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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

## A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10-01-2012, 2012, and ending 09-30-2013

B Check if applicable	C Name of organization Competitive Enterprise Institute		D Employer identification number 52-1351785
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	Doing Business As		
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change			
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	E Telephone number (202) 331-1010
<input type="checkbox"/> Terminated	1899 L Street NW 12th Floor		
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Washington, DC 20036		
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending			G Gross receipts \$ 6,855,590

F Name and address of principal officer Lawson Bader 1899 L Street NW 12th Floor Washington, DC 20036	H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)
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J Website: ► www.cei.org	H(c) Group exemption number ►
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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 DC
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## Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities Public policy research/education dedicated to principles of free enterprise & limited gov't	
2 Check this box ► 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 10
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) . . . . .	4 8
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a) . . . . .	5 43
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) . . . . .	6 9
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 . . . . .	7a 109
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 . . . . .	7b 0

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) . . . . .	Prior Year 6,291,729	Current Year 6,470,211
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) . . . . .	0	0
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) . . . . .	12,388	11,290
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) . . . . .	50,715	-136,877
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .	6,354,832	6,344,624

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) . . . . .	2,531,546 3,084,661
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) . . . . .	0 370,942
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 872,186	
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) . . . . .	2,854,250 4,293,714
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) . . . . .	5,385,796 7,749,317
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12 . . . . .	969,036 -1,404,693

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) . . . . .	Beginning of Current Year 3,520,366	End of Year 2,769,236
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) . . . . .	219,592	1,089,930
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20 . . . . .	3,300,774	1,679,306

## 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 Lawson Bader President Type or print name and title	2014-05-15 Date
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Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Frank H Smith	Preparer's signature	Date 2014-05-15	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00639053
	Firm's name ► Raffa PC		Firm's EIN ► 52-1511275		
	Firm's address ► 1899 L Street NW Suite 900 Washington, DC 20036		Phone no (202) 882-5000		

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

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III **1 Briefly describe the organization's mission**

Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) is a non-profit public policy organization dedicated to the principles of free enterprise and limited government. We believe that consumers are best helped not by government regulation but by being allowed to make their own choices in a free market place

**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 \$ 2,585,975 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 45,000 )

Center for Law and Litigation CEI's Center for Law and Litigation focuses on developing new approaches to fight overregulation through litigation. In areas ranging from our successful constitutional challenge to the Sarbanes-Oxley financial regulation law, to overturning federal fuel economy standards, the Center has already established major new precedents for combating regulations that restrict consumer choice, stifle innovation, and limit competition

**4b** (Code) (Expenses \$ 911,385 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

Center for Economic Freedom CEI's Center for Economic Freedom works to ensure that voluntary economic transactions remain free from government coercion and control. The Center defends against attacks on these freedoms from bureaucrats and nanny-state busybodies, working to expand the orbit of voluntary arrangements in the economy - including banking and finance, labor and employment, insurance, the freedom to take risks as an entrepreneur or consumer, international trade and development, transportation, gaming, recreation, and many others. The Center aims for a world where the rights and benefits of free transactions are recognized, respected and protected

**4c** (Code) (Expenses \$ 866,762 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

Center for Energy, Environment and Risk CEI's Center for Energy and Environment makes the positive case for abundant energy and promotes environmental policies based on economic freedom, property rights, and limited government. The Center works to combat the belief that prosperity threatens the environment, that the answer to every environmental challenge is more regulation and that risks can be abolished by limiting human ingenuity

(Code) (Expenses \$ 2,106,225 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

Other Program Services

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

(Expenses \$ 2,106,225 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4e Total program service expenses ► 6,470,347**

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

**1** Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A

**2** Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, *Schedule of Contributors* (see instructions)?

**3** Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

**4** **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

**5** Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III

**6** Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I

**7** Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II

**8** Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III

**9** Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 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

**10** Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V

**11** If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable
 

- a** Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI
- b** Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII
- c** Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII
- d** Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX
- e** Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X
- f** Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part XI

**12a** Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII

**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

**13** Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

**14a** Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?
 

- b** Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV

**15** Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV

**16** Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV

**17** Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)

**18** Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II

**19** Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III

**20a** Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H
 

- b** If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?

