

Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2015

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

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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015, and ending 12-31-2015

B Check if applicable	C Name of organization PRO PUBLICA INC		D Employer identification number 14-2007220
<input 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) 155 AVE OF THE AMERICAS NO 13 FL	Room/suite	E Telephone number (212) 514-5250
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code NEW YORK, NY 10013		G Gross receipts \$ 17,112,241
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	F Name and address of principal officer RICHARD J TOFEL 155 AVE OF THE AMERICAS NO 13 FL NEW YORK, NY 10013		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ►

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

J Website: ► WWW PRO PUBLICA.ORG

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ► L Year of formation 2007 M State of legal domicile DE

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities

TO EXPOSE ABUSES OF POWER AND BETRAYALS OF THE PUBLIC TRUST - SEE "SCHEDULE O" FOR CONTINUATION BY GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS, USING THE MORAL FORCE OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM TO SPUR REFORM THROUGH THE SUSTAINED SPOTLIGHTING OF WRONGDOING

2 Check this box ► if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	10
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	9
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	76
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	9
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	19,799
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	9,360

		Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	10,169,976	16,882,164	
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0	60,000	
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	4,176	3,919	
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	150,123	100,847	
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	10,324,275	17,046,930	

		Prior Year	Current Year
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0	0	
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0	
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	8,589,013	9,360,011	
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0	
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 465,121			
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	2,897,439	3,101,138	
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	11,486,452	12,461,149	
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-1,162,177	4,585,781	

		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	6,865,118	11,552,064	
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	184,272	285,437	
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	6,680,846	11,266,627	

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	*****	2016-08-11
	Signature of officer	Date
RICHARD J TOFEL PRESIDENT		
Type or print name and title		

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name GARRETT M HIGGINS	Preparer's signature GARRETT M HIGGINS	Date 2016-08-11	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00543209
	Firm's name ► PKF O'CONNOR DAVIES LLP	Firm's EIN ► 27-1728945			
	Firm's address ► 665 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022	Phone no (212) 286-2600			

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

PRO PUBLICA IS AN INDEPENDENT, NON-PROFIT, PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING NEWSROOM THAT PRODUCES INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST. OUR WORK FOCUSES EXCLUSIVELY ON TRULY IMPORTANT STORIES. SEE "SCHEDULE O" FOR CONTINUATION. WE PRODUCE JOURNALISM THAT SHINES A LIGHT ON EXPLOITATION OF THE WEAK BY THE STRONG AND ON THE FAILURES OF THOSE WITH POWER TO VINDICATE THE TRUST PLACED IN THEM. IN THE BEST TRADITIONS OF AMERICAN JOURNALISM IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE, WE AIM TO STIMULATE POSITIVE CHANGE, UNCOVERING UNSAVORY PRACTICES AND ABUSES OF POWER IN ORDER TO PROD REFORM. WE DO THIS IN AN ENTIRELY NON-PARTISAN AND NON-IDEOLOGICAL MANNER, ADHERING TO THE STRICTEST STANDARDS OF JOURNALISTIC IMPARTIALITY. OUR STATED MISSION IS "TO EXPOSE ABUSES OF POWER AND BETRAYALS OF THE PUBLIC TRUST BY GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS, USING THE MORAL FORCE OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM TO SPUR REFORM THROUGH THE SUSTAINED SPOTLIGHTING OF WRONGDOING."

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 programs or 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 \$ 10,716,533 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 111,000
INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST - SEE SCHEDULE O FOR DETAILS

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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 ► 10,716,533

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV

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

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

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

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

b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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		No
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
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a		No
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		No
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
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c		No
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	Yes	
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		No
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		
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		No
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	37		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? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O			

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable . . .	1a 56	Yes	No
1b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable . . .	1b 0		
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? . . .	1c		
2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return . . .	2a 76		
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions) . . .	2b Yes		
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? . . .	3a Yes		
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O</i> . . .	3b Yes		
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? . . .	4a		No
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) . . .			
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . .	5a		No
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? . . .	5b		No
c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? . . .	5c		
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? . . .	6a		No
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? . . .	6b		
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? . . .	7a		No
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? . . .	7b		
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? . . .	7c		No
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year . . .	7d		
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? . . .	7e		No
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . .	7f		No
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? . . .	7g		
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? . . .	7h		
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year? . . .	8		
9a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? . . .	9a		
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? . . .	9b		
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 . . .	10a		
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities . . .	10b		
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
a Gross income from members or shareholders . . .	11a		
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them) . . .	11b		
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? . . .	12a		
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year . . .	12b		
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O . . .	13a		
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans . . .	13b		
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand . . .	13c		
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? . . .	14a		No
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</i> . . .	14b		

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

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed	DC, AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MS, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI
18 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Own website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain in Schedule O)	
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year	
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records	STEPHANIE N LITTLE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & HUMAN RESOURCES 155 AVE OF THE AMERICAS NO 13 FL NEW YORK, NY 10013 (212) 514-5250

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck 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 compensated employee	Former			
(1) HERBERT M SANDLER FOUNDRY CHAIRMAN	3 00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) PAUL E STEIGER EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN	30 00	X		X				200,482	0	14,274
(3) MARK COLODNY DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(4) HENRY LOUIS GATES JR DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(5) CLAIRE HOFFMAN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(6) ROBERT CS MONKS DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(7) RON OLSON DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(8) PAUL SAGAN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(9) KAT TAYLOR DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(10) TOM UNTERMAN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(11) RICHARD TOFEL PRESIDENT AND CO-EXECUTIVE	40 00			X				385,186	0	36,796
(12) STEPHEN ENGELBERG EDITOR-IN-CHIEF & CO-EXECUTIVE	40 00			X				381,030	0	49,259
(13) DEBRA GOLDBERG VICE PRESIDENT DEVELOPMENT UNTIL SEPT 2015	40 00			X				183,138	0	22,268
(14) ROBIN FIELDS MANAGING EDITOR	40 00				X			239,517	0	15,735

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

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 ► 32

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
PREININGER CONTRUCTION GROUP 79 CARROLL AVE BRIDGEPORT, CT 06607	CONSTRUCTION	472,511
ADP TOTALSOURCE 5800 WINDWARD PARKWAY ALPHARETTA, GA 30005	PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION	124,347

