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Form 990-EZ

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No 1545-1150

2014

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10-01-2014, and ending 09-30-2015

B Check if applicable

- Address change
Name change
Initial return
Final return/terminated
Amended return
Application pending

C Name of organization: Wyoming Economic Development Assn
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address): 1401 Airport Parkway No 300
Room/suite
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: Cheyenne, WY 820011543

D Employer identification number

83-0297842

E Telephone number

(307) 772-9002

F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting Method: [X] Cash [ ] Accrual Other (specify)

H Check [X] if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

I Website: Wyomingeda.org

J Tax-exempt status (check only one): [ ] 501(c)(3) [X] 501(c)(6) (insert no) [ ] 4947(a)(1) or [ ] 527

K Form of organization: [ ] Corporation [ ] Trust [X] 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. Total: \$126,440

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 [X]

Table with 21 rows and 2 columns. Rows include Revenue (1-9), Expenses (10-17), and Net Assets (18-21). Values range from 59,504 to 96,065.

**Part II Balance Sheets** (see the instructions for Part II)

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

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
<b>22</b> Cash, savings, and investments . . . . .	29,596	<b>22</b> 63,846
<b>23</b> Land and buildings . . . . .		<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Other assets (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .		<b>24</b>
<b>25 Total assets</b> . . . . .	29,596	<b>25</b> 63,846
<b>26 Total liabilities</b> (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	0	<b>26</b> 3,875
<b>27 Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) <b>must</b> agree with line 21) . . . . .	29,596	<b>27</b> 59,971

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see the instructions for Part III)

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

**Expenses**  
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others )

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

Provide leadership and support to foster economic development in Wyoming

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

<b>28</b> Promote economic development statewide. Be available to provide information and ideas to any business that may consider bringing a new business to the state or existing business that may be considering expansion (Grants \$ 0) . . . . .	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>28a</b>	0
<b>29</b> . . . . .			
(Grants \$ ) . . . . .	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>29a</b>	
<b>30</b> . . . . .			
(Grants \$ ) . . . . .	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>30a</b>	
<b>31</b> Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$ ) . . . . .	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>31a</b>	
<b>32 Total program service expenses</b> (add lines 28a through 31a) . . . . .		<b>32</b>	

**Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV.

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Dave Simonsen Secretary	2 00	0	0	0
Pat Robbins Board Member	1 00	0	0	0
Cindy Wallace Board Member	1 00	0	0	0
Noelle Reed Vice President	2 00	0	0	0
Brandi Harlow Treasurer	2 00	0	0	0
Anja Bendel President	3 00	0	0	0
Craig Nelson Board Member	1 00	0	0	0
Robert Briggs Board Member	1 00	0	0	0
Josh Boudreau Board Member	1 00	0	0	0

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 Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V . . . . .

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 33 through 41 regarding organizational activities, financials, and reporting.

42a The organization's books are in care of Bill Benskin WEDA Coordinator Telephone no (307) 772-9002 Located at 1401 Airport Parkway Suite 300 Cheyenne, WY ZIP +4 825011543

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 42b and 42c regarding foreign accounts and offices.

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

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 44a through 45b regarding donor advised funds, hospital facilities, tanning services, and controlled entities.

	Yes	No
46		No

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  . . . . .

**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

	Yes	No
47		
48		
49a		
49b		

47 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 . . . . .

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? . . . . .

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

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 "

(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 must attach a completed Schedule A . . . . .  Yes  No

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  
 Anja Bendel President  
 Type or print name and title  
 2015-11-20  
 Date

**Paid Preparer Use Only**  
 Print/Type preparer's name: Carmen L Milbury  
 Preparer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: 2015-11-19  
 Check  if self-employed  
 PTIN: P00577023  
 Firm's name: DAPCPA Riverton LLC  
 Firm's EIN: 47-1837572  
 Firm's address: 320 S Federal Blvd  
 Riverton, WY 82501  
 Phone no: (307) 856-2637

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions . . . . .  Yes  No

## TY 2014 Transfers Personal Benefits Contracts Declaration

**Name:** Wyoming Economic Development Assn

**EIN:** 83-0297842

**Declaration:** 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.

SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No 1545-0047

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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.

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

Table with 2 columns: Name of the organization (Wyoming Economic Development Assn) and Employer identification number (83-0297842)

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 \$ 16,785
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

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name, (b) Address, (c) EIN, (d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds, (e) Amount of political contributions received. Row 1: Wyoming Economic Development Assn, 1401 Airport Parkway Suite 300 Cheyenne, WY 820011543, 83-0297842.

**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.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<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														
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 35%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="width: 65%;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	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		
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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)	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) Total
<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)).**

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

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

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?		No
<b>2</b> Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?		No
<b>3</b> Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	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>	14,855
<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>	16,785
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year	<b>2b</b>	15,052
<b>c</b> Total	<b>2c</b>	31,837
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	<b>3</b>	14,855
<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>	16,982
<b>5</b> Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	<b>5</b>	-16,982

**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	Legislative Reception during the Legislature session All State Legislators are invited to the reception The Wyoming Economic Development Assn pays for all of the food and the room for the reception The Wyoming Economic Development helps develop issues pertaining Economic Development within the state of Wyoming and they also hire a lobbyist during the legislative session
Part II-B, Line 1	Paid Lobbyist



**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).**

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Name of the organization  
Wyoming Economic Development Assn

**Employer identification number**

83-0297842

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 4 - Other Investment Income	Description Interest Amount 7
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 - Other Expenses	Description Bank/Credit Card Fees Amount 405 Description Lobbying Expense Amount 16 785 Description Mileage Reimbursement Amount 21 Description Training/Meeting Expense Amount 12345 Description Licenses/Insurance Amount 665 Description Scholarships Amount 3810 Description Office Supplies Amount 152 Total to Form 990-EZ, line 16 34 183
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26 - Other Liabilities	Description Deferred Revenue Beg of Year Amount 0 End of Year Amount 3875