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

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

**21** Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II . . . . .

**22** Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III . . . . .

**23** Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J . . . . .

**24a** Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25 . . . . .

**b** Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .

**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? . . . . .

**d** Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . . .

**25a** **Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.** Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .

**b** Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .

**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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II . . . . .

**27** Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III . . . . .

**28** Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)

**a** A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .

**b** A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .

**c** An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .

**29** Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .

**30** Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .

**31** Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I . . . . .

**32** Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II . . . . .

**33** Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I . . . . .

**34** Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1 . . . . .

**35a** Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?

**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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .

**36** **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .

**37** Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI . . . . .

**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 . . . . .

<b>21</b>		No
<b>22</b>		No
<b>23</b>	Yes	
<b>24a</b>		No
<b>24b</b>		
<b>24c</b>		
<b>24d</b>		
<b>25a</b>		No
<b>25b</b>		No
<b>26</b>		No
<b>27</b>		No
<b>28a</b>		No
<b>28b</b>		No
<b>28c</b>		No
<b>29</b>	Yes	
<b>30</b>		No
<b>31</b>		No
<b>32</b>		No
<b>33</b>		No
<b>34</b>		No
<b>35a</b>		No
<b>35b</b>		
<b>36</b>		No
<b>37</b>		No
<b>38</b>	Yes	

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

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

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable	<b>1a</b>	56	
<b>1b</b> Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable	<b>1b</b>	0	
<b>c</b> Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	<b>1c</b>	Yes	
<b>2a</b> Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	<b>2a</b>	43	
<b>b</b> If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	<b>2b</b>	Yes	
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	<b>3a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	<b>3b</b>	No	
<b>4a</b> At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	<b>4a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22 1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts	<b>5a</b>	No	
<b>5a</b> Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	<b>5b</b>	No	
<b>b</b> Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<b>5c</b>	No	
<b>c</b> If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	<b>6a</b>	No	
<b>6a</b> Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	<b>6b</b>	No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	<b>7a</b>	Yes	
<b>7</b> <b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>	<b>7b</b>	Yes	
<b>a</b> Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	<b>7c</b>	No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	<b>7d</b>	No	
<b>c</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	<b>7e</b>	No	
<b>d</b> If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	<b>7f</b>	No	
<b>e</b> Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7g</b>	No	
<b>f</b> Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7h</b>	No	
<b>g</b> If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	<b>8</b>	No	
<b>h</b> If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	<b>9a</b>	No	
<b>8</b> <b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	<b>9b</b>	No	
<b>9</b> <b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>			
<b>a</b> Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			
<b>b</b> Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			
<b>10</b> <b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter			
<b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	<b>10a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	<b>10b</b>	No	
<b>11</b> <b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter			
<b>a</b> Gross income from members or shareholders	<b>11a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	<b>11b</b>	No	
<b>12a</b> <b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	<b>12a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	<b>12b</b>	No	
<b>13</b> <b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>			
<b>a</b> Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O			
<b>b</b> Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	<b>13b</b>	No	
<b>c</b> Enter the amount of reserves on hand	<b>13c</b>	No	
<b>14a</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?			
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	<b>14b</b>	No	

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

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

### Section A. Governing Body and Management

			Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	<b>1a</b>	10		
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>b</b> Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	<b>1b</b>	8		
<b>2</b> Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	<b>2</b>	Yes		
<b>3</b> Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	<b>3</b>	No		
<b>4</b> Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	<b>4</b>	No		
<b>5</b> Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	<b>5</b>	No		
<b>6</b> Did the organization have members or stockholders?	<b>6</b>	No		
<b>7a</b> Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	<b>7a</b>	No		
<b>b</b> Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	<b>7b</b>	No		
<b>8</b> Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following	<b>8a</b>	Yes		
<b>a</b> The governing body?	<b>8b</b>	No		
<b>b</b> Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	<b>9</b>	No		
<b>9</b> Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O				

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

		Yes	No
<b>10a</b> Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	<b>10a</b>	No	
<b>b</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?	<b>10b</b>		
<b>11a</b> Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	<b>11a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990			
<b>12a</b> Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	<b>12a</b>	Yes	
<b>b</b> Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	<b>12b</b>	Yes	
<b>c</b> Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	<b>12c</b>	Yes	
<b>13</b> Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	<b>13</b>	Yes	
<b>14</b> Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	<b>14</b>	Yes	
<b>15</b> Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?	<b>15a</b>	Yes	
<b>a</b> The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	<b>15b</b>	Yes	
<b>b</b> Other officers or key employees of the organization			
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)			
<b>16a</b> Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	<b>16a</b>	No	
<b>b</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?	<b>16b</b>		

### Section C. Disclosure

<b>17</b> List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ME	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NJ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ND	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WI
<b>18</b> Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply	<input type="checkbox"/> Own website	<input type="checkbox"/> Another's website	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain in Schedule O)																														
<b>19</b> 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																																		
<b>20</b> State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Megan McLaughlin	1899 L Street NW 12th Floor	Washington, DC	(202) 331-1010																														

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII **Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid

- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."

- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

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

 Check this box if neither the organization nor any related 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	Office	Key employee	Highest compensated	Former			
(1) Fred J Smith Jr Fndr & Chair, Pres (thru 12/2012)	40 00	X		X				227,443	0	10,381
(2) Lawson Bader President (as of 1/1/2013)	40 00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) James Curley Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
(4) William Dunn Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
(5) Michael Gleba Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
(6) Michael Greve Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
(7) Tom Haynes Director, Consultant	1 00	X						0	0	0
(8) Leonard Liggio Director (thru 3/2013)	1 00	X						0	0	0
(9) Thomas Gale Moore Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
(10) Frances Smith Director, Consultant	1 00	X						23,833	0	0
(11) Jim Von Ehr Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
(12) Sam Kazman Vice President, General Counsel	40 00			X				114,742	0	9,448
(13) Megan McLaughlin Treasurer, Sen Dir Fin & Oper	40 00			X				79,659	0	4,713
(14) Amanda France Secretary, Executive Assistant	40 00			X				48,376	0	4,693
(15) Greg Conko Executive Director	40 00			X				82,883	0	4,740
(16) Wayne Crews VP for Policy	40 00				X			156,343	0	8,771
(17) Myron Ebell Director, Center for Energy & Env	40 00				X			111,014	0	2,113

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

<b>1b Sub-Total . . . . .</b>	►			
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A . . .</b>	►			
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) . . . . .</b>	►	1,051,717	0	66,276

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 ▶6

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

## **Section B. Independent Contractors**

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

(A)	Name and business address	(B)	Description of services	(C)	Compensation
	O'Melveny & Myers LLP 1625 I Street NW Washington DC 20006		Litigation services		750,000
	Morgan Meredith & Associates 22780 Indian Creek Drive 100 Dulles VA 20166		Direct mail		195,060
	Boyden Gray & Associates PLLC 1627 I Street NW Washington DC 20006		Litigation services		159,677
	FBC Enterprises LLC 6144 E Shangri La Road Scottsdale AZ 85254		Consulting services		112,497

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 **4**

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

Check 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
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . . . .	<b>1a</b>			
	<b>b</b> Membership dues . . . . .	<b>1b</b>			
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events . . . . .	<b>1c</b>	1,058,778		
	<b>d</b> Related organizations . . . . .	<b>1d</b>			
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>			
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	5,411,433		
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$		146,315		
	<b>h</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .			6,470,211	
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b>	Business Code			
	<b>b</b>				
	<b>c</b>				
	<b>d</b>				
	<b>e</b>				
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue				
	<b>g</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .				
<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .		10,824			10,824
<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . .					
<b>6a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
<b>b</b> Less rental expenses					
<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)					
<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .					
<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
<b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	200,615				
<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)	200,149				
<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . .	466				466
<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 1,058,778 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .					
<b>a</b>	98,750				
<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b> 310,817				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .		-212,067			-212,067
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	<b>a</b>				
<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b>				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .					
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>a</b>				
<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>b</b>				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .					
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	Business Code				
<b>11a</b> EPA litigation income	900099	45,000	45,000		
<b>b</b> Reimbursements	900099	19,483			19,483
<b>c</b> Miscellaneous	900099	7,285			7,285
<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .		3,422		109	3,313
<b>e</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .		75,190			
<b>12</b> <b>Total revenue.</b> See Instructions . . . . .		6,344,624	45,000	109	-170,696

**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				
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	795,950	693,851	102,099	
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	1,904,917	1,471,418	91,075	342,424
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	190,178	146,037	11,239	32,902
10 Payroll taxes	193,616	153,310	13,900	26,406
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	2,306,563	2,306,563		
c Accounting	44,672		35,604	9,068
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17	370,942			370,942
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	470,062	469,938	124	
12 Advertising and promotion	14,193	12,799	4	1,390
13 Office expenses	203,194	160,009	29,578	13,607
14 Information technology	80,394	77,672	985	1,737
15 Royalties	102	102		
16 Occupancy	441,077	398,456	42,621	
17 Travel	140,719	138,694	2,025	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	167,325	81,628	43,232	42,465
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	36,297	4,228	31,144	925
23 Insurance	26,530	20,271	1,875	4,384
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 Direct mail	264,026	264,026		
b Books & subscriptions	84,614	67,124	1,189	16,301
c Miscellaneous	13,946	4,221	90	9,635
d				
e All other expenses				
<b>25 Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	7,749,317	6,470,347	406,784	872,186
<b>26 Joint costs.</b> 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)	396,282	267,223	0	129,059