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. □ 2

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

**Contributions, Gifts, Grants
and Other Similar Amounts**

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a			
b	Membership dues . . .	1b			
c	Fundraising events . . .	1c			
d	Related organizations . . .	1d			
e	Government grants (contributions)	1e			
f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	16,882,164		
g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$		46,666		
h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f . . .			16,882,164	

Program Service Revenue

		Business Code			
2a	PROGRAM SERVICE FEES		519130	60,000	60,000
b					
c					
d					
e					
f	All other program service revenue				
g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f . . .			60,000	

Other Revenue

3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . .			3,919	3,919
4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds				
5	Royalties . . .			70,956	51,000
6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal		
b	Less rental expenses				
c	Rental income or (loss)				
d	Net rental income or (loss) . . .				
7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other		
b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	65,311			
c	Gain or (loss)	65,311			
d	Net gain or (loss) . . .	0			
8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . .	a			
b	Less direct expenses . . .	b			
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . .				
9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . .	a			
b	Less direct expenses . . .	b			
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . .				
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . .	a			
b	Less cost of goods sold . . .	b			
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . .				
	Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code			
11a	ADVERTISING REVENUE		541800	19,799	19,799
b	HONORARIUMS REVENUE		900099	10,092	10,092
c					
d	All other revenue . . .				
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d . . .		29,891		
12	Total revenue. See Instructions . . .		17,046,930	111,000	19,799
					33,967

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21				
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	1,272,433	645,045	424,384	203,004
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	6,628,192	6,088,828	396,471	142,893
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	263,737	252,539	11,198	
9 Other employee benefits	655,147	593,886	45,351	15,910
10 Payroll taxes	540,502	460,271	57,456	22,775
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	13,042		489	12,553
c Accounting	29,750	23,800	2,975	2,975
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)	346,103	321,885	18,978	5,240
12 Advertising and promotion	46,297	45,446		851
13 Office expenses	172,469	145,802	18,573	8,094
14 Information technology	429,973	362,213	31,609	36,151
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	1,036,179	851,354	184,825	
17 Travel	476,409	459,732	3,677	13,000
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	50,571	41,940	8,195	436
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	160,102	148,398	11,704	
23 Insurance	10,302	9,029	1,273	
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 PUBLIC REC COP & SUBS	197,502	149,030	47,816	656
b REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	75,179	67,187	7,992	
c RECRUITMENT & PROF DEVE	51,399	50,148	668	583
d UBIT TAX EXPENSE	5,861		5,861	
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	12,461,149	10,716,533	1,279,495	465,121
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

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

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	1,144,084	1 1,733,727
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	3,854,329	2 3,408,243
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	1,435,405	3 5,821,936
	4 Accounts receivable, net	5,817	4 1,108
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		
			5
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L		
			6
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	147,817	9 171,397
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 2,087,196	
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 1,678,325	252,239 10c 408,871
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		21,167 11 2,522
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11		12
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		13
	14 Intangible assets		14
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	4,260	15 4,260
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	6,865,118	16 11,552,064
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	184,272	17 136,734
	18 Grants payable		18
	19 Deferred revenue		19 148,703
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D		25
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	184,272	26 285,437
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.		
	27 Unrestricted net assets	3,442,914	27 2,792,399
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	3,237,932	28 8,474,228
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.		
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	6,680,846	33 11,266,627
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	6,865,118	34 11,552,064

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck 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	17,046,930
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	12,461,149
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	4,585,781
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	6,680,846
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	11,266,627

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck 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 type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2a	No
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2b	Yes
2c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	2c	Yes
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	3a	No
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	3b	

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

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

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**2015****Open to Public
Inspection**Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Name of the organization**

PRO PUBLICA INC

Employer identification number

14-2007220

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.

2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ))

3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.

4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state _____

5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II)

6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.

7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II)

8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

9 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III)

10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4)**.

11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g

a **Type I**. A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B**.

b **Type II**. A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C**.

c **Type III functionally integrated**. A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E**.

d **Type III non-functionally integrated**. A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V**.

e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization

f Enter the number of supported organizations

g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii)EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?	(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
				Yes	No
Total					

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any unusual grants)	10,115,367	10,920,019	13,678,241	10,169,976	16,882,164	61,765,767
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	10,115,367	10,920,019	13,678,241	10,169,976	16,882,164	61,765,767
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						25,511,962
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						36,253,805

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
7 Amounts from line 4	10,115,367	10,920,019	13,678,241	10,169,976	16,882,164	61,765,767
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	16,263	17,146	51,381	47,898	23,875	156,563
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	2,401	8,465	11,842	12,775	10,286	45,769
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)	7,103	2,927	10,100	23,379	10,092	53,601
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						62,021,700
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)				12		171,500
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	58 450 %
15 Public support percentage for 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	54 900 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		►✓
b 33 1/3% support test—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		►✓
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		►✓
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		►✓
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		►✓

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	
b 33 1/3% support tests—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions	

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.	1	
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).	2	
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.	3a	
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.	3b	
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.	3c	
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.	4a	
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.	4b	
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.	4c	
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).	5a	
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?	5b	
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?	5c	
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations, (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (c) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	6	
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).	7	
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part II of Schedule L (Form 990).	8	
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9a	
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9b	
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9c	
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer b below.	10a	
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).	10b	
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?	11a	
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?	11b	
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI .	11c	

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? *If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.*

2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? *If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.*

	Yes	No
1		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? *If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).*

	Yes	No
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (1) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (2) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (3) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided? *If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).*

2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? *If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).*

3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? *If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.*

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (**see instructions**)

a The organization satisfied the Activities Test Complete **line 2** below

b The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations Complete **line 3** below

c The organization supported a governmental entity Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (**see instructions**)

2 Activities Test Answer (a) and (b) below.

a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? *If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.*

b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? *If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.*

3 Parent of Supported Organizations Answer (a) and (b) below.

a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? *Provide details in Part VI.*

b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? *If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.*

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		
3a		
3b		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov 20, 1970 **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E

Section A - Adjusted Net Income

1 Net short-term capital gain
2 Recoveries of prior-year distributions
3 Other gross income (see instructions)
4 Add lines 1 through 3
5 Depreciation and depletion
 Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)
6 Other expenses (see instructions)
7 **Adjusted Net Income** (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)

	(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount

1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)
a Average monthly value of securities
b Average monthly cash balances
c Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets
d **Total** (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)
e **Discount** claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI) _____
2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d
4 Cash deemed held for exempt use Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)
5 Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)
6 Multiply line 5 by 035
7 Recoveries of prior-year distributions
8 **Minimum Asset Amount** (add line 7 to line 6)

	(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1		
1a		
1b		
1c		
1d		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		

Section C - Distributable Amount

1 Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)
2 Enter 85% of line 1
3 Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)
4 Enter greater of line 2 or line 3
5 Income tax imposed in prior year
6 **Distributable Amount.** Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)
7 Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)

	Current Year
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9	Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10	Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015			
d From 2013.			
e From 2014.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7 \$ _____			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
c Excess from 2013.			
d From 2014.			
e From 2015.			

