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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2012

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013	
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	C Name of organization Inquiring Systems, Inc.
	Doing Business As
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
	P.O. Box 2037
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code
	Sonoma, CA 95476
D Employer identification number 94-2524840	
E Telephone number 707-939-3900	
G Gross receipts \$ 1,057,480	
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 type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)	
H(c) Group exemption number ▶	
I Tax-exempt status <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	
J Website: ▶	
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 1978	
M State of legal domicile CA	

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: ISI is a nonprofit corporation founded in 1978 with the overall charitable purpose of "improving the human condition" by providing "ethical and sustainable ecosystem management services" for NGO's, nonprofit organizations, ethically-directed business entities, local communities & government agencies. ISI provides compatible training, technical assistance & fiscal sponsorships for nonprofiteconomic viability & sustainability.		
	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	4
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	3
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	5400
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	905165	1005564
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	74990	51916
	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)	0	0
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	980167	1057480
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
Expenses	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	0	0
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 0		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	0	0
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1224780	919843
	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	1224780	919843
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	-244613	137637
Net Assets or Fund Balances	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	304285	411261
		51488	40447
		252796	370814

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	S. Loren Cole	<small>Print name of officer</small>	9/8/2013	<small>Date</small>
	S. Loren Cole	CEO		
	<small>Type or print name and title</small>			

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

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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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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:

ISI is committed to improving the human condition & to the ethical implementation of constructive social change by using an Inquiring Systems Approach to problem-solving primarily through technical assistance & training to obtain economic viability & sustainability for the projects, people, communities & ecosystems with which we are involved. We provide training through Fiscal Sponsorship services, workshops, seminars & Business Management Services around the world.

- 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 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 \$
- 168944
- including grants of \$
- 0
-) (Revenue \$
- 175305
-)

The mission of CoFed is to empower communities of students across North America to create financial sustainable campus hubs for food & social justice activism. Participants will use a reproducible, cooperative development model to create a scalable network of independent student-run businesses, with a commitment to share skills, resources, and eventually, start-up capital. Their goals & objectives are: 1. To train 200 new leaders in the food sustainability movement; 2. To create 35 new financially viable, student-run cooperatives in regional clusters in North America; 3. To give 1 million college students the choice to actively participate in their food system. To accomplish these goals they will create: a. An evolving best-practices model; b. A support network; c. A peer-based training program. The principles & values of CoFed that are useful guidelines for potential project teams are: 1. To create an ethical food system through community-based, fair, ecologically sound and humane food as defined by the Real Food Guidelines. CoFed is currently engaged with 16 university based projects that will serve in excess of 15,000 college students & the communities related thereto. CoFed projects intend to collaborate with local community organizations that expands their outreach and services to many thousands of individuals.

- 4b**
- (Code:) (Expenses \$
- 112667
- including grants of \$) (Revenue \$
- 123958
-)

Public Banking Institute an educational non-profit organization. Its mission is to further the understanding, explore the possibilities, and facilitate the implementation of public banking at all levels -- local, regional, state, and national. PBI's vision is to establish a distributed network of state and local publicly-owned banks that create affordable credit, while providing a sustainable alternative to the current high-risk centralized private banking system. This network would act in the public interest, using its counter-cyclical credit-generating capacity to stabilize potential credit crises, maintain the floor against threats of asset devaluations, build infrastructure, and fund expansion of critical industrial productive capacity. Most important, public banking would create jobs, by partnering local banks to fund local business, advancing credit for public infrastructure, and augmenting government revenues. PBI's mission includes analyzing U.S. and global financial events to facilitate public banking, sharing best practices and lessons learned from research and initiatives in the U.S. and globally, using PBI's online resources, website, webinars, blog, and in-person conferences. PBI currently involves hundreds of people & organizations throughout the US and has conducted conferences attended by over 240 people. PBI has a monthly newsletter that is scribed by 400+ people & has networked with many organizations with shared interests.

