outside Services	162,815.	110,470.	52,225.	120.
b Telephone	51,229.	35,080.	15,263.	886.
c Training and Seminars	42,062.	13,658.	24,158.	4,246.
d Field Supplies and Mate	37,569.	30,256.	6,961.	352.
e All other expenses	150,128.	113,768.	25,739.	10,621.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	4,655,716.	3,220,442.	1,167,613.	267,661.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here ► if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	772,266.	1	748,178.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	951,120.	2	208,772.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	1,028,498.	3	1,733,565.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	15,322.	4	33.
	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)), 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)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	10,935.	9	40,098.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment. cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	333,914.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	223,395.	10c	110,519.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities		11	990,406.
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	229,229.	15	204,535.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	3,092,624.	16	4,036,106.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	388,148.	17	366,760.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	573,566.	19	415,217.
	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	18,014.	23	10,347.
	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	27,903.	25	19,565.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	1,007,631.	26	811,889.
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	267,474.	27	301,183.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	839,899.	28	1,795,264.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	977,620.	29	1,127,770.
	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	2,084,993.	33	3,224,217.
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	3,092,624.	34	4,036,106.

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	5,789,318.
2	4,655,716.
3	1,133,602.
4	2,084,993.
5	5,622.
6	3,224,217.

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash Accrual 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?
 b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
 c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
 If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.
 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
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate 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?
 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

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.

Name of the organization

Employer identification number
86-0684610

The Sonoran Institute, Inc.

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.

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

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2011

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) 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.")	4,018,439.	3,685,368.	3,356,720.	4,545,246.	4,501,991.	20,107,764.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	4,018,439.	3,685,368.	3,356,720.	4,545,246.	4,501,991.	20,107,764.
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)						6,332,007.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						13,775,757.

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	4,018,439.	3,685,368.	3,356,720.	4,545,246.	4,501,991.	20,107,764.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	26,252.	6,775.	274.	1,029.	33,390.	67,720.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10				40,567.	5,692.	46,259.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	5,896,916.
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2011 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	68.12	%
15 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	70.10	%
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b 33 1/3% support test - 2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>	
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 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		<input type="checkbox"/>	
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		<input type="checkbox"/>	
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		<input type="checkbox"/>	

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2011

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) 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 section 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 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)		2,322.	
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		2,322.	
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		4,674,340.	
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		4,676,662.	
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.		383,833.	
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)		95,958.	
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-		0.	
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -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 nontaxable amount	406,249.	394,228.	379,672.	383,833.	1,563,982.
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					2,345,973.
c Total lobbying expenditures	210,610.	17,215.	47,802.	2,322.	277,949.
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	101,562.	98,557.	94,918.	95,958.	390,995.
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					586,493.
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2011

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)).

For each "Yes" response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

For each "Yes" response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.	(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?			
j Total. Add 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 carry over 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) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible 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; Part II-A; and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Financial Statements**

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

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Name of the organization

The Sonoran Institute, Inc.Employer identification number
86-0684610**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? Yes 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? Yes 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.

a Total number of conservation easements
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
2a	1
2b	1,920.00
2c	0
2d	0

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ► 0

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► 1

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 ► 5

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$ 500.

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 <input type="checkbox"/> Public exhibition	d <input type="checkbox"/> Loan or exchange programs
b <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarly research	e <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
c <input type="checkbox"/> 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

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

c Beginning balance

d Additions during the year

e Distributions during the year

f 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	150,150	977,620			
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	1,127,770	977,620			

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ► %
 b Permanent endowment ► 100.00 %
 c Temporarily restricted endowment ► %

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

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

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

Yes	No
3a(i)	X
3a(ii)	X
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					
b Buildings					
c Leasehold improvements		3,125	3,125		0
d Equipment		234,484	149,228	85,256	
e Other		96,305	71,042	25,263	
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				►	110,519

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

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
(I)		

Total. (Col (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)		

Total. (Col (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) Advance to Rincon Institute	193,131.
(2) Deposits	11,404.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15.) ►

204,535.

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

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) Capital Lease Obligation	19,565.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25.) ►

19,565.

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

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740)

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

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	5,789,318.
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	4,655,716.
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,133,602.
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	5,622.
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8	9	5,622.
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	1,139,224.