Part VI Supplemental Information.

Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference

Explanation

SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 10, EXPLANATION OF OTHER INCOME	HONORARIUMS REVENUE - 2011 AMOUNT \$ 7,103 2012 AMOUNT \$ 2,827 2013 AMOUNT \$ 10,100 2014 AMOUNT \$ 23,379 2015 AMOUNT \$ 10,092 OTHER REVENUE - 2012 AMOUNT \$ 100
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2015

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Inspection**SCHEDULE D**
(Form 990)**Supplemental Financial Statements**

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

► Attach to Form 990.

Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Name of the organization**

PRO PUBLICA INC

Employer identification number

14-2007220

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

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

	Held at the End of the Year
2a	
2b	
2c	
2d	

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ► _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
► _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
► \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets
 (continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

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

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

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

c Beginning balance	Amount
d Additions during the year	
e Distributions during the year	
f Ending balance	

Amount	
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No

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

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

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

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

a Board designated or quasi-endowment

b Permanent endowment

c Temporarily restricted endowment

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

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

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

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

Yes	No
3a(i)	
3a(ii)	
3b	

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	Accumulated (c) depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		140,403	15,768	124,635
d Equipment		770,393	623,559	146,834
e Other		1,176,400	1,038,998	137,402
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				408,871

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)

Part VIII Investments—Program Related

Investments—Program Related: Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13.)

Part IX Other Assets. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d See Form 990, Part X, line 15

(a) Description	(b) Book value

Total (Column (b) must equal Form 200, Part X, col (B), line 15.)

Part X Other Liabilities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f
See Form 990, Part X, line 25

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25.)

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

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

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	17,046,930
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	17,046,930
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	17,046,930

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

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	12,461,149
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	12,461,149
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	12,461,149

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2	THE ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZES THE EFFECT OF INCOME TAX POSITIONS ONLY IF THOSE POSITIONS ARE MORE LIKELY THAN NOT OF BEING SUSTAINED. MANAGEMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAD NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT WOULD REQUIRE FINANCIAL STATEMENT RECOGNITION OR DISCLOSURE. THE ORGANIZATION IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO AUDITS BY THE APPLICABLE TAXING JURISDICTIONS FOR PERIODS PRIOR TO 2012

Part XIII **Supplemental Information (continued)**

Return Reference	Explanation

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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.

Open to Public InspectionDepartment of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceName of the organization
PRO PUBLICA INC

Employer identification number

14-2007220

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

4 During the year, did any person listed on 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 on 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," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III

6 For persons listed on 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," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III

7 For persons listed on 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 on 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" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

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

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on 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 on prior Form 990
	Base (i) compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 PAUL E STEIGER EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN	(i) 196,774 0	0 0	3,708 0	10,000 0	4,274 0	214,756 0	0 0
2 RICHARD TOFEL PRESIDENT AND CO-EXECUTIVE	(i) 381,574 0	0 0	3,612 0	13,250 0	23,546 0	421,982 0	0 0
3 STEPHEN ENGELBERG EDITOR-IN-CHIEF & CO-EXECUTIVE	(i) 377,418 0	0 0	3,612 0	13,250 0	36,009 0	430,289 0	0 0
DEBRA GOLDBERG VICE 4 PRESIDENT DEVELOPMENT UNTIL SEPT 2015	(i) 182,184 0	0 0	954 0	12,393 0	9,875 0	205,406 0	0 0
5 ROBIN FIELDS MANAGING EDITOR	(i) 238,744 0	0 0	773 0	5,994 0	9,741 0	255,252 0	0 0
6 TRACY WEBER SENIOR EDITOR	(i) 201,685 0	0 0	1,013 0	10,450 0	20,189 0	233,337 0	0 0
7 JOSEPH SEXTON SENIOR EDITOR	(i) 197,950 0	0 0	1,849 0	10,225 0	18,482 0	228,506 0	0 0
8 CHARLES ORNSTEIN SENIOR REPORTER	(i) 198,319 0	0 0	442 0	10,027 0	30,157 0	238,945 0	0 0
9 THOMAS C MILLER SENIOR REPORTER	(i) 187,680 0	0 0	611 0	9,863 0	33,584 0	231,738 0	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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Additional Data

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EIN: 14-2007220**Name:** PRO PUBLICA INC**Form 990, Schedule J, Part II - Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

(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 on prior Form 990
	(i) Base Compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 PAUL E STEIGER EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN	(i) 196,774	0	3,708	10,000	4,274	214,756	0
	(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 RICHARD TOFEL PRESIDENT AND CO-EXECUTIVE	(i) 381,574	0	3,612	13,250	23,546	421,982	0
	(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 STEPHEN ENGELBERG EDITOR-IN-CHIEF & CO-EXECUTIVE	(i) 377,418	0	3,612	13,250	36,009	430,289	0
	(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEBRA GOLDBERG VICE 3 PRESIDENT DEVELOPMENT UNTIL SEPT 2015	(i) 182,184	0	954	12,393	9,875	205,406	0
	(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 ROBIN FIELDS MANAGING EDITOR	(i) 238,744	0	773	5,994	9,741	255,252	0
	(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 TRACY WEBER SENIOR EDITOR	(i) 201,685	0	1,013	10,450	20,189	233,337	0
	(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 JOSEPH SEXTON SENIOR EDITOR	(i) 197,950	0	1,849	10,225	18,482	228,506	0
	(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 CHARLES ORNSTEIN SENIOR REPORTER	(i) 198,319	0	442	10,027	30,157	238,945	0
	(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 THOMAS C MILLER SENIOR REPORTER	(i) 187,680	0	611	9,863	33,584	231,738	0
	(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Noncash Contributions

OMB No 1545-0047

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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	7	46,666	FMV
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ► (_____)				
26 Other ► (_____)				
27 Other ► (_____)				
28 Other ► (_____)				
29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement	29		0	

Yes No

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

30a Yes No

b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II

30a Yes No

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?

