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Form 990

## Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2014

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

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## A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2014, and ending 12-31-2014

B Check if applicable	C Name of organization NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION		D Employer identification number 36-6109063
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address change			
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	Doing business as		
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return			
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 5290 NIMTZ ROAD	Room/suite	
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return			
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code LOVES PARK, IL 611113932		G Gross receipts \$ 207,523

I Tax-exempt status  501(c)(3)  501(c) ( 6 ) (insert no)  4947(a)(1) or  527

J Website: ► N/A

K Form of organization  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other ► L Year of formation 1967 M State of legal domicile IL

## Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities PROMOTE HIGH STANDARDS OF CONDUCT BY UNITING ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS IN N ILLINOIS		
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	5
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) . . . . .	4	5
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2014 (Part V, line 2a) . . . . .	5	0
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) . . . . .	6	0
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 . . . . .	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 . . . . .	7b	0

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) . . . . .	Prior Year	Current Year
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) . . . . .	0	0
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) . . . . .	8,625	105,523
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0	0
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .	60,000	102,000
	68,625	207,523

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) . . . . .	10,000	13,500
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) . . . . .	46,000	94,000
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) . . . . .	0	0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ►0		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) . . . . .	11,534	18,068
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) . . . . .	67,534	125,568
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12 . . . . .	1,091	81,955

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) . . . . .	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) . . . . .	6,031	92,986
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20 . . . . .	0	5,000
	6,031	87,986

## 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	*****	2015-03-04
	Signature of officer	Date
	GLEN L TURPOFF TREASURER	
	Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name BRIANNE CANOVA	Preparer's signature BRIANNE CANOVA	Date 2015-03-04	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P01290188
	Firm's name ► WIPFLI LLP			Firm's EIN ► 39-0758449	
	Firm's address ► PO BOX 5407 ROCKFORD, IL 611250407			Phone no (815) 399-7700	

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

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Form 990 (2014)

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

PROMOTE HIGH STANDARDS OF CONDUCT BY UNITING ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS  
 PROMOTE CONTRACTOR RELATIONS WITH PRIVATE OWNERS AND PUBLIC BODIES AND ENCOURAGES EFFICIENCY AND SOUND  
 BUSINESS METHODS FOR ITS MEMBERS WHO ARE HEAVY/HIGHWAY CONTRACTORS

**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 \$ 13,500 including grants of \$ 13,500 ) (Revenue \$ )  
 UNITE ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS TO PROMOTE HIGH STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

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

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

**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )  
 (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4e Total program service expenses** ► 13,500

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>1</b> Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A		No
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?		No
<b>3</b> 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	Yes	
<b>4</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> 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		
<b>5</b> 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	Yes	
<b>6</b> 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		No
<b>7</b> 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		No
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		No
<b>9</b> 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		No
<b>10</b> 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		No
<b>11</b> 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		
<b>a</b> Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.		No
<b>b</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		No
<b>c</b> 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		No
<b>d</b> 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		No
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		
<b>f</b> Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		No
<b>12a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII		No
<b>b</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		
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(II)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		No
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
<b>b</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		
<b>15</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		No
<b>16</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		No
<b>17</b> 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)		No
<b>18</b> 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		No
<b>19</b> 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		No
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		No
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

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

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	Yes	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	Yes	
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 25a	24a		No
24b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
24c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
24d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	<b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a		
25b	b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b		
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27		No
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)	28a		No
28a	a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b		No
28b	b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c		No
28c	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		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	31		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	32		No
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		No
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	Yes	
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		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35b		
35b	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		
36	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	37		No
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	Yes	
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O			

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line 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>	4	
<b>b</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>	0	
<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>		
<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" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O . . .	<b>3b</b>		
<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 FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)	<b>4b</b>		
<b>5a</b> Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . .	<b>5a</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>5b</b>	No	
<b>c</b> If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? . . .	<b>5c</b>		
<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>6a</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>6b</b>		
<b>7</b> <b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>	<b>7a</b>		
<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>7b</b>		
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? . . .	<b>7c</b>		
<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>7d</b>		
<b>d</b> If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	<b>7e</b>		
<b>e</b> Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? . . .	<b>7f</b>		
<b>f</b> Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . .	<b>7g</b>		
<b>g</b> If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? . . .	<b>7h</b>		
<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>8</b>		
<b>8</b> <b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b> Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year? . . .	<b>9a</b>		
<b>b</b> Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? . . .	<b>9b</b>		
<b>10</b> <b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter	<b>10a</b>		
<b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 . . .	<b>10b</b>		
<b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities			
<b>11</b> <b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter	<b>11a</b>		
<b>a</b> Gross income from members or shareholders . . .	<b>11b</b>		
<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>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>		
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	<b>12b</b>		
<b>13</b> <b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>	<b>13a</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>13b</b>		
<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>13c</b>		
<b>14a</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? . . .	<b>14a</b>	No	
<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>		