- 4c**
- (Code:) (Expenses \$
- 121595
- including grants of \$
- 0
-) (Revenue \$
- 120248
-)

• AWE Global ("AG") is a non-profit whose purpose it is to positively transform our world, lifestyles and economics by sustainably reconnecting people to community, to the earth and to spirit with goal of all people live in A.W.E. • This will be accomplished by providing a principled foundation for living in AWE & creating a sharing/giving economy through sustainable work-live AWE communities that teach us how to live in greater respect for each other and the planet, increase interpersonal relationship skills & a provide environments & tools that create a deeper sense of connection and a higher quality of life. Sustainable Community Foundation is an Ecuadorian non-profit focused on social innovation. It has the purpose to support and empower social entrepreneurs to guide & regenerative thriving communities. The FCS is the application of Social innovation in Ecuador to create an economy of abundant regeneration with the following: New forms of collaborative work and life-centered education. Socially responsible companies & jobs. Programs and projects of renewable energy, waste management, natural capitalism, an environment built with ecological awareness, health, education and transport. Healthy workplaces, inspiration, safe and fair. FCS is a collaborative project with AWE & is a working community in Ecuador serving many hundreds of families in Lojas, Ecuador and surrounding villages and communities

- 4d**
- Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ 516637 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 637969)

- 4e**
- Total program service expenses
- 919843**

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	1 ✓	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	2 ✓	
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	3	✓
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	4	✓
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	5	✓
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	6	✓
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	7	✓
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8	✓
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; 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	9	✓
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	10	✓
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	11a	✓
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	11b	✓
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	11c	✓
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	11d	✓
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e	✓
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	11f	✓
12 a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a	✓
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 and XII is optional	12b	✓
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	✓
14 a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	✓
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	14b	✓
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	15	✓
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	16	✓
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)	17	✓
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	18	✓
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	19	✓
20 a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	✓
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	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? <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, highest 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, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34	✓
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	✓
b If "Yes" to line 35a, 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 11b 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 24		
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	✓	
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 0		
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 as charitable contributions?	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 4		
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 3		
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 ► **CA**

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 ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

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: ► **S. Loren Cole, 21885 Bonness Rd., Sonoma, CA 95476**

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 (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(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) S. Loren Cole, Ph.D. Chairman & Treasurer	2	✓		✓				0	0	0
(2) Gil Friend Board member	.25	✓						0	0	0
(3) Constance Grauds Secretary	.25	✓		✓				0	0	0
(4) John Stephens Board Member	.25	✓						0	0	0
(5)										
(6)										
(7)										
(8)										
(9)										
(10)										
(11)										
(12)										
(13)										
(14)										

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(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)										
(16)										
(17)										
(18)										
(19)										
(20)										
(21)										
(22)										
(23)										
(24)										
(25)										
1b Sub-total								0	0	0
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0	0	0
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								0	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 **None**

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

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 **None**

Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VIII. ☐

				(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 0				
	b	Membership dues	1b 0				
	c	Fundraising events	1c 0				
	d	Related organizations	1d 0				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e 0				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 1005564				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$	0				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f	▶ 1005564				
Program Service Revenue	2a	Business Mgt. & Training Services	Business Code 611430	52016	52016	0	0
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue .					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f	▶ 52016				
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	▶ 0	0	0	0
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶	0	0	0	0	
5		Royalties	▶ 0	0	0	0	
6a		Gross rents	(i) Real 0 (ii) Personal 0				
		b	Less: rental expenses	0 0			
		c	Rental income or (loss)	0 0			
d		Net rental income or (loss)	▶ 0	0	0	0	
7a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities 0 (ii) Other 0				
		b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	0 0			
		c	Gain or (loss)	0 0			
d		Net gain or (loss)	▶ 0	0	0	0	
8a		Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a 0				
		b	Less: direct expenses	b 0			
		c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . ▶	0	0	0	0
9a		Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a 0				
		b	Less: direct expenses	b 0			
		c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . ▶	0	0	0	0
10a		Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a 0				
	b	Less: cost of goods sold	b 0				
	c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . ▶	0	0	0	0	
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a	None						
b							
c							
d	All other revenue	0	0	0	0	0	
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d	▶ 0					
12	Total revenue. See instructions.	▶ 1057480	52016	0	0		

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).

