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Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2017

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

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2017 , and ending 12-31-2017

B Check if applicable
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
UNITED STATES TELECOM ASSOCIATION

Doing business as
USTELECOM

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
601 NEW JERSEY AVE NW NO 600

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
WASHINGTON, DC 20001

F Name and address of principal officer
JONATHAN SPALTER
601 NEW JERSEY AVE NW NO 600
WASHINGTON, DC 20001

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?
☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

D Employer identification number
53-0159345

E Telephone number
(202) 326-7300

G Gross receipts \$ 19,689,931

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

J Website: ▶ WWW.USTELECOM.ORG

K Form of organization
☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation 1897

M State of legal domicile IL

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
USTELECOM EXISTS TO ENSURE MEMBERS CAN COMPETE, GROW AND THRIVE TO BUILD A WORLD WHERE FAMILIES, ENTERPRISES AND COMMUNITIES ARