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Form **990**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

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

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2011**Open to Public Inspection**

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning October 1 , 2011, and ending September 30 , 20 12																										
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="2">C Name of organization SETI Institute</td> <td>D Employer identification number 94-2951356</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Doing Business As</td> <td rowspan="3">E Telephone number 650-961-6633</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)</td> <td>Room/suite</td> </tr> <tr> <td>189 Bernardo Ave</td> <td>100</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Mountain View, CA 94043</td> <td>G Gross receipts \$</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">F Name and address of principal officer Edna DeVore</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> 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 </td> <td> H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">J Website: ▶ www.seti.org</td> <td>H(c) Group exemption number ▶</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶</td> <td>L Year of formation 1984 M State of legal domicile CA</td> </tr> </table>	C Name of organization SETI Institute		D Employer identification number 94-2951356	Doing Business As		E Telephone number 650-961-6633	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	189 Bernardo Ave	100	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Mountain View, CA 94043		G Gross receipts \$	F Name and address of principal officer Edna DeVore			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(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)	J Website: ▶ www.seti.org		H(c) Group exemption number ▶	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 1984 M State of legal domicile CA
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Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: SETI Institute is the world's only organization exclusively dedicated to improving the understanding of life on our world and the search for life, including intelligent life, beyond it. Through exploration of the cosmos, scientific research as well as educational programs, the Institute seeks to ignite the wonder and curiosity in us all, inspiring a new generation of scientists and informed citizens.			
	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	18	
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	16	
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)	5	156	
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	100	
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0	
	b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0	
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	17,491,515	17,278,768	
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0	(12,942)	
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	101,755	38,118	
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0	0	
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	17,593,270	17,303,944	
	Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0	0
		14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
15		Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	12,987,453	12,305,276	
16a		Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0	
b		Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶	429,495	0	
17		Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	6,809,549	6,643,434	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	19,797,002	18,948,710	
	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	(2,203,732)	(1,644,766)	
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	12,059,365	10,876,639	
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	4,504,049	4,513,790	
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	7,555,316	6,362,849		

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	 Signature of officer	Date August 13, 2013
	Edna DeVore, Acting CEO Type or print name and title	
Paid Preparer Use Only	Ppnt/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature
	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed PTIN
	Firm's name ▶ Firm's address ▶	Firm's EIN ▶ Phone no

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

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Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III ☒

