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Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2013

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.Open to Public
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A For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning JUN 1, 2013 and ending MAY 31, 2014	
B Check if applicable: ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☒ Initial return ☐ Terminated ☐ Amended return ☒ Application pending	C Name of organization PROJECT FIRST RATE Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 111 S MADISON ST City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code ROCKFORD, IL 61104
D Employer identification number 80-0906394	E Telephone number (815) 226-1764
F Group Exemption Number ▶	H Check ☒ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).
G Accounting Method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ▶	
I Website: ▶ WWW.PROJECTFIRSTRATE.COM	
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (6) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527	
K Form of organization: ☐ Corporation ☐ Trust ☒ Association ☐ Other	
L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 92,248.	

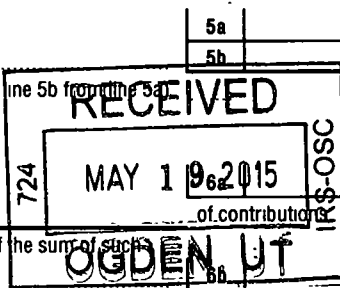
Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	92,248.
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events		
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)		
b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)			
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	92,248.	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) SEE SCHEDULE O	10	2,500.
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	11,000.
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	1,000.
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) SEE SCHEDULE O	16	20,665.
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	35,165.
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	57,083.
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	0.
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	0.
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	57,083.

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Sch. O to respond to any question in this Part V ☒

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33	X
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	34	X
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a	X
b If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b	N/A
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	35c	X
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a 0.	37a	
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	X
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a	X
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	N/A
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	N/A
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	N/A
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ N/A ; section 4912 ▶ N/A ; section 4955 ▶ N/A		
b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	N/A
c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ N/A		
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ N/A		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ NONE		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ DEBRA SULLIVAN Telephone no. ▶ (815) 226-1764 Located at ▶ 111 S MADISON ST, ROCKFORD, IL ZIP + 4 ▶ 61104		
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)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.	42b	X
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶	42c	X
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ▶ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 N/A	43	N/A
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	X
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	X
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	X
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	X
45b 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," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b	

- 46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office?
If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Sch. C, Part II
- 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E
- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?
- b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

	Yes	No
47		
48		
49a		
49b		

- 50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
N/A				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

- 51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None" N/A

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

- 52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt

charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A

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

DEBRA L. SULLIVAN

Type or print name and title

Date

3/31/15

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
RONALD BASTIAN	RONALD BASTIAN	3/31/15		P00748397
Firm's name ▶ LEGACY PROFESSIONALS LLP			Firm's EIN ▶ 32-0043599	
Firm's address ▶ 311 S. WACKER DRIVE, STE. 4000 CHICAGO, IL 60606			Phone no. 312-368-0500	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

☒ Yes ☐ No

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization

PROJECT FIRST RATE

Employer identification number
80-0906394

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10, GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS:

ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION:

GRANTEE NAME: ALL DONATIONS < \$5,000 EACH

AMOUNT GIVEN: 2,500.

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16, OTHER EXPENSES:

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER EXPENSES: AMOUNT:

MEETING EXPENSE 380.

GRAPHIC DESIGN 2,218.

OFFICE EXPENSES 359.

INDUSTRY PROMOTION 17,708.

TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16 20,665.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE - TO PROMOTE THE
DEVELOPMENT, ESTABLISHMENT, OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

TO PROMOTE IN THE COMMUNITY, THE HIGH-QUALITY WORK

PERFORMED BY ITS MEMBERS UNIONS AND CONTRACTORS. TO

PROMOTE THE TRADES AS A VIABLE CAREER OPTION TO BOTH

STUDENTS AND THOSE WHO NO LONGER ATTEND FORMAL SCHOOLING. TO WORK WITH

NONPROFIT AND PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS TO DISCOVER WAYS FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP

TO BECOME INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES OR TO DONATE LABOR/MATERIALS

TO PEOPLE OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN NEED.

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(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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FORM 990-EZ, PART V, INFORMATION REGARDING PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS:

THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY,
OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.

THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY,
OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.

• If you are filing for an Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II and check this box ☒ **X**

Note. Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

• If you are filing for an Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I (on page 1).

Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time. Only file the original (no copies needed).

Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions.	Employer identification number (EIN) or
	PROJECT FIRST RATE	80-0906394
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions.	Social security number (SSN)
	111 S MADISON ST	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions.	
	ROCKFORD, IL 61104	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) **01**

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01		
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720 (other than individual)	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

DEBRA SULLIVAN

• The books are in the care of **111 S MADISON ST - ROCKFORD, IL 61104**

Telephone No. **(815) 226-1764**

Fax No.

• If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ☐

• If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) . If this is for the whole group, check this box ☐. If it is for part of the group, check this box ☐ and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until **APRIL 15, 2015**

5 For calendar year , or other tax year beginning **JUN 1, 2013**, and ending **MAY 31, 2014**

6 If the tax year entered in line 5 is for less than 12 months, check reason: ☒ Initial return ☐ Final return

☐ Change in accounting period

7 State in detail why you need the extension

WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE AS WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED SUFFICIENT THIRD PARTY DOCUMENTATION CONFIRMING PLAN TRANSACTIONS.

8a If this application is for Forms 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	8a	\$	0.
b If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868.	8b	\$	0.
c Balance due. Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	8c	\$	0.

Signature and Verification must be completed for Part II only.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature **Debra Sullivan**

Title **CPA**

Date **4/14/15**

Form 8868 (Rev. 1-2014)

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

OMB No. 1545-1709

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

- **File a separate application for each return.**
► Information about Form 8868 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form8868.

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I and check this box ☒ **X**
• If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form).

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

Electronic filing (e-file). You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*.

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete

Part I only ☐

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Enter filer's identifying number

Type or print	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions. PROJECT FIRST RATE	Employer identification number (EIN) or 80-0906394
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 111 S MADISON ST	Social security number (SSN)
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. ROCKFORD, IL 61104	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return)

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Telephone No. ► **(815) 226-1764**

Fax No. ►

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• If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) . If this is for the whole group, check this box ☐. If it is for part of the group, check this box ☐ and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

- 1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until **JANUARY 15, 2015**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
► ☐ calendar year or
► ☒ tax year beginning **JUN 1, 2013**, and ending **MAY 31, 2014**.

- 2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason: ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return
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3a If this application is for Forms 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$	0.
b If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$	0.
c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$	0.

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.