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	5,815,886.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12.		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	5,622.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	6,809.
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	14,137.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	26,568.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	5,789,318.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	5,789,318.

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	4,676,662.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	6,809.
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	14,137.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	20,946.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	4,655,716.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	4,655,716.

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

Part II, line 9: No disclosure of the conservation easement has been

made on the organization's financial statements as the easement does not provide any future benefit to the organization.

Part V, line 4: The investment earnings from the endowment gift will be used for general institutional support.

Part X, Line 2: The Institute is exempt from federal income tax under

Schedule D (Form 990) 2011

Part XIV Supplemental Information (continued)

Section 501(c)(3), as confirmed by a determination letter issued by the Internal Revenue Service and is classified as other than a private foundation under IRC Section 509(a)(1). The Institute also qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction under IRC Section 170(b)(1)(a).

Management evaluated the Institute's tax positions in accordance with the accounting standard on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes and concluded that the Institute had taken no uncertain tax positions that require adjustment to the financial statements to comply with the provisions of the accounting standard. With few exceptions, the Institute is no longer subject to income tax examinations by the U.S. federal, state or local tax authorities for years before 2007.

The Institute recognizes interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in miscellaneous expenses and accrued expenses in the accompanying financial statements. During the year ended June 30, 2012 and 2011, the Institute did not recognize any interest and penalties.

Part XII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments:

Special Event Expenses 14,137.

Part XIII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments:

Special Event Expenses 14,137.

SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Statement of Activities Outside the United States**

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,

Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.

► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

The Sonoran Institute, Inc.86-0684610**Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b

1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No

2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.

3 Activities per Region (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e.g., fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
Mexico	1	15	Mexico Field Office	Field Activities	640,190.
3 a Sub-total	1	15			640,190.
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	0	0			0.
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	1	15			640,190.

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Schedule F (Form 990) 2011

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Part II

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any

recipient who received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000.

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities

Schedule F (Form 990) 2011

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 16.

Part III can be download if additional analysis is needed.

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

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(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of non-cash assistance	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Method of valuation, (book, FMV, appraisal, Other)
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Part IV Foreign Forms

1 Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, *Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation* (see *Instructions for Form 926*) Yes No

2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 3520, *Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts*, and/or Form 3520-A, *Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner* (see *Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A*) Yes No

3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, *Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Corporations* (see *Instructions for Form 5471*) Yes No

4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, *Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund*. (see *Instructions for Form 8621*) Yes No

5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, *Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Partnerships*. (see *Instructions for Form 8865*) Yes No

6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5713, *International Boycott Report* (see *Instructions for Form 5713*) Yes No

Part II

Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000

Revenue	(a) Event #1 Donor Receptions (event type)	(b) Event #2 (event type)	(c) Other events None (total number)	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col. (c))
				20,354.
1 Gross receipts		20,354.		20,354.
2 Less: Charitable contributions		20,354.		20,354.
3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)				
4 Cash prizes				
5 Noncash prizes				
6 Rent/facility costs				
7 Food and beverages				
8 Entertainment				
9 Other direct expenses		14,137.		14,137.
10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				► (14,137)
11 Net income summary. Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10				► <14,137. >

Part III **Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than

\$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

Revenue		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
1 Gross revenue					
2 Cash prizes					
3 Noncash prizes					
4 Rent/facility costs					
5 Other direct expenses					
6 Volunteer labor		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)					► ()
8 Net gaming income summary. Combine line 1, column d, and line 7					►

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities:

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?

 Yes No

b If "No," explain:

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain:

11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No

12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in

- a The organization's facility
- b An outside facility

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

13a	%
13b	%

Name ► _____

Address ► _____

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No

b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$ _____.

c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party.

Name ►

Address ►

16 Gaming manager information

Name ► _____

Gaming manager compensation ► \$ _____

Description of services provided ► _____

Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (ii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16 and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

► Attach to Form 990.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

Name of the organization

The Sonoran Institute, Inc.