31 Yes No

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?

32a Yes No

b If "Yes," describe in Part II

33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II

Part II**Supplemental Information.**

Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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PART I, COLUMN (B)	THE ORGANIZATION IS REPORTING THE NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS IN PART 1, COLUMN (B) OF SCHEDULE M

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(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**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.Name of the organization
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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A	<p>INNOVATIVE APPROACHES ARE ESSENTIAL FOR PROPUBLICA TO SUCCEED IN OUR MISSION OF PRODUCING STORIES THAT EXPOSE ABUSES OF POWER AND BETRAYALS OF PUBLIC TRUST. OUR NEWSROOM'S USE OF DATA - FROM ANALYZING AND FILTERING RAW RECORDS TO CREATING CUTTING-EDGE VISUALIZATIONS AND NEWS APPLICATIONS THAT HELP READERS MAKE SENSE OF IT ALL - IS ONE CRITICAL WAY WE'RE EXPANDING THE FRONTIERS OF CONTEMPORARY JOURNALISM. OUR DATA RESEARCH GENERATED SOME OF 2015'S MOST GAME-CHANGING INVESTIGATIONS. PROPUBLICA'S INVESTIGATION OF THE NATION'S DEBT COLLECTION SYSTEM IS A POWERFUL EXAMPLE. REPORTER PAUL KIEL HAD ALREADY BEEN EXPLORING THIS ISSUE FOR MORE THAN A YEAR, PRODUCING AWARD-WINNING WORK THAT GENERATED THE FIRST EVER NATIONAL STUDY OF WAGE GARNISHMENT RATES. BUT HE WANTED TO DIG DEEPER INTO THE DATA. KIEL SUSPECTED THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE IN DEBT COLLECTION PATTERNS BETWEEN BLACK AND WHITE COMMUNITIES. TO TEST THIS THEORY, HE AND FELLOW ANNIE WALDMAN REQUESTED COURT RECORDS ON CIVIL JUDGMENTS FROM THE HIGHLY SEGREGATED CITIES OF ST. LOUIS, CHICAGO AND NEWARK. THEY WENT THROUGH MORE THAN HALF A MILLION CASES, GEOCODED EVERY ADDRESS AND ASSIGNED EACH TO A CENSUS TRACT. IN ALL THREE REGIONS, THE CORRELATION WAS CLEAR: THE HEAVIEST USE OF COLLECTION LAWSUITS CONSISTENTLY OVERLAPPED WITH MAJORITY BLACK NEIGHBORHOODS. EVEN WHEN ADJUSTING FOR INCOME, THE RATE OF LAWSUITS WAS NEARLY DOUBLE IN PREDOMINATELY BLACK AREAS THAN THAT OF MOSTLY WHITE COMMUNITIES. AFTER JUDGMENTS, DEBTORS IN BLACK NEIGHBORHOODS WERE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE LIKELY TO HAVE THEIR WAGES GARNISHED. OUR JOURNALISTS PUT THESE FINDINGS IN INTERACTIVE DATABASES OF THE THREE CITIES, ILLUSTRATING THE DISPARITIES. WHEN KIEL SPOKE WITH THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN MAYOR OF THE ST. LOUIS SUBURB OF JENNINGS (A SINGLE MOTHER WHO HAD BEEN SUED OVER DEBT HERSELF, AND HAD HER PAYCHECK GARNISHED), HE SHOWED HER PROPUBLICA'S DATABASE. IN MAYOR YOLANDA FOUNTAIN HENDERSON'S SMALL SUBURB, MORE THAN 4,500 COLLECTION LAWSUITS HAD BEEN FILED OVER THE COURSE OF FIVE YEARS. OUT OF 16 HOMES ON HER OWN BLOCK, EIGHT HOUSEHOLDS HAD BEEN SUED. "THEY'RE JUST SUING ALL OF US," HENDERSON SAID. IN DISBELIEF, PROPUBLICA DIDN'T ONLY HIGHLIGHT THE PROBLEM, WE OFFERED POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS. IN AN ACCOMPANYING SIDE BAR TO THE STORY AND DATABASE, WE IDENTIFIED SIX WAYS THE DEBT COLLECTION SYSTEM MIGHT BE REFORMED. TWO MONTHS LATER, MISSOURI ATTORNEY GENERAL CHRIS KOSTER PROPOSED A SERIES OF CHANGES TO STATE COURT RULES, INCLUDING A REQUIREMENT FOR DEBT-BUYING COMPANIES TO PROVIDE PROOF THAT THEY OWN A DEBT BEFORE THEY CAN SUE A DEBTOR, AND MEASURES TO PREVENT COMPANIES FROM WINNING JUDGMENTS WHEN THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON A DEBT HAS EXPIRED. "EARLIER THIS YEAR, PROPUBLICA RELEASED A REPORT THAT CONFIRMS WHAT MANY CONSUMER PROTECTION ADVOCATES HAVE LONG SUSPECTED," KOSTER SAID IN A LETTER TO THE MISSOURI SUPREME COURT'S COMMISSION ON RACIAL AND ETHNIC FAIRNESS. "THE SCOPE OF THIS PROBLEM IS VAST, AND THERE IS A GROWING CONSENSUS THAT REFORM IS DESPERATELY NEEDED FOR OUR STATE COURT SYSTEM." PROPUBLICA'S DATA JOURNALISM IN 2015 ALSO IGNITED A NATIONAL CONVERSATION ON PATIENT SAFETY FOLLOWING OUR PUBLICATION OF SURGEON SCORECARD. IN JULY, SPEARHEADED BY REPORTER MARSHALL ALLEN AND DEPUTY DATA EDITOR OLGA PIERCE, THIS GROUNDBREAKING TOOL COMPARES THE PERFORMANCE OF NEARLY 17,000 SURGEONS BY ANALYZING MILLIONS OF MEDICARE CLAIMS RECORDS. IT LETS PATIENTS, FOR THE FIRST TIME, WEIGH THE PAST PERFORMANCE OF SURGEONS ON EIGHT COMMON ELECTIVE PROCEDURES, ALLOWING THEM TO MAKE BETTER DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR HEALTHCARE. OUR METHODOLOGY, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR FACTORS SUCH AS PATIENTS' HEALTH AND AGE, WAS CAREFULLY DESIGNED IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH SURGEONS AND OTHER LEADING EXPERTS. AS WE CREATED SURGEON SCORECARD, THEY REPEATEDLY TOLD US THAT MEDICAL ERRORS - IDENTIFIED BY ONE RECENT STUDY AS THE THIRD-LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN THE U.S. - CAN AND SHOULD HAPPEN FAR LESS FREQUENTLY. THEY ALSO TOLD US THAT GREATER TRANSPARENCY ABOUT SURGEONS' PERFORMANCE COULD HELP BRING ABOUT THAT GOAL. YET ALMOST UNIVERSALLY, HOSPITALS FAIL TO PUBLICLY REPORT SUCH DATA. TAKING THE POSITION THAT SURGEONS ARE ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FULL