**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 or note to any line 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>	5	
	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>	5	
<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>		No
<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>	Yes	
<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>	Yes	
<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>	Yes	
<b>b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	<b>9</b>	Yes	
<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>	Yes
<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
<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, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records <b>NORTHWESTERN ILL CONTRACTORS ASSOC</b>

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line 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	Officer	Key Employee	Highest Employee	Former			
(1) NATHAN HOWARD PRESIDENT	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) JOEL SJOSTROM DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(3) BRIAN CAMPOS DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(4) BRUCE HELM DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(5) BOB KENNEDY DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(6) GLEN L TURPOFF SECRETARY/TREASURER	6 00			X				94,000	186,398	0

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

<b>(A)</b> Name and Title	<b>(B)</b> Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	<b>(C)</b> Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					<b>(D)</b> Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	<b>(E)</b> Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	<b>(F)</b> Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee Or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			

<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> . . . . .	►	94,000	186,398	0

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ►0

		Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual . . . . .	3		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual . . . . .	4	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person . . . . .	5		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

<b>(A)</b> Name and business address	<b>(B)</b> Description of services	<b>(C)</b> Compensation
<b>2</b> Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ►0		

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII 

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
<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>			
	<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>			
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$				
	<b>h</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .				
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b> MEMBERSHIP DUES AND AS	Business Code 230000	105,523	105,523	
	<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 . . . . .		105,523		
	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .				
<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					
<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)					
<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . .					
<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .	a				
<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . .	b				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .					
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	a				
<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . .	b				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .					
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	a				
<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold . . . . .	b				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .					
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	Business Code				
<b>11a</b> ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	230000	102,000	102,000		
<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b>					
<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .					
<b>e</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .		102,000			
<b>12</b> <b>Total revenue.</b> See Instructions . . . . .		207,523	207,523	0	0

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns All other organizations must complete column (A)

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX 

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>	<b>(A) Total expenses</b>	<b>(B) Program service expenses</b>	<b>(C) Management and general expenses</b>	<b>(D) Fundraising expenses</b>
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21 . . . . .	13,500	13,500		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .				
4 Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	94,000		94,000	
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 . . . . .				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .				
9 Other employee benefits . . . . .				
10 Payroll taxes . . . . .				
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management . . . . .	6,000		6,000	
b Legal . . . . .				
c Accounting . . . . .	5,600		5,600	
d Lobbying . . . . .				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
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) . . . . .	6,000		6,000	
12 Advertising and promotion . . . . .				
13 Office expenses . . . . .	354		354	
14 Information technology . . . . .				
15 Royalties . . . . .				
16 Occupancy . . . . .				
17 Travel . . . . .				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .				
20 Interest . . . . .				
21 Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .				
23 Insurance . . . . .				
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 MISCELLANEOUS	114		114	
b				
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	125,568	13,500	112,068	0
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

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

		<b>(A)</b> Beginning of year	<b>(B)</b> End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash-non-interest-bearing . . . . .	5,838	<b>1</b> 79,088
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	2	
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	3	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	193	<b>4</b> 13,898
	<b>5</b> 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>
	<b>6</b> 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>
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>8</b>
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .		<b>9</b>
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	<b>10a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Less accumulated depreciation . . . . .	<b>10b</b>	<b>10c</b>
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .		<b>11</b>
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>12</b>
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>13</b>
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>
	<b>15</b> Other assets See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>15</b>
	<b>16</b> <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	6,031	<b>16</b> 92,986
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	0	<b>17</b> 5,000
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .		<b>19</b>
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .		<b>21</b>
	<b>22</b> 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>
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>23</b>
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>24</b>
	<b>25</b> 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 . . . . .		<b>25</b>
	<b>26</b> <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	0	<b>26</b> 5,000
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>		
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	6,031	<b>27</b> 87,986
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .		<b>28</b>
	<b>29</b> 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>		
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>30</b>
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>31</b>
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .		<b>32</b>
	<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .	6,031	<b>33</b> 87,986
	<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .	6,031	<b>34</b> 92,986