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed ►

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
Future West P.O. Box 1253 Bozeman, MT 59771	27-1277635	501(c)(3)	5,000.	0.			Creation of a comprehensive Park County Atlas.
Gallatin Valley Land Trust P.O. Box 7021 Bozeman, MT 59771	81-0465413	501(c)(3)	5,000.	0.			Help landowners and producers connect, and to identify parcels of land that are ideally suited
Greater Gallatin Watershed Council P.O. Box 751 Bozeman, MT 59771	13-4293305	501(c)(3)	2,250.	0.			Community outreach on the exempt groundwater well issues.
Park County Environmental Council P.O. Box 164 Livingston, MT 59047	36-3699660	501(c)(3)	5,000.	0.			Increase knowledge and support of zoning.
Trout Unlimited 321 East Main St., Suite 411 Bozeman, MT 59715	38-1612715	501(c)(3)	3,750.	0.			Community outreach to discuss and raise awareness of the impact of exempt wells.

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

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See Part IV for Column (h) descriptions
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Part III

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

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information

Schedule I, Part I, Line 2: Sonoran Institute screens applicants by using an application for describing the grant requirements and availability.
The application requests many details including applicant qualifications, expectations, 501(c)(3) status, and financial information. Successful applicants receive a grant award letter which enumerates major requirements. Final reports summarizing their efforts, results, and spending are required.

Part IV Supplemental Information

Name of Organization or Government: Gallatin Valley Land Trust

(h) Purpose of Grant or Assistance: Help landowners and producers connect, and to identify parcels of land that are ideally suited for local food production.

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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Name of the organization

The Sonoran Institute, Inc.

Employer identification number
86-0684610

Form 990, Part I, Line 1, Description of Organization Mission:

land and people of western North America.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a, Program Service Accomplishments:

copper mining project.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b, Program Service Accomplishments:

Facebook site and blog, and through building new partnerships with Patagonia and the Redford Center. Additionally, the Delta Program outreach component, Adopt-the-River, had 5 new groups join the program. The program also created the Sonoran Institute Mexico, A.C., a Mexican non-profit organization based in Mexicali, Baja California to assist with outreach activities in Mexico and restoration goals.

Research: The program worked with several bi-national partners to produce a comprehensive report on the year-long Monitoring Project on the Cienega de Santa Clara, the largest wetland in the Delta.

Additionally, the Program made significant progress in researching the economic benefits of restoring the Delta in their 3-year economic study of the Delta in collaboration with seven organizations from Mexico and the U.S.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c, Program Service Accomplishments:

services to than the tax revenues they return to the taxpayer. Finally, the Northern Rockies program embarked upon a housing market analysis for three Northern Rockies communities, which will be completed in fiscal year 2013.

Name of the organization

The Sonoran Institute, Inc.

Employer identification number

86-0684610

The Northern Rockies program also continued to provide land use planning assistance to three communities in the Northern Rockies: Teton County, Idaho; Gallatin County, Montana, Sheridan County, Wyoming, and Carbon County, Wyoming. In Gallatin County, we awarded \$25,000 in small grants to six local organizations, and started the Gallatin Valley 2050 planning process. In Teton County, we assisted the county government in dealing with the phenomenon of defunct subdivisions. In Sheridan County, we held workshops promoting conservation development. In Carbon County, we are assisting the local community organization Voices of the Valley, as they seek to prepare the community for significant energy development.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4d, Other Program Services:

Other Program Services

Expenses \$ 899,193. including grants of \$ 16,889. Revenue \$ 426,666.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11: Before the 990 is signed and filed, it is given to the Finance/Audit Committee for their review.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15a: In determining the compensation for the Executive Director, the board of directors completed a job evaluation, reviewed compensation data for comparable positions, and documented their actions in the board minutes.

Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19: Documents are available upon request.

Form 990, Part XI, line 5, Changes in Net Assets:

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2011)

Name of the organization

The Sonoran Institute, Inc.

Employer identification number

86-0684610

Net unrealized gains on investments: 5,622.

Part III **Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.)

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.)

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35, 35a, or 36)

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

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

- a Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties or (iv) rent from a controlled entity
- b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)
- c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)
- d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)
- e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

- f Sale of assets to related organization(s)
- g Purchase of assets from related organization(s)
- h Exchange of assets with related organization(s)
- i Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)
- j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)
- k Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)
- l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)
- m Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)
- n Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)
- o Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses
- p Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

- q Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)
- r Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

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

(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type (a-r)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) The Rincon Institute	D	193,131	Cash Value
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

Part VII Supplemental Information

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