- 1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:
The mission of the SETI Institute is to explore, understand and explain the origin, nature and prevalence of life in the universe.
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- 2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.
- 3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.
- 4** Describe the 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 \$ 11,739,468 including grants of \$ 1,348,043) (Revenue \$)
The Carl Sagan Center for the Study of Life in the Universe (CSC) specializes in the broad interdisciplinary field of astrobiology, striving to understand the origin, evolution and distribution of life in the universe. Our scientists are addressing three of the most profound questions in science: How does life arise? Is there life beyond Earth? and What are the future directions for the evolution of life? CSC scientists publish the results of their research in peer reviewed journal articles and book chapters & give presentations to their colleagues & the public. Many also mentor students, training the next generation of scientists. Examples of some of the exciting research conducted by our scientists in FY 12 are: *Using telescopes & laboratory experiments to understand the complex chemistry that takes place in the clouds of gas and dust between the star. *Revealing the strange phenomena that occur in ring systems around planets & in the formation process of planets. *Exploring remote locations on Earth, from the Arctic to the Antarctic to the Atacama Desert to understand the ability of life to adapt to extreme environments. *Studying the rapid biological changes on Earth in response to climate change as a model to understand the history of habitability on Mars. *Studying planetary systems around other suns being discovered by the NASA Kepler Space Telescope. *Probing the surface and subsurface environments on Mars to reveal the history of the planet and address the questions of whether life is now, or once was, present there.
- 4b** (Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,670,842 including grants of \$ 606,455) (Revenue \$)
The Center for Education and Outreach (EDU) at SETI Institute conducts projects in formal and informal education and public outreach. These projects include curriculum development & teacher professional development, museum exhibit development, and outreach to students, teachers and the general public. The Institute is involved in scientific and educational trade shows, workshops, and courses which share the Institute scientific research. FY 12 was the seventh year of our Astrobiology Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program, sponsored by the NSF, and third year of our Undergraduate Research at the SETI Institute (URSA) collaboration with San Jose State University, a minority serving institution. To date, more than 50% of our REU students are pursuing advanced degrees, and several of the URSA interns are enrolled in graduate programs. In FY 12 SETI Institute hosted a weekly scientific colloquium featuring both our scientists and invited speakers; the talks are posted on YouTube where more than 30,000 people view the talks each month. Of particular note, SETI Institute hosts a science radio program, "Big Picture Science", which reaches millions of listeners world-wide through broadcast and download podcasts. In addition, EDU staff present talks nationwide and lead education/outreach programs for NASA's Kepler, SOFIA Missions and NASA's Astrobiology Institute.
- 4c** (Code:) (Expenses \$ 918,795 including grants of \$ 46,885) (Revenue \$)
The Allen Telescope Array (ATA) is a unique instrument designed to seek out signals from civilizations elsewhere in the universe while simultaneously conducting other radio astronomy research. Science conducted on the array during FY 12 has resulted in several published papers and presentations at scientific meetings. Since it is the first telescope of its type, SETI Institute is exploring new ideas for commercialization of ATA capabilities for spacecraft downlinks and space situational awareness. The ATA is also being used as a testbed for developing new search strategies for extraterrestrial transmitters or discoveries of unusual astronomical phenomena. This research program has also generated several papers and presentations.
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- 4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)
 (Expenses \$ 791,224 including grants of \$ 8,550) (Revenue \$)
- 4e** Total program service expenses ► 15,120,329

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12 a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14 a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 (see instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20 a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck 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 51	
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	
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 156	
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b ✓	
Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)			
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	✓
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	✓
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ► See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	✓
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	✓
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
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?	6a	✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
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?	7a	✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	✓
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	✓
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	✓
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	✓
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	✓
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	✓
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?	8	
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	
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?	13a	
Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			
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	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b	

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

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

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

	Yes	No
10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	10b	
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	12a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	15a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	16a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	16b	

Section C. Disclosure

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

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (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: ► **Lisa Kanehiro, 189 Bernardo Ave, Mountain View, CA 94043, (650) 960-4504**

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck 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	Former			
(1) John Gertz Chairman	15+	✓						0	0	0
(2) Andrew Fraknoi Vice-Chairman	5+	✓						0	0	0
(3) Thomas Pierson Secretary & CEO	30+	✓		✓				117,588	0	45,946
(4) Alan Bagley Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
(5) Linda Bernardi Trustee	10+	✓						0	0	0
(6) John Billingham Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
(7) Baruch Blumberg Trustee	1+	✓					✓	0	0	0
(8) Frank Drake Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
(9) Paul Elliot Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
(10) Elizabeth Garrett Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
(11) Dane Glasgow Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
(12) Russ Holdstein Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
(13) David Liddle Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
(14) Michael Moradzadeh Trustee	1+	✓					✓	0	0	0

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) Greg Papadopoulos										
Trustee	1+	✓					✓	0	0	0
(16) David Pratt										
Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
(17) Pierre Schwob										
Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
(18) William Welch										
Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
(19) Edna DeVore										
Acting CEO	40+			✓				122,227	0	42,293
(20) Shannon Atkinson										
Chief Financial Officer	40+			✓				136,500	0	40,130
(21) Jon Jenkins										
Senior Research Scientist	40+					✓		176,831	0	58,091
(22) Joseph Twicken										
Senior Scientific Programmer	40+					✓		165,787	0	26,269
(23) Peter Tenenbaum										
Scientific Programmer	40+					✓		159,403	0	36,366
(24) John Marshall										
Senior Research Scientist	40+					✓		146,748	0	40,629
(25) Virginia Gulick										
Senior Research Scientist	40+					✓		145,530		45,864
1b Sub-total								1,170,615	0	335,588
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0	0	0
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								1,170,615	0	335,588