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	207,523
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	125,568
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	81,955
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	6,031
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
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	87,986

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2a Yes	
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 type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2b No	
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 C**

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

## Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

## 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

► **Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

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## Open to Public Inspection

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) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

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

**Name of the organization**

**NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION**  
NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

**Employer identification number**

36-6109063

**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 **\$ 7,500**

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

**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)			
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)			
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)			
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures			
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)			
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns			
<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)			
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-			
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -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 separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)**

<b>Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period</b>					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	<b>(a) 2011</b>	<b>(b) 2012</b>	<b>(c) 2013</b>	<b>(d) 2014</b>	<b>(e) Total</b>
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount					
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures					
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount					
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

**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).**

1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	
	1	No
	2	No
3	3	Yes

**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	<b>1</b>	105,523
<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).		
<b>a</b> Current year	<b>2a</b>	7,500
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year	<b>2b</b>	687
<b>c</b> Total	<b>2c</b>	8,187
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	<b>3</b>	73,866
<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?	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	<b>5</b>	-65,679

**Part IV Supplemental Information**

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, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I-A, LINE 1	PROVIDE SUPPORT TO STATE & LOCAL CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE WHO DEMONSTRATE THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT ROAD CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS PROVIDE SUPPORT TO STATE & LOCAL REFERENDUMS THAT IMPROVE THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS

**Part IV**    **Supplemental Information (continued)**

**Schedule C (Form 990 or 990EZ) 2014**

**Schedule I  
(Form 990)**

OMB No 1545-0047

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

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

► Attach to Form 990.

► Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**2014**Open to Public  
InspectionDepartment of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number

36-6109063

**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

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

2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES 403 ELM STREET ROCKFORD, IL 61101		501(C)3	5,000	0			CHARITABLE
(2) BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF ROCKFORD 1040 NORTH 2ND STREET ROCKFORD, IL 61107		501(C)3	1,000	0			CHARITABLE
(3) CITIZENS FOR JAMES SWEENEY 6200 JOLIET ROAD COUNTRYSIDE, IL 60525			2,500	0			POLITICAL
(4) CITIZENS FOR SCOTT CHRISTIANSEN PO BOX 4033 ROCKFORD, IL 61110			2,500	0			POLITICAL
(5) CITIZENS FOR SALES TAX REFERENDUM (LP) 6451 OAK CREST LANE LOVES PARK, IL 61111			2,500	0			POLITICAL

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

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table . . . . . ► 3

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

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

**Part IV Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2	RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED FOR EACH DONATION MADE BY THE ASSOCIATION

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

OMB No 1545-0047

**2014****Open to Public  
Inspection**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue ServiceFor certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest  
Compensated Employees

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

► Attach to Form 990.

► Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

Name of the organization

NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number

36-6109063

**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 directors, trustees, officers, including 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee

**4** During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization**a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?**b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?**c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

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), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.****5** For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of**a** The organization?**b** Any related organization?

If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III

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

If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III

**7** For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III**8** Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III**9** If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
<b>1b</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>4a</b>		No
<b>4b</b>		No
<b>4c</b>		No
<b>5a</b>		
<b>5b</b>		
<b>6a</b>		
<b>6b</b>		
<b>7</b>		
<b>8</b>		
<b>9</b>		

**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 in column(B) reported as deferred in prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 GLEN L TURPOFF, SECRETARY/TREASURER	(i) 0 ..... 186,398	(ii) 94,000 ..... 0	(iii) 0 ..... 0	(C) 0 ..... 0	(D) 0 ..... 0	(E) 94,000 ..... 186,398	(F) 0 ..... 0

**Part III Supplemental Information**

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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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](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**2014****Open to Public  
Inspection**