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX ☐**Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.**

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21	0	0		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22	0	0		
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0	0		
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0	0		
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	0	0	0	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)	0	0	0	0
7 Other salaries and wages	0	0	0	0
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	0	0	0	0
9 Other employee benefits	0	0	0	0
10 Payroll taxes	0	0	0	0
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	45850	10000	35850	0
b Legal	3600	3600	0	0
c Accounting	0	0	0	0
d Lobbying	0	0	0	0
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			0
f Investment management fees	0	0	0	0
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	0	0	0	0
12 Advertising and promotion	0	0	0	0
13 Office expenses	3169	0	3169	0
14 Information technology	500	0	500	0
15 Royalties	0	0	0	0
16 Occupancy	0	0	0	0
17 Travel	1880	600	1280	0
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0	0	0	0
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	0	0	0	0
20 Interest	0	0	0	0
21 Payments to affiliates	0	0	0	0
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	0	0	0	0
23 Insurance	3126	0	3126	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 Donation for food bank	20	20	0	0
b Miscellaneous expenses	325	0	325	0
c				
d				
e All other expenses Project Operating Exp.	861374	861374	0	0
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	919843	875593	44250	0
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 SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part X ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	256487	1	388165
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	0	2	0
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	0	3	0
	4 Accounts receivable, net	28403	4	3700
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	5	0
	6 Loans and other 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). Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	6	0
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	0	7	0
	8 Inventories for sale or use	15000	8	15000
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	0	9	0
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 4395		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 0	4395	10c 4395
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	0	11	0
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	0	12	0
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0	13	0
	14 Intangible assets	0	14	0
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	0	15	0
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	304285	16	411261	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	0	17	0
	18 Grants payable	0	18	0
	19 Deferred revenue	0	19	0
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0	20	0
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0	21	0
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L	51488	22	40447
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0	23	0
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0	24	0
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	0	25	0
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	51488	26	40447
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets		27	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	500063	30	235831
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	-2654	31	-2654
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	-244613	32	137637
33 Total net assets or fund balances	252796	33	370814	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	304285	34	411261	

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	1057480
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	919843
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	137637
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	252796
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	0
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	0
7	Investment expenses	7	0
8	Prior period adjustments	8	0
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	-19619
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	370814

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? . . .
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? . . .
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis
- 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.
- 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		✓
2b		✓
2c		
3a		
3b		

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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2012

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Inquiring Systems, Inc.

94-2524840

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—Non-functionally integrated
 - 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?

	Yes	No
(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?	11g(i)	
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?	11g(ii)	
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	11g(iii)	
 - h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of monetary 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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
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						
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.						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
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						
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 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33¹/₃% support test—2012. 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 type="checkbox"/>
b 33¹/₃% support test—2011. 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—2012. 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—2011. 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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	103976	229121	814755	905165	1005564	3058581
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	55820	54325	98794	74990	51916	335845
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	159796	283446	913572	980167	1057480	3394426
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	30000	0	0	0	0	30000
c Add lines 7a and 7b	30000	0	0	0	0	30000
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						3364426

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	159796	283446	913572	980167	1057480	
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	132	0	0	0	0	132
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975	0	0	0	0	0	0
c Add lines 10a and 10b	132	0	0	0	0	132
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0	0	0	0	0	0
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	0	0	0	0	0	0
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	159928	282446	913572	980167	1057480	3364558
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 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	99.9 %
16 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	98.8 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2012 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	.02 %
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2012. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support tests—2011. 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 checked="" 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).

None

SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

OMB No 1545-0047

2012

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,
Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.

► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Inquiring Systems, Inc.

94-2524840

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
(1) Nepal	0	.5	Bridge bldg/solar inst	Assist local villages	80439
(2) Nepal	0	.5	Expressive Art Therapy	Nepal Traffick Survivor	20000
(3) Ethiopia	0	1	School Food/Tree Plant	School children/village	15000
(4) Kenya	0	.25	Women art/craft therapy	Women prisoners trainin	15000
(5) Haiti	0	.25	Art/craft training	School children/teacher	10000
(6) Haiti	0	.25	Village housing restore	Train/build houses	7500
(7) Bolivia & Peru	0	.25	Indigenous medicine	Preserve plants/culture	5000
(8) Ecuador	0	.5	Sustainable ag/villages	Community train/educ	120000
(9) Nepal	0	0	Restore monastery	Himalyaya temple const	500
(10) Mexico	0	0	Art/athletics training	Young women education	5000
(11)					
(12)					
(13)					
(14)					
(15)					
(16)					
(17)					
3a Sub-total	0	3.5			278439
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	0	0			0
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	3.5			278439