**Part X Balance Sheet**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part X 

		<b>(A)</b> Beginning of year	<b>(B)</b> End of year	
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	2,189,488	<b>1</b>	973,896
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	531,485	<b>2</b>	430,961
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		<b>3</b>	597,860
	4 Accounts receivable, net		<b>4</b>	
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L			<b>5</b>
	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		<b>6</b>	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		<b>7</b>	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		<b>8</b>	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	92,238	<b>9</b>	127,318
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	321,969		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	221,916	<b>10b</b>	113,154
			<b>10c</b>	100,053
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		<b>11</b>	536,117
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11		<b>12</b>	
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		<b>13</b>	
	14 Intangible assets		<b>14</b>	
15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	0	<b>15</b>	3,031	
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	3,520,366	<b>16</b>	2,769,236	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	219,592	<b>17</b>	868,497
	18 Grants payable		<b>18</b>	
	19 Deferred revenue		<b>19</b>	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		<b>20</b>	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		<b>21</b>	
	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		<b>22</b>	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		<b>23</b>	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		<b>24</b>	
	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	<b>25</b>	221,433
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	219,592	<b>26</b>	1,089,930
Net Assets or Fund Balances	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	2,260,110	<b>27</b>	1,248,619
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	1,040,664	<b>28</b>	430,687
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		<b>29</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		<b>30</b>	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		<b>31</b>	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		<b>32</b>	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	3,300,774	<b>33</b>	1,679,306
	<b>34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	3,520,366	<b>34</b>	2,769,236

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	6,344,624
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	7,749,317
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-1,404,693
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	3,300,774
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-908
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	-215,867
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	1,679,306

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

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2a	No
2b 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2b	Yes
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	2c	Yes
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	3a	No
	3b	

**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990EZ)**Public Charity Status and Public Support****2012****Open to Public  
Inspection**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

**Name of the organization**  
Competitive Enterprise Institute**Employer identification number**

52-1351785

**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

e  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?

(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)

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

<b>(i) Name of supported organization</b>	<b>(ii) EIN</b>	<b>(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1 - 9 above or IRC section (see instructions))</b>	<b>(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?</b>	<b>(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?</b>	<b>(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?</b>	<b>(vii) Amount of monetary support</b>
<b>Total</b>						

**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")	4,384,114	4,179,906	5,224,185	6,291,729	6,470,211	26,550,145
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 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	4,384,114	4,179,906	5,224,185	6,291,729	6,470,211	26,550,145
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)						3,181,208
6 <b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						23,368,937

**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	4,384,114	4,179,906	5,224,185	6,291,729	6,470,211	26,550,145
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	42,141	19,330	19,710	21,841	10,824	113,846
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on					109	109
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)	24,247	14,669	38,029	19,624	52,543	149,112
11 <b>Total support</b> (Add lines 7 through 10)						26,813,212
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	100,704
13 <b>First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . . . . .						

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

14 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	87 150 %
15 Public support percentage for 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	86 000 %
16a <b>33 1/3% support test—2012.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		►✓
b <b>33 1/3% support test—2011.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		►□
17a <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2012.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		►□
b <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2011.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		►□
18 <b>Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		►□

**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")						
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						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6 )						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV )						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 )						
<b>14 First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b>						

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

15 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15
16 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16

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

17 Investment income percentage for 2012 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17
18 Investment income percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18
19a <b>33 1/3% support tests—2012.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	
<b>b</b> <b>33 1/3% support tests—2011.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	
20 <b>Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions	

**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).

**Facts And Circumstances Test**

**Explanation**

Schedule A, Part II, Line 10, Explanation of Other Income Miscellaneous income - 2008 Amount \$ 24,247 2009 Amount \$ 14,669  
2010 Amount \$ 38,029 2011 Amount \$ 19,624 2012 Amount \$ 7,285 Publications - 2012 Amount \$ 258 EPA litigation income -  
2012 Amount \$ 45,000