RANGE OF CARE IN AN OPERATION, AND THAT PATIENTS WOULD WANT TO USE DATA ABOUT A DECISION AS CONSEQUENTIAL AS CHOOSING A SURGEON, WE DISCLOSED WHAT HOSPITALS WOULD NOT. IMPORTANT STORIES EMERGED FROM THE DATA. A SMALL SHARE OF DOCTORS, 11 PERCENT, ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT A QUARTER OF COMPLICATIONS. HUNDREDS OF SURGEONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAD RATES DOUBLE AND TRIPLE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. AND WE FOUND THAT IT'S NOT THE REPUTATION OR STATUS OF A HOSPITAL THAT MATTERS MOST - WHEN IT COMES TO ELECTIVE OPERATIONS, IT IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT TO PICK THE RIGHT SURGEON. WHILE SOME IN THE SURGICAL COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN CRITICAL OF THIS TOOL, QUESTIONING THE METHODOLOGY AND ALLEGING THAT IT UNFAIRLY TARNISHES SOME DOCTORS' REPUTATIONS, MANY OTHERS HAVE PRAISED IT AS A TRANSFORMATIVE STEP THAT WILL PROTECT PATIENTS. "A KEY VALUE OF THE PROPUBLICA EFFORT IS THAT IT HAS LAUNCHED AN IMPORTANT DEBATE ABOUT HOW WE ASSESS AND REPORT SURGICAL QUALITY," SAID DR. ASHISH JHA, PROFESSOR AT HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH. "THE OLD WAY - WHERE ALL THE INFORMATION WAS PRIVILEGED AND KNOWN ONLY AMONG PHYSICIANS - IS GONE. AND IT IS NOT COMING BACK." IN COLLABORATION WITH NPR'S HOWARD BERKES, REPORTER MICHAEL GRABELL INVESTIGATED HOW OUR NATION'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM IS BEING DISMANTLED, OFTEN AT THE BEHEST OF BIG BUSINESS AND INSURANCE COMPANIES. SINCE 2013, 33 STATES HAVE CUT BENEFITS TO INJURED WORKERS, CREATED HURDLES TO GETTING CARE, OR MADE IT HARDER FOR WORKERS WITH CERTAIN INJURIES TO QUALIFY FOR WORKERS' COMP AT ALL. REPORTING ON THE GROUND IN 16 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GRABELL AND BERKES INTERVIEWED MORE THAN 200 INJURED WORKERS, WORKERS' COMP LAWYERS, EMPLOYERS, LAWMAKERS AND OTHERS. THE SCOPE OF THESE CHANGES HAD ATTRACTED ALMOST NO NATIONAL ATTENTION, AS POLITICIANS PASSED LAWS UNDER THE BANNER OF "REFORMS" THAT WOULD PROVIDE COST SAVINGS WHILE INJURED WORKERS OBTINENLY REMAINED PROTECTED. PROVIDING A MUCH-NEEDED FACT CHECK, PROPUBLICA COMBED THROUGH LAWS IN ALL 50 STATES SINCE 2003 AND BUILT A FIRST-EVER DATABASE OF THE CHANGES. WE PRESENTED OUR FINDINGS IN A NEWS APPLICATION SHOWING THE MAXIMUM COMPENSATION WORKERS COULD RECEIVE FOR EACH BODY PART IN EACH JURISDICTION. THIS REVEALED DRAMATIC DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN STATES IN THE BENEFITS PAID. FOR EXAMPLE, A LOST ARM IS WORTH \$45,000 IN WORKERS' COMP IN ALABAMA, BUT MORE THAN \$740,000 OVER A LIFETIME IN NEIGHBORING GEORGIA. A FURTHER STORY DEMONSTRATED THAT A MOVE IN SOME STATES TO PERMIT EMPLOYERS TO OPT-OUT OF LOCAL SYSTEMS WAS FURTHER HURTING THE VERY WORKERS THE SYSTEM IS SUPPOSEDLY DESIGNED TO PROTECT. THE STORIES PROMPTED NEW LEGISLATION TO RAISE BENEFITS IN ALABAMA. TEN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, CITING PROPUBLICA'S INVESTIGATION, URGED THE U.S. LABOR SECRETARY TO DEVISE AN OVERSIGHT PLAN FOR STATE WORKERS' COMP PROGRAMS. "THE RACE TO THE BOTTOM NOW APPEARS TO BE NEARLY BOTTOMLESS," THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WROTE. OVER AND OVER AGAIN IN 2015, PROPUBLICA REPORTERS AND EDITORS EXAMINED AND DISTILLED MASSIVE DATA SETS TO HELP READERS MAKE SENSE OF IMPORTANT ISSUES. WE WORKED WITH DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DATA, WHICH INVOLVED 2,000 VARIABLES FOR EACH OF ABOUT 7,800 COLLEGES, TO BUILD AN INTERACTIVE DATABASE SHOWING READERS THE DISCOUNTS COLLEGES GIVE TO THEIR LEAST WEALTHY STUDENTS AND HOW MUCH DEBT AVERAGE STUDENTS TAKE ON. IN OUR INVESTIGATION WITH AL.COM OF AN ALABAMA "CHEMICAL ENDANGERMENT" STATUTE THAT MAKES PRENATAL DRUG USE A FELONY, REPORTERS OBTAINED RECORDS ON EVERY PERSON PROSECUTED UNDER THE MEASURE SINCE 2006, SIFTING THROUGH MORE THAN 6,000 CASES TO IDENTIFY NEARLY 500 WOMEN WHOSE PROSECUTIONS WERE PREGNANCY RELATED, IN ADDITION TO POLLING EVERY HOSPITAL IN THE STATE THAT DELIVERS BABIES ABOUT THEIR DRUG-TESTING POLICIES. WE WERE ALSO GUIDED BY SHOE-LEATHER REPORTING, KNOCKING ON DOORS TO REPORT ON THE MISHANDLING OF HORRIFYING SERIAL RAPE CASES, ABUSE AND NEGLECT AT A CALIFORNIA GROUP HOME FOR TROUBLED CHILDREN, THE UNSOLVED MURDER CASES OF FIVE VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN JOURNALISTS, THE FAILURES OF GUN CONTROL ADVOCATES TO ADDRESS THE CAUSES OF URBAN GUN VIOLENCE, AND THE WILLINGNESS OF NEW YORK CITY LANDLORDS TO FLOUT A LAW THAT GAVE THEM LUCRATIVE TAX BREAKS IN EXCHANGE FOR LIMITS ON RENT INCREASES AND GUARANTEES IN WORKER PAY. SUCH STORIES HAVE REAL POWER, AND CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. PROPUBLICA'S WORK IN 2015 DEMONSTRATED AGAIN THAT SOME OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR TELLING SUCH STORIES LIE AT THE INTERSECTION OF DATA AND REPORTING. WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER YEAR OF FINDING IMPORTANT BUT HIDDEN STORIES, AND BRINGING THEM TO LIGHT. THE MOST IMPORTANT TEST OF PROPUBLICA IS WHETHER OUR WORK IS HAVING IMPACT. BY THIS, WE MEAN NOT AUDIENCE SIZE OR PRIZES, BUT REAL-WORLD CHANGE EXAMPLES OF WHAT WE MEAN, AND DISCUSSIONS OF HOW WE THINK AB</p>