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. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)			Ecuador	Sustainable villag	120000	Wire banktransfer	35000	In-kind services/sup	On-site monitors
(2)									
(3)									
(4)									
(5)									
(6)									
(7)									
(8)									
(9)									
(10)									
(11)									
(12)									
(13)									
(14)									
(15)									
(16)									

- 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 **1**
- 3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities **1**

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 duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(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)
(1) NONE							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							
(13)							
(14)							
(15)							
(16)							
(17)							
(18)							

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 V Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Part I & II: Fundacion Comunidad Sustentable, Vilcabamba, Loja, Ecuador <http://www.csmundo.org/> The funds were provided by the Fred F. Flood Charitable Fund and they provide on-site monitoring, assessment, appraisal and evaluation of the project and activities for which these funds have been provided. Funds are released as specific milestones have been reached and workplan objectives acheived. The accounting methods used are computerized accounting systems. The project encompasses an entire village, farms & families including farmers, community workers, teachers and others.

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) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No
(1)	N/A				
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
2	Enter the amount of tax incurred by 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-EZ, Part V, line 38a or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(1) S. Loren Cole	CEO & IC	Ops & Dev	✓		33450	22447		✓	✓		✓	
(2)												
(3)												
(4)												
(5)												
(6)												
(7)												
(8)												
(9)												
(10)												
Total						\$ 22447						

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 of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance
(1) N/A				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				
(7)				
(8)				
(9)				
(10)				

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

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

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) N/A					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					

Part V Supplemental Information

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

S. Loren & Patricia J. Cole, made loans in 1981 of \$18,450 and in 1983 of \$15,000 to support the operations & development

of ISI. Both of these loans were non-interest bearing and subordinated to all other debts. There was no formal repayment

plan. Loans were to be paid if and when sufficient unrestricted and unattached funds became available to make payments.

In 2012 ISI received sufficient funds to repay \$7,042 of the first loan to S. Loren Cole and in 2013 \$4,000 to Patricia J

Cole.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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Part III, #4d: Project Descriptions (please see attached projects list summary)

Part VI, Sec. B, #11b: Describe the 990 review process as follows; the financial statements for the FY ending 6/30/13 are prepared along with a copy of the 990 tax return and submitted by email to the members of the board of directors for their review, comments, queries and, upon consultation and any discussion; the financial statements and 990 tax return is approved for submittal to the IRS. All financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP through a QuickBooks accounting systems with a pre-approved Chart of Accounts.

Part VI, Sec. A, #9: Board of Directors names and addresses if different from main office address. Gil Friend, PO Box 119, Berkeley, CA 94701
Constance Grauds, 916 S. Providence Rd., Wallingford, PA 19086 and John Stephens, 8529 State Route 250 SE, Dennison, OH 44621

Part VI, Sec. B, #12c: Describe Conflict of Interest Policy monitoring and enforcement compliance process. Each board member received a copy of the Conflict of Interest policy upon being voted as a member of the Board of Directors. At the annual meeting of the BOD, each member is requested to provide any information regarding possible conflicts of interest with the mission, policies or operations of ISI.

Part VI, Sec. B, #15a: Compensation review for CEO is based upon a written agreement that the CEO is a volunteer and does not receive any direct compensation for his efforts and activities associated with this position. The CEO also has a written Independent Contractors Agreement established between the BOD and CEO when the organization was established in 1978. Under this agreement the CEO as an IC receives proportional compensation for work and tasks performed in providing training and technical assistance services to the projects and clients of ISI. The BOD reviews this compensation each year at its annual meeting to determine if the compensation provided is consistent with the services rendered and that such compensation reflects the standards for the industry and for comparable work.

Part VI, Sec. C, #19: Documents available to the public. All IRS Form 990 tax returns are made available free of charge on GuideStar website and the public can, at any time, request through our own website or by email or telephone copies of the 990 that are made available free of charge upon request.

Part XI, #9: The change in the fund balance occurred because a client with an outstanding account receivable for services rendered made an offer in compromise request that reduced the outstanding balance by making a lump sum payment with a 55% reduction in the balance.

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ISI Projects and Clients Summary Descriptions

Barksdale Foundation for Renewable Energy

The focus of the **Barksdale Foundation for Renewable Energy (BFRE)** is research and development of renewable energy applications domestically in the United States.