**SCHEDULE C**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities****2012****Open to Public  
Inspection****For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527**

► Complete if the organization is described below. ► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

► See separate instructions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of the organization Competitive Enterprise Institute	Employer identification number 52-1351785
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**Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.**

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV
- 2 Political expenditures ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Volunteer hours \_\_\_\_\_

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

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?  Yes  No
- 4a Was a correction made?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV

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

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?  Yes  No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-

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

**A** Check  if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)

**B** Check  if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b> (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		<b>(a) Filing organization's totals</b>	<b>(b) Affiliated group totals</b>
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)		1,138	
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		19,195	
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		20,333	
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures		7,713,374	
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		7,733,707	
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns		536,685	
<b>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</b>	<b>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</b>		
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e		
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000		
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000		
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000		
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		134,171	
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-		0	
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-		0	
<b>j</b> If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)**

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

<b>Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period</b>					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	<b>(a) 2009</b>	<b>(b) 2010</b>	<b>(c) 2011</b>	<b>(d) 2012</b>	<b>(e) Total</b>
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount	347,053	393,195	441,790	536,685	1,718,723
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					2,578,085
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures	18,643	5,400	16,144	20,333	60,520
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount	86,763	98,299	110,448	134,171	429,681
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					644,522
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures	7,202	113	970	1,138	9,423

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part IV Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, line 2, and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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**SCHEDULE D**  
(Form 990)**Supplemental Financial Statements****2012****Open to Public  
Inspection**

► 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.

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Name of the organization**  
Competitive Enterprise Institute

**Employer identification number**  
52-1351785

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?  Yes  No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?  Yes  No

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

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

Protection of natural habitat  Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

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

	<b>Held at the End of the Year</b>
2a	
2b	
2c	
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 XIII, 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 XIII, 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)

<b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Public exhibition	<b>d</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Loan or exchange programs
<b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarly research	<b>e</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation for future generations	

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

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 XIII and complete the following table

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

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

**b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance . . . . .					
<b>b</b> Contributions . . . . .					
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses . . . . .					
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships . . . . .					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses . . . . .					
<b>g</b> End of year balance . . . . .					

**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

**c** Temporarily restricted endowment

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

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

**(i)** unrelated organizations . . . . .

**(ii)** related organizations . . . . .

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

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>3a(i)</b>	
<b>3a(ii)</b>	
<b>3b</b>	

**4** Describe in Part XIII 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
<b>1a</b> Land . . . . .					
<b>b</b> Buildings . . . . .					
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements . . . . .		111,869	50,409	61,460	
<b>d</b> Equipment . . . . .		185,912	150,617	35,295	
<b>e</b> Other . . . . .		24,188	20,890	3,298	
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)					100,053

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

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

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

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13.) ►		

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.) . . . . . ►	

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

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
1 Federal income taxes	
Deferred rent	221,433
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25.) ►	221,433

2. Fin 48 (ASC 740) Footnote In Part XIII, 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). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	6,751,283
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	-908
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	96,750
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII )	2d	310,817
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	406,659
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	6,344,624
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 XIII )	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12 )	5	6,344,624

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	8,156,884
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	96,750
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII )	2d	310,817
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	407,567
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	7,749,317
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 XIII )	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18 )	5	7,749,317

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

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Description of Uncertain Tax Positions Under FIN 48	Part X, Line 2	CEI performed an evaluation of uncertain tax positions for the year ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and determined that there were no matters that would require recognition in the financial statements or that may have any effect on its tax-exempt status
Part XI, Line 2d - Other Adjustments		Special event expenses 310,817
Part XII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments		Special event expenses 310,817

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(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Supplemental Information Regarding  
Fundraising or Gaming ActivitiesComplete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered  
more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

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

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52-1351785**Part I Fundraising Activities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.