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM SERVICE CONT	<p>ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT TEST IS RECOGNITION FROM PEERS IN JOURNALISM. PROPUBLICA WAS THE FIRST ONLINE NEWS ORGANIZATION TO WIN A PULITZER PRIZE (2010) AND THE FIRST TO WIN A PULITZER FOR STORIES NOT PUBLISHED IN PRINT (2011). OUR WORK WAS HONORED IN 2015 AS FOLLOWS: PROPUBLICA'S PROJECT WITH PBS FRONTLINE, "FIRESTONE AND THE WARLORD," ABOUT THE AMERICAN TIRE COMPANY'S ACTIVITIES IN LIBERIA DURING THE COUNTRY'S CIVIL WAR, WON TWO NEWS & DOCUMENTARY EMMY AWARDS IN THE CATEGORIES OF OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM AND OUTSTANDING RESEARCH. T. CHRISTIAN MILLER AND JONATHAN JONES' REPORTING ON THIS STORY ALSO RECEIVED THE ROBERT F. KENNEDY JOURNALISM AWARD FOR NEW MEDIA, THE INVESTIGATIVE REPORTERS AND EDITORS AWARD FOR MULTIPLATFORM PROJECTS FOR LARGE ORGANIZATIONS, AND HUNTER COLLEGE'S ARONSON AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE JOURNALISM. OUR ARTICLE "SEGREGATION NOW," ON THE RE-SEGREGATION OF AMERICA'S SCHOOLS, PUBLISHED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ATLANTIC, RECEIVED THE HECHINGER GRAND PRIZE FOR DISTINGUISHED EDUCATION REPORTING, THE HIGHEST HONOR IN EDUCATION JOURNALISM, THE NATIONAL AWARD FOR EDUCATION REPORTING FOR BEAT REPORTING, THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS' SIGMA DELTA CHI AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE IN ONLINE JOURNALISM, THE DEADLINE CLUB AWARD FOR DIGITAL BEAT REPORTING, THE SOCIETY FOR NEWS DESIGN AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR FEATURES, SINGLE-SUBJECT PROJECT, HONORABLE MENTION FROM THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION'S SILVER GAVEL AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION AS A FINALIST FOR THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAGAZINE EDITORS' NATIONAL MAGAZINE AWARD FOR PUBLIC INTEREST. THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK JOURNALISTS NAMED NIKOLE HANNAH-JONES, THE REPORTER ON THIS PROJECT, ITS JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR. JESSE EISINGER'S COLUMN, "THE TRADE," FOCUSED ON WALL STREET ACCOUNTABILITY, WON THE GEORGE LOEB AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL JOURNALISM FOR COMMENTARY AND THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN BUSINESS EDITORS AND WRITERS' BEST IN BUSINESS AWARD FOR DIGITAL COMMENTARY. OUR REPORTING WITH THE LENS ON THE RAPID LOSS OF LAND ON THE LOUISIANA COAST WON A GOLD MEDAL FROM THE SOCIETY FOR NEWS DESIGN, THE INVESTIGATIVE REPORTERS AND EDITORS GANNETT AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN WATCHDOG JOURNALISM, THE NATIONAL HEADLINER AWARD FOR WRITING FOR A WEBSITE, A NATIONAL EDWARD R. MURROW AWARD IN THE WEBSITE CATEGORY, AN EDWARD R. MURROW REGIONAL AWARD, AND A SILVER MEDAL IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL CATEGORY OF THE MALOFIEJ INTERNATIONAL INFOGRAPHICS AWARDS. THIS PROJECT, REPORTED FOR PROPUBLICA BY AL SHAW AND BRIAN JACOBS, ALSO RECEIVED THREE AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE FROM THE SOCIETY FOR NEWS DESIGN FOR FEATURES, INFOGRAPHICS AND MULTIMEDIA. OUR COVERAGE OF THE DISMANTLING OF WORKERS' COMP, PUBLISHED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NPR NEWS AND REPORTED FOR PROPUBLICA BY MICHAEL GRABELL, RECEIVED THE ONLINE NEWS ASSOCIATION'S AL NEUHARTH INNOVATION IN INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM AWARD. OUR COVERAGE OF THE RED CROSS AND ITS MISHANDLING OF SUPERSTORM SANDY, IN COLLABORATION WITH NPR NEWS AND REPORTED FOR PROPUBLICA BY JESSE EISINGER AND JUSTIN ELLIOT, WON THE SOCIETY OF SILURIANS EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE AND WAS SELECTED AS A FINALIST FOR THE GOLDSMITH PRIZE FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING. OUR ARTICLE ON GUN VIOLENCE IN OUR CITIES AND POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, REPORTED BY LOIS BECKETT AND PUBLISHED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ESSENCE, WON THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK JOURNALISTS' SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR MAGAZINE INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM AND THE DEADLINE CLUB AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE. A RELATED INFOGRAPHIC RECEIVED A SOCIETY FOR NEWS DESIGN AWARD OF EXCELLENCE. OUR INVESTIGATION ON THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM TO IDENTIFY AND REPATRIATE THE BODIES OF MISSING SOLDIERS, REPORTED BY MEGAN MCCLOSKEY WITH NPR NEWS, RECEIVED THE ALLIANCE FOR WOMEN IN MEDIA "GRACIE" AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATIVE PROGRAM OR FEATURE AND A SOCIETY FOR NEWS DESIGN AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR FEATURES. MCCLOSKEY WAS ALSO CHOSEN AS A FINALIST FOR THE LIVINGSTON AWARD FOR YOUNG JOURNALISTS IN NATIONAL REPORTING. OUR COVERAGE ON THE MAGNITUDE OF WAGE GARNISHMENT, PUBLISHED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NPR NEWS AND REPORTED FOR PROPUBLICA BY PAUL KIEL, WON THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB JOURNALISM CONTEST AWARD FOR CONSUMER JOURNALISM-BROADCAST. THE SERIES WAS ALSO NAMED A GERALD LOEB AWARD FINALIST FOR VIDEO/AUDIO, AND A FINALIST FOR A SCRIPPS HOWARD AWARD IN THE BUSINESS/ECONOMICS REPORTING CATEGORY. PROPUBLICA'S REPORTING ON THE EXCESSIVE USE OF RESTRAINTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BY HEATHER VOGELL AND ANNIE WALDMAN, RECEIVED THE NATIONAL AWARD FOR EDUCATION REPORTING FOR SINGLE-TOPIC NEWS OR FEATURE AND THE KATHERINE SCHNEIDER JOURNALISM AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN REPORTING ON DISABILITY. OUR REPORTING ON TOBACCO BONDS COSTING STATES BILLIONS WON THE SOCIETY OF SILURIANS EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM AWARD FOR ONLINE INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING, AND THE NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF CPAs EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL JOURNALISM AWARD FOR EXPLANATORY REPORTING, WHILE REPORTER CEZARY PODKUL RECEIVED THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN BUSINESS EDITORS AND WRITERS' LARRY BIRGER AWARD, WHICH HONORS BUSINESS JOURNALISTS UNDER THE AGE OF 30. REPORTING ON DOPING IN TRACK AND FIELD BY REPORTER DAVID EPSTEIN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BBC WON THE BRITISH JOURNALISM AWARD FOR SPORTS JOURNALISM. PROPUBLICA WAS A FINALIST FOR THE ONLINE NEWS ASSOCIATION'S GENERAL EXCELLENCE IN ONLINE JOURNALISM AWARD. THE NEWS APPLICATION "INSIDE THE FIREWALL: TRACKING THE NEWS THAT CHINA BLOCKS," BY SISI WEI, WON THREE AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE FROM THE SOCIETY FOR NEWS DESIGN FOR FEATURES, INFOGRAPHICS AND CONTINUOUS USE, AND WAS SELECTED FOR "BEST AMERICAN INFOGRAPHICS." OUR TREATMENT TRACKER NEWS APPLICATION ON PAYMENTS UNDER MEDICARE PART B WON A DATA JOURNALISM AWARD, AND THE SOCIETY FOR NEWS DESIGN AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR PLANNED COVERAGE AND SINGLE-SUBJECT FEATURE. OUR NEWS APPLICATIONS WON SEVERAL AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE FROM THE SOCIETY FOR NEWS DESIGN, INCLUDING HONORS FOR PROPUBLICA'S ORGANIZATIONAL PORTFOLIO AND THE INDIVIDUAL PORTFOLIOS OF DEVELOPERS LENA GROEGER AND SISI WEI, AN APP COMPARING INSURANCE PLANS UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, AN APP DETAILING THE MILLIONS THAT NEW YORK COUNTIES LOST IN TOBACCO BONDS, AN APP SHOWING THE SOURCES OF TRACED GUNS, AND AN INFOGRAPHIC TRACKING EXTINCTIONS. ARTICLES ON ALABAMA'S CRIMINALIZATION OF DRUG USE DURING PREGNANCY, PUBLISHED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AL.COM, WON THE SIDNEY HILLMAN FOUNDATION'S OCTOBER SIDNEY AWARD. EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF PROPUBLICA PAUL STEIGER WAS INDUCTED INTO THE DEADLINE CLUB HALL OF FAME, AN HONOR BESTOWED TO JOURNALISTS AND MEDIA EXECUTIVES WHOSE WORK HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICAN JOURNALISM. FOR THE ROLE OUR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING PLAYS IN THE BROADER MEDIA INDUSTRY, PROPUBLICA RECEIVED PEN CENTER USA'S AWARD OF HONOR.</p>