Public Banking Institute

The Public Banking Institute (PBI) was formed as an educational non-profit organization. Its mission is to further the understanding, explore the possibilities, and facilitate the implementation of public banking at all levels -- local, regional, state, and national.

Cittaslow Sonoma Valley

Cittaslow Sonoma Valley is about:

- Preserving and enhancing the quality of life for all residents of Sonoma Valley.
- Improving and preserving the environment, supporting healthy food, increasing sustainable energy production, social inclusion, and promoting shared responsibility for our community's well-being.
- Supporting local farmers, artisans, and commerce.
- Supporting programs to facilitate family life and create community connection.



Embodied Visionaries

Activate, Empower and Support the growth of impassioned change-makers who are committed to transform the world through their authentic presence and powerful voice, the inspiring projects they launch and grow, the community they mobilize and the thousands of lives they touch; reminding us what is possible when we combine heart, purpose and unstoppable commitment.

High Country Local First

Our Mission: To catalyze and strengthen the local economy through social entrepreneurship and locally driven collaborative structures.

The Fred Lane Memorial Himalaya Fund

The mission of this project is to support charities related to Buddhism in Nepal and Tibet and to develop film documentaries to bring attention to this cause.

HARAMBEE ARTS

Harambee Arts: Let's Pull Together™ partners with African grassroots programs to train local caregivers to provide art programs for vulnerable children in an environment that fosters their sense of joy, creativity and exuberance. Through its arts programs, **Harambee Arts** strives to promote the well-being of homeless, orphaned and other neglected children, enhance the stability of their families and support systems, and develop their sense of self-worth and positive personal ethics by creating opportunities for children to help other children.

CITTASLOW, USA

The mission of Cittaslow is to enlarge the philosophy of sustainability and quality of life of local communities, and to apply the concepts of environmental preservation, hospitality, infrastructure, new technology, social inclusion, and healthy food for all.

SEEDLING PROJECTS, LLC

Seedling Projects is a “do tank” for the sustainable food movement—transforming ideas into action. It specializes in getting food projects off the ground and building an active and diverse community around each project to ensure that it flourishes.

GREEN FIELDS FOREVER

Green Fields Forever (GFF) is an organization with the primary main objective to help create “Today’s Solution for Tomorrows World”. Green Fields Forever is committed to affecting a positive and direct impact on the state of life conditions for the peoples of society and the environmental ecosystems of our world.

COFED

The Mission of CoFed is to empower communities of students across North America to create financially sustainable campus hubs for food and social justice activism.

KINGWAWA HAITI RELIEF PROJECT

Kingwawa will conduct musical tours in order to raise funds in support of an 8 acre village that will be used to house and support the children and families of Haiti.

CREATIVE ENTITY

Creative Entity Org is dedicated to creating works of art and communications that enhance the quality of life for all beings. We operate as multimedia production company, publisher and producer of content, art and experiences. Our mission is to push the envelope of life using creativity to educate, inspire, and/or create community.

Unity For Foundation

To enhance the prospects for peace through an improved spiritual and physical quality of life for everyone living on our planet. We intend to achieve our mission by creating a global media and giving campaign that that is economically viable and financially sustainable.

The Dream Institute of Northern California

The Dream Institute is a participatory cultural center whose mission is to encourage interest in dreaming as a natural human resource, democratically available to all that can inform and inspire our cultural and personal lives.

Bay Area Association of Kidney Patients

BAAKP has the charitable purpose to provide EDUCATION AND SUPPORT FOR BAY AREA KIDNEY PATIENTS.

Pioneer Imprints

The charitable purpose of PI is to facilitate the professional and distribution of media, which promotes the positive progress and understanding of the individual in the global society.

The WOW Labs and WOW Foundation Project

To engage and enthuse individuals, institutions and networks through an ambitious flagship project and its related mentorship, arts and entertainment programs focused on wonder, inspiration and discovery.

Appalachian Institute for Renewable Energy (AIRE)

AIRE's mission is to help ensure that the benefits of our nurturing planet will remain available to current and future generations by reducing our

Freedom Song

Freedom Song is a spiritually based organization intending to hold ceremonies and offer services in praise of love and refinement of the human spirit. Their intent is to create a greater access to the creative arts to all people of all ages.