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 ► **32**

- | | 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 | ✓ | |
| 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 | ✓ | |
| 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 | | ✓ |

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
Genex Systems	Protocol Devel & Eval	465,049
Nuytco Research	Submersible Tech & opex	276,500
Amy Baker	Planet. Protect. consult	129,337
Ball Aerospace	Instrument design & build	102,776
Rakesh Mogul	Planet. Protect. consult	101,301
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 ►	5	

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a 66,861				
	b	Membership dues	1b				
	c	Fundraising events	1c				
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e 16,641,897				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 570,010				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f. \$	202,754				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶		17,278,768			
Program Service Revenue	2a	SETIcon II event proceeds	Business Code 927110	(12,942)			(12,942)
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue .					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶		(12,942)			
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶		36,338		
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶					
5		Royalties ▶					
6a		Gross rents	(i) Real (ii) Personal				
b		Less: rental expenses					
c		Rental income or (loss)					
d		Net rental income or (loss) ▶					
7a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other				
b		Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	12,531 10,751				
c		Gain or (loss)	1,780				
d		Net gain or (loss) ▶		1,780			1,780
8a		Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 a					
b		Less: direct expenses b					
c		Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . ▶					
9a		Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 a					
b		Less: direct expenses b					
c		Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . ▶					
10a		Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a					
b	Less: cost of goods sold b						
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a							
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶		0				
12	Total revenue. See instructions. ▶		17,303,944			25,176	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21				
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	504,412	82,260	422,152	0
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	9,142,346	7,996,202	902,625	243,519
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	557,972	475,310	66,088	16,574
9 Other employee benefits	1,406,097	1,224,578	151,167	30,352
10 Payroll taxes	694,449	589,124	88,764	16,561
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	127,643	5,145	122,498	0
c Accounting	21,140	0	21,140	0
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	341,546	183,105	125,964	32,477
14 Information technology	264,867	253,103	10,423	1,341
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	1,230,495	3,063	1,227,432	0
17 Travel	743,896	732,933	1,802	9,161
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	96,888	90,516	6,372	0
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	612,332	561,383	50,949	0
23 Insurance	31,827	6,886	24,941	0
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 Subcontracts	2,020,700	1,999,933	0	20,767
b Temporary Help & consultants	751,708	612,156	96,249	43,303
c Supplies, Lab	100,199	99,690	112	397
d				
e All other expenses	300,193	204,942	80,208	15,043
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	18,948,710	15,120,329	3,398,886	429,495
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 <input type="checkbox"/> 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	626,235	1	368,868
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	75,179	2	100,012
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	2,213,993	3	1,572,746
	4 Accounts receivable, net	168,000	4	168,000
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L	149,280	5	129,201
	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	474,946	9	479,996
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 9,780,087		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 4,466,836	10c	5,313,251
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	2,574,133	11	2,744,565
	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		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	12,059,365	16	10,876,639	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	3,698,805	17	3,615,963
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	525,668	19	607,753
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	279,576	25	290,074
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	4,504,049	26	4,513,790
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	6,762,030	27	5,537,123
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	788,026	28	820,466
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	5,260	29	5,260
	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.	7,555,316	33	6,362,849
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances.	12,059,365	34	10,876,639

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	17,303,944
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	18,948,710
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	(1,644,766)
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	7,555,316
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	422,121
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	6,332,671

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

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?	✓	
2b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	✓	
2c 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: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> 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?	✓	
3b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	✓	

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

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

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2011

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization
SETI Institute

Employer identification number
94-2951356

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

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

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 ☒ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☐ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a ☐ Type I b ☐ Type II c ☐ Type III—Functionally integrated d ☐ Type III—Other
 - e ☐ By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
 - f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box ☐
 - g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
 - (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? ☐
 - (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? ☐
 - (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? ☐
 - h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