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 3	<p>BEGINNING IN 2012, THE ORGANIZATION BEGAN USING ADP TOTALSOURCE, A PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION ("PEO") AS A PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION, TOTALSOURCE PROVIDES PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER SERVICES TO PRO PUBLICA. IN THE PEO RELATIONSHIP TOTALSOURCE AND PRO PUBLICA SHARE CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES AND ALLOCATE OTHER EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN EACH OTHER. PRO PUBLICA REMAINS AN EMPLOYER OF THE WORKSITE EMPLOYEES AND TOTALSOURCE IS A CO-EMPLOYER OF PRO PUBLICA'S EMPLOYEES. PRO PUBLICA HAS DIRECTION AND CONTROL OVER EMPLOYEES AS IS NECESSARY TO CONDUCT ITS BUSINESS, DISCHARGE AND FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY IT MAY HAVE, OR COMPLY WITH ANY APPLICABLE LICENSURE, REGULATORY OR STATUTORY REQUIREMENT OF PRO PUBLICA. CONTROL OVER THE DAY TO DAY JOB DUTIES OF EMPLOYEES AND OVER THE JOB SITES AT WHICH, OR FROM WHICH EMPLOYEES PERFORM SERVICES RESPONSIBILITY OVER THE PROFESSIONAL AND LICENSED ACTIVITIES OF EMPLOYEES INCLUDING ENSURING THAT EMPLOYEES ARE SUPERVISED BY LICENSED INDIVIDUALS AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND FOR DETERMINING WHETHER AN APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE MEETS PRO PUBLICA'S HIRING CRITERIA AND IS QUALIFIED TO SAFELY AND COMPLETELY PERFORM HIS OR HER JOB. TOTALSOURCE RESERVES A RIGHT OF DIRECTION AND CONTROL OVER EMPLOYEES AS IS NECESSARY TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS AND PROVIDE ITS SERVICES UNDER AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN PRO PUBLICA, INC. AND TOTALSOURCE. TOTALSOURCE AND PRO PUBLICA, INC. HAVE A RIGHT TO HIRE, DISCIPLINE, AND TERMINATE EMPLOYEES AS TO EACH ONE'S EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP WITH EMPLOYEES.</p>