Name of the organization

NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

**Employer identification number**

36-6109063

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE ASSOCIATION HAS A GROUP OF BOARD MEMBERS
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTE EVERY YEAR ON THE BOARD MEMBERS AND THE POSITIONS HELD BY THE MEMBERS. THE BOARD WILL VOTE ON ANY INDIVIDUAL THAT WISHES TO BECOME A BOARD MEMBER
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL USE THE REVIEWED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THEIR COLLECTIVE KNOWLEDGE OF INCOME TAX PREPARATION TO REVIEW THE FORM 990. THE BOARD WILL ALSO INQUIRE OF THE ACCOUNTANT ABOUT ANY QUESTIONS THAT THEY MAY HAVE ABOUT THE PREPARATION OF THE FORM 990
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXAMINE THE POLICY DURING A BOARD MEETING ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND REQUIRE THAT EVERYONE DISCLOSE ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS USES AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR THE KEY EMPLOYEE. THE BOARD DETERMINES THE AMOUNT OF ANNUAL COMPENSATION AND OTHER TERMS OF THE CONTRACT
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. THE ORGANIZATION HAS SPACE AVAILABLE WHERE ANYONE CAN COME IN AND VIEW THE DOCUMENTS OR THEY CAN HAVE COPIES MADE AND SENT TO THEM
FORM 990, PART VII	NATHAN HOWARD - 1401 NORTH SECOND STREET, ROCKFORD, IL 61107 JOEL SJOSTROM - P O BOX 576 6, ROCKFORD, IL 61125 BRIAN CAMPOS - 1201 - 12TH STREET, ROCKFORD, IL 61104 BRUCE HELM - P O BOX 750, FREEPORT, IL 61032 BOB KENNEDY - P O BOX 1779, LOVES PARK, IL 61111
FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (COMMITTEE) HAVE NOT CHANGED ITS OVERSIGHT PROCESS OR SELECTION PROCESS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS
SECTION 1 263(A)-1(F) DE MINIMIS SAFE HARBOR ELECTION	NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION IS MAKING THE DE MINIMIS SAFE HARBOR ELECTION UNDER REG SEC 1 263(A)-1(F)

SCHEDULE R  
(Form 990)

## Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

OMB No 1545-0047

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► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.  
 ► Attach to Form 990.  
 ► Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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InspectionDepartment of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue ServiceName of the organization  
NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATIONEmployer identification number  
36-6109063**Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

**Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) NORTHERN ILLINOIS BUILDING CONTRACTORS CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ADVANCEMENT FD 1111 S ALPINE RD STE 202  ROCKFORD, IL 611083947 36-2652475	PROMOTE & ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS	IL	501(C)(6)		N/A		No
(2) NORTHERN ILLINOIS BUILDING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION INC 1111 S ALPINE RD STE 202  ROCKFORD, IL 611083947 36-2082502	PROMOTE HIGH STANDARDS OF CONDUCT BY UNITING BUILDING CONTRACTORS IN NO IL	IL	501(C)(6)		N/A		No

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?	(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
									Yes	No	

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end- of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512 (b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

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

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

- a** Receipt of **(i)** interest, **(ii)** annuities, **(iii)** royalties, or **(iv)** rent from a controlled entity
- b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)
- c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)
- d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)
- e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)
- f** Dividends from related organization(s)
- g** Sale of assets to related organization(s)
- h** Purchase of assets from related organization(s)
- i** Exchange of assets with related organization(s)
- j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)
- k** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)
- l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)
- m** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)
- n** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)
- o** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)
- p** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses
- q** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses
- r** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)
- s** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b>		No
<b>1b</b>		No
<b>1c</b>		No
<b>1d</b>		No
<b>1e</b>		No
<b>1f</b>		No
<b>1g</b>		No
<b>1h</b>		No
<b>1i</b>		No
<b>1j</b>		No
<b>1k</b>		No
<b>1l</b>	Yes	
<b>1m</b>	Yes	
<b>1n</b>	Yes	
<b>1o</b>		No
<b>1p</b>		No
<b>1q</b>	Yes	
<b>1r</b>		No
<b>1s</b>		No

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

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) NORTHERN ILLINOIS BUILDING CONTRACTORS CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ADVANCEMENT FD	L	102,000	AGREEMENT - ANALYSIS OF COSTS
(2) NORTHERN ILLINOIS BUILDING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION INC	M	6,000	AGREEMENT - ANALYSIS OF COSTS

**Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?	(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No			

**Part VII Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

Return Reference	Explanation
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