**1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply

<b>a</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations	<b>e</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants
<b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations	<b>f</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants
<b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations	<b>g</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events
<b>d</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations	

**2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
Morgan Meredith and Associates 22780 Indian Creed Dr 1100  Dulles, VA 20166	Fundraising consulting		No	0	288,223	-288,223
ClearWord Communications Group 12841 Braemar Village Plaza 51  Bristow, VA 20136	Fundraising consulting		No	0	52,758	-52,758
Direct Mail Processors Inc 1150 Conrad Court  Hagerstown, MD 21740	Fundraising consulting		No	0	15,087	-15,087
Precision List Co 5653 Columbia Pike  Falls Church, VA 22041	Fundraising consulting		No	0	10,450	-10,450
<b>Total . . . . .</b>				366,518		-366,518

**3** List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit funds or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

AL, AK, AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI

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

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
		Annual Dinner (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
Revenue	1 Gross receipts . . .	1,157,528			1,157,528
	2 Less Contributions . . .	1,058,778			1,058,778
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . .	98,750			98,750
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes . . .	1,000			1,000
	5 Noncash prizes . . .				
	6 Rent/facility costs . . .				
	7 Food and beverages . . .	140,743			140,743
	8 Entertainment . . .				
	9 Other direct expenses . . .	169,074			169,074
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . . .				(310,817) ►
	11 Net income summary Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10 . . . . .				-212,067 ►

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

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

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

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? . . . . .  Yes  No

b If "No," explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

b If "Yes," explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?  Yes  No

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

**13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in

13a	
13b	

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

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

Name ► \_\_\_\_\_

Address ► \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Name ► \_\_\_\_\_

Address ► \_\_\_\_\_

**16** Gaming manager information

Name ► \_\_\_\_\_

Gaming manager compensation ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Description of services provided ► \_\_\_\_\_

Director/officer

Employee

Independent contractor

**17** Mandatory distributions

- a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?  Yes  No
- b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Schedule J**  
(Form 990)**Compensation Information**

OMB No 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

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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 in 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, but 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 checked="" 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?

**Yes****No**

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

**4a****No**

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

**4b****No**

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

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

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

**4c****No**

**a** The organization?

**5a****No**

**b** Any related organization?

**5b****No**

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

**5a****No**

**a** The organization?

**6a****No**

**b** Any related organization?

**6b****No**

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

**6a****No**

**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

**7****No**

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

**8****No****9**

**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 and Title	(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				
(1) Fred J Smith Jr Fndr & Chair, Pres (thru 12/2012)	(i) 227,443 (ii) 0	(i) 0 (ii) 0	(i) 0 (ii) 0	(i) 0 (ii) 0	(i) 10,381 (ii) 0	(i) 237,824 (ii) 0	(i) 0 (ii) 0
(2) Wayne Crews VP for Policy	(i) 156,343 (ii) 0	(i) 0 (ii) 0	(i) 0 (ii) 0	(i) 0 (ii) 0	(i) 8,771 (ii) 0	(i) 165,114 (ii) 0	(i) 0 (ii) 0

**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

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SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)

## Noncash Contributions

OMB No 1545-0047

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InspectionDepartment of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service►Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form  
990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.  
►Attach to Form 990.Name of the organization  
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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 . . . . .	X	9	141,258	FMV
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 . . . . .	X	1	247	FMV
20 Drugs and medical supplies . . . . .				
21 Taxidermy . . . . .				
22 Historical artifacts . . . . .				
23 Scientific specimens . . . . .				
24 Archeological artifacts . . . . .				
25 Other ► ( Cigars ) . . . . .	X	1	4,560	
26 Other ► ( Miscellaneous ) . . . . .	X	1	250	
27 Other ► ( _____ ) . . . . .				
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	

	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? . . . . .	30a	No
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?	31	No
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions? . . . . .	32a	No
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.

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**Schedule M (Form 990) (2012)**

**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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

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	Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 2	Fred J Smith, Jr , Founder and Chairman, has a family relationship with Frances Smith, Director
	Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 8b	There are currently no committees with authority to act on behalf of the Board
	Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11	The draft Form 990 is reviewed by the Executive Director and Senior Director of Finance and Operations. After this review and any changes needed are made by the preparer, the draft Form 990 is filed with the Internal Revenue Service
	Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	Employees consult with their direct supervisor over any areas that could be conflicts of interest. If the Director believes the issue needs to be addressed at a higher level the Director can then move the discussion up the chain of command within CEI
	Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15	The President's compensation is determined by the Board of Directors based on comparability data. Compensation of officers and key employees is handled by the President and group of independent senior staff. The compensation is evaluated based on performance and predetermined pay bands. These bands were determined by CEI based on comparability data with other similar organizations in the Washington, DC area
	Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	CEI does not make its governing documents, conflict of interest policy or financial statements available to the public