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

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

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 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.")	17,279,238	18,457,170	18,189,691	17,491,515	17,278,768	88,696,382
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	17,279,238	18,457,170	18,189,691	17,491,515	17,278,768	88,696,382
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 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						88,696,382

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	17,279,238	18,457,170	18,189,691	17,491,515	17,278,768	88,696,382
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	92,348	28,516	(63,139)	101,755	38,118	197,598
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						88,893,980
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 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	100 %
15 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	100 %
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"/>	

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 33¹/₃% 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 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33¹/₃% 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 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

N/A

**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

SETI Institute

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).
☐ Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) ☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space

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

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

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

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

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

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

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

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

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

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$

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

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

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

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

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

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

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table:

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

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	5,260	5,260	5,260	5,260	
b Contributions					
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	5,260	5,260	5,260	5,260	

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 %
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 ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**
(ii) related organizations ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**

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

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

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

Description of 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		226,657	23,683	202,974
d Equipment		9,553,430	4,443,153	5,110,277
e Other				

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) **5,313,251**

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. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ►		

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

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) _____		
(2) _____		
(3) _____		
(4) _____		
(5) _____		
(6) _____		
(7) _____		
(8) _____		
(9) _____		
(10) _____		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ►		

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) _____	
(2) _____	
(3) _____	
(4) _____	
(5) _____	
(6) _____	
(7) _____	
(8) _____	
(9) _____	
(10) _____	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ►	

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) Unitrust Payable	290,074
(3) _____	
(4) _____	
(5) _____	
(6) _____	
(7) _____	
(8) _____	
(9) _____	
(10) _____	
(11) _____	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ►	
	290,074

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote. In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740).

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

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	17,303,944
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	18,948,710
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	(1,644,766)
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	412,912
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	
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	(1,231,854)

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	17,858,196
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	412,912
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	141,340
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	554,252
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	17,303,944
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	17,303,944

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	19,090,050
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	141,340
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	141,340
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	18,948,710
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	18,948,710

Part XIV Supplemental Information

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

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

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

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

Expenses incurred in conjunction with SETI Institute's public information conference, were reported net of income as Program Service

Revenue on the IRS form 990.

Part XIV **Supplemental Information** *(continued)*

SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

SETI Institute

Compensation Information

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

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,
Part IV, line 23.

► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |

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

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

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director. Explain in Part III.

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

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

- | | | |
|--|-----------|---|
| a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? | 4a | ✓ |
| b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? | 4b | ✓ |
| c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? | 4c | ✓ |
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

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

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

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| a The organization? | 5a | ✓ |
| b Any related organization? | 5b | ✓ |
- If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

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

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| a The organization? | 6a | ✓ |
| b Any related organization? | 6b | ✓ |
- If "Yes" to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

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

8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

9 If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

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

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

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation				(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported as deferred in prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation	(iv) Other reportable compensation				
1 Thomas Pierson	(i) 117,589				9,407	35,539	163,535	0
2 Edna DeVore	(i) 122,227				9,778	32,514	164,520	0
3 Shannon Atkinson	(i) 136,500				10,920	29,210	176,630	0
4 Jon Jenkins	(i) 176,831				14,146	43,945	234,922	0
5 Joseph Twicken	(i) 152,788	12,999			12,223	14,046	192,056	0
6 Peter Tenebaum	(i) 146,919	12,483			11,754	24,613	195,769	0
7 John Marshall	(i) 146,748				10,202	30,427	187,377	0
8 Virginia Gulick	(i) 145,530				11,642	34,222	191,394	0
9	(i)							
10	(i)							
11	(i)							
12	(i)							
13	(i)							
14	(i)							
15	(i)							
16	(i)							

Part III Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

N/A

SCHEDULE L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Transactions With Interested Persons

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

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

(a) Name of interested person and purpose	(b) Loan to or from the organization?		(c) Original principal amount	(d) Balance due	(e) In default?		(f) Approved by board or committee?		(g) Written agreement?	
	To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(1) Thomas Pierson, Home Mortgage		✓	343,713	129,201		✓	✓		✓	
(2)										
(3)										
(4)										
(5)										
(6)										
(7)										
(8)										
(9)										
(10)										
Total				\$ 129,201						

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

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

SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

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Noncash Contributions

► Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form
990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
► Attach to Form 990.