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	PRO PUBLICA HAS ITS FORM 990 PREPARED BY AN OUTSIDE ACCOUNTING FIRM AND HAS ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING REVIEW PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT THE INFORMATION REPORTED IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE WHEN THE FORM 990 HAS BEEN PREPARED, REVIEWED BY MANAGEMENT AND IS READY TO BE FILED WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, IT'S SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO MEMBERS OF PRO PUBLICA'S GOVERNING BODY FOR ANY COMMENTS PRIOR TO ITS SUBMISSION THE GOVERNING BODY IS PROVIDED WITH AT LEAST ONE WEEK TO REVIEW THE PREPARED FORM 990 AND PROVIDE THEIR COMMENTS ANY COMMENTS ARE THEN GROUPED, SUMMARIZED AND PROVIDED TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REVIEW EACH ISSUE IS DOCUMENTED AND ADDRESSED UNTIL THE RETURN IS FINALIZED AND APPROVED FOR FILING

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	<p>PRO PUBLICA HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, WHICH APPLIES TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES. EACH OF THE BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN TO A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ANNUALLY. AN INTERESTED PERSON MUST DISCLOSE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE TO THE SECRETARY THE EXISTENCE OF A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND ALL MATERIAL FACTS RELATED TO THE CONFLICT. IF A BOARD MEMBER OR OFFICER IS UNCERTAIN ABOUT WHETHER A CONFLICT EXISTS, HE/SHE SHOULD REPORT THE POSSIBLE CONFLICT IN ALL CASES IN WHICH A CRITICAL EXTERNAL OBSERVER MIGHT REASONABLY PERCEIVE A CONFLICT TO EXIST. THE BOARD COMMITTEE WILL DETERMINE IF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS. IN THE EVENT THAT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST ARISES, THE BOARD MEMBER OR OFFICER WITH WHOM THE CONFLICT PERTAINS TO IS EXCLUDED FROM VOTING ON THE ISSUE. HE/SHE WILL LEAVE THE ROOM AND THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS VOTE ON THE ISSUE PERTAINING TO THAT SPECIFIC TRANSACTION. WITH RESPECT TO ANY BOARD COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSION, DECISION, OR ACTIONS INVOLVING TRANSACTIONS IN WHICH A BOARD MEMBER OR OFFICER HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING WILL REFLECT THE BOARD'S DELIBERATIONS AND VOTING PROCESS. IN CASE OF AN INTEREST PARTY WHO IS NOT A BOARD MEMBER OR OFFICER, THE PRESIDENT MONITOR AND ENFORCES THE ORGANIZATION'S COMPLIANCE WITH ITS CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY. IF AN EMPLOYEE HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, HE/SHE EMPLOYEE COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE DECISION MAKING THE CONFLICTED TRANSACTION.</p>

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	SALARIES FOR THE CEOS, OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES ARE SET BY THE BOARD. THE BOARD USES THE SERVICES OF A LAW FIRM (CAPLIN & DRYSDALE, WHO SPECIALIZE IN NOT FOR PROFIT ISSUES) FOR GUIDANCE ON ALL MATTERS OF COMPENSATION. IN 2012 CAPLIN & DRYSDALE UPDATED THE COMPENSATION STUDY FOR THREE KEY EMPLOYEES. CAPLIN & DRYSDALE STUDIED COMPENSATION OF SELECT NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS AND RELIED ON THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF PRO PUBLICA'S OPERATIONS AND STATUS IN THE FIELD OF JOURNALISM. THE BOARD ESTABLISHED COMPENSATION FOR THE CEO, OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES USING COMPARABLE DATA AND DETERMINED THAT THE SALARY IS REASONABLE. COMPARABLE DATA INCLUDES VARIETY OF INFORMATION FROM JOURNALISM OUTLETS AND OTHER NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETINGS ARE KEPT IN FILE. THIS PROCESS WAS LAST COMPLETED IN 2014.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS FORM 990 AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 6104 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. THE RETURN IS POSTED ON GUIDESTAR.ORG AND OTHER SIMILAR TYPES OF WEBSITES. IN ADDITION, THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, FORM 990, FORM 1023, AND BY-LAWS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE UPON WRITTEN REQUEST, AND ON THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE (WWW.PROPUBLICA.ORG)

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C	PRO PUBLICA HAS AN AUDIT COMMITTEE THAT ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OVERSIGHT OF THE AUDIT OF ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FOR THE SELECTION OF AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT. THE PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED FROM THE PRIOR YEAR.