Bay Area Track Club

The Bay Area Track Club (BATC) will provide a much-needed training infrastructure for California's elite athletes, a desirable training option for America's aspiring distance stars and will promote track and field to thousands of local runners through instructional clinics; meet appearances, peer mentoring, summer running camps, and motivational seminars.

Red Oak Center for Creative Expression and Life Skills Training

The Center strives to provide an environment where creative expression is fostered and encouraged while providing involvement of the more day to day aspects of decision making and results of those decisions. Currently developing programs for: youth-seniors-military-developmentally challenged and all of the rest of us with challenges.

Nepal Education Fund

An organization of volunteers who raise funds from donors throughout the USA and other countries in order to provide financial support for the education of young girls in Nepal as an integral aspect of preventing the sale of young girls into slavery.

Temple of Light & Sound

This project provides training, education and associated services, events and activities that are designed to inspire sustainable, equitable, ethical and peaceful ways of living on the planet.

Spirited Medicine Alliance

A combined US, Peruvian and Bolivian project that intends to sustain indigenous Shamanistic medicine that would be fully integrated with selected aspects of Western Medicine in order to provide a more holistic approach to health and wellness.

Write On!

The creative writing program that nurtures well-being through self-expression

This project currently conducts writing workshops at homeless shelters, battered women's shelters and organization's serving the disadvantaged that is focused on assisting specific individuals who are taught how to use writing as a form of self-expression that enhances self-esteem, nurtures independence.

Rogue Resiliency Fund

RVRF is an organization developed and incorporated in order to provide funding for community development projects and socially/environmentally responsible businesses. The overall purpose of the company is based upon the thesis that **"INVESTING THAT'S GOOD...**for you, us, and our neighbors.

Inspire Every Child

To provide books, educational materials and learning resources to children, especially low-income and disadvantaged children, who are in need of these resources, wherever they may exist.

A.W.E. GLOBAL Institute (Abundance, Wellness & Enlightenment)

Project to build and live in a sustainable community using a non-profit whose purpose it is to positively transform our world, lifestyles and economics by sustainably reconnecting people to community, to the earth and to spirit with goal of all people live in A.W.E.

Daily Miracles

“Believe in Daily Miracles!”

Live One. Give One. TM

"Daily Miracles enriches the experience of doing good for everyone by helping ordinary people do extraordinary things."

Green Century Institute

To foster the development of sustainable communities and an ecologically sound integration of human settlements and activities with the natural systems of the planet in the 21st Century.

VillageTech Solutions

The purpose of this corporation is to improve living conditions in developing countries, to stimulate innovation in technology and in programs which enable needy beneficiaries to acquire such technologies, to provide job training services and facilities.

Jackson WellSprings

To provide effective tools through education, research, and clinical practice that teach self-responsibility, promote healing, and preserve the environment.

Tri-CED Community Recycling A community based recycling organization located in a “state-of-the-art” urban waste processing facility in Union City, California. Tri-CED's mission is to reduce the waste stream, employ youth and needy adults and to share residual proceeds with the community. Tri-CED forms partnerships with community based organizations, schools, teachers, and faith based organizations to promote source reduction, recycling collection, composting and community education programs designed to reduce waste and raise awareness about our environment.

Chabot College/Tri-CED Community Recycling:**A Partnership of Tri-CED, The City of Union City, The City of Hayward & Chabot College**

To assist the environmental education community in designing, developing and delivering programs to address student academic achievement outcomes. Our intent is to help build environmental education capacity and quality in Southern Alameda County and to enhance and expand environmental literacy.

International Andreas Gruentzig Society

Over 300 doctors, medical professionals, researchers and medical industry professional members from around the world who are engaged in and focused on research and practical medical applications for heart related health issues and the use of angioplasty.

Collaborations In Learning

CIL has a mission to restore & operate programs and services that conduct school focused programs that are effective in reducing tension, frustration & anger among young people that is primarily related to racial and ethnic issues and concerns.

The Shieloh Foundation

The Shieloh Foundation, a non-denominational church dedicated to the Discovery of Divinity Within.

Society for the Restoration of Art

A magazine created in the early 1990s with the mission to explore artists' experiences and reflections about their own art making. What came from that is a series of deeply thoughtful interviews with a wide range of artists, and a magazine called *works & conversations*.