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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded				
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ► (Electronics)	✓	2	5,445	
26 Other ► (Cloud Storage)	✓	1	179,131	
27 Other ► (pledges & pv adj)	✓	2	18,178	
28 Other ► ()				

29	Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement	29	0
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	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1–28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		✓
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?	✓	
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		✓
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

Part II **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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

SCHEDULE O
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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
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FORM 990, Part III, Statement of Program Service Accomplishments, line 4d, Program Services:

The Center for SETI Research (CSR) is conducting the most comprehensive project dedicated to answering the question, "Are we alone?"

Astronomers are using the Allen Telescope Array to search for signs of intelligent extraterrestrial life by attempting to detect radio signals

from a distant technological civilization. The signal processing is carried out in near-real-time to enterprise services donated by Dell Inc and

others. During FY 12 we continued work on a focused sky survey that coordinates with the Kepler Spacecraft, examining thousands of stars

where extrasolar planets are thought to exist. Indeed, Kepler's results on exoplanets indicate the probability for SETI success is higher than

previously thought. CSR's accomplishments on our setiQuest program have lead to near complete open-sourcing of core SETI search

software and the publication of hundreds of raw telescope datasets available for public use. Stemming from the TED award won by

Dr. Jill Tarter in 2009, the SETILive program, which allows citizen scientists to participate in SETI in a hands-on way. Each year CSR staff

members give dozens of presentations to a variety of audiences in order to inform both their scientific peers and the general public about

their work and accomplishments. CSR staff and their work also appeared in countless science documentaries and television and radio

programs. The CSR staff published several peer reviewed papers and wrote, or were featured in, many popular articles in FY 12.

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

Long-time employee & senior-level director, Dr. Jill Tarter & Trustee Dr. William Welch have a family relationship.

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

When the form is completed, and prior to submission to the IRS, the form 990 is reviewed by a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees.

Upon approval by this subcommittee, the form 990 is finalized and distributed to the full Board for information and comment and is mailed to the IRS.

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

The SETI Institute has a formal conflict of interest questionnaire that is designed to identify possible conflicts of interest among our

Trustees. This questionnaire is distributed annually and Trustees are required to complete it and return it to the Board Secretary. The

Secretary, in conjunction with the Trusteeship Committee Chairperson, reviews each questionnaire, conducts interviews when needed,

and communicates any identified conflicts to the full Board.

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FORM 990, Part VI, Governance, Management & Disclosure, Section B, lines 15 a & b, Approval of Officer's Compensation.

The SETI Institute uses a professionally prepared compensation study to determine appropriate compensation levels for all employees.

When changes to any officer's compensation amount is proposed, the Board, in executive session, reviews the proposed change and approves it by formal board resolution prior to it being granted.

FORM 990, Part VI, Governance, Management & Disclosure, Section C, line 19, Distribution of Financial Statements and Governing**Documents:**

The SETI Institute distributes its financial information to the public via Dun and Bradstreet and other outside websites, such as Guidestar.

We also make our form 990 and financial statements available upon request. Governing documents may also be made available upon request.

FORM 990, Part XI, Reconciliation of Net Assets, line 5, Other Changes in net assets or fund balances:

The amount reported on this line represents current year unrealized gains or losses on investment activity, which is not represented on the form 990 statement of revenue, however does impact SETI Institute's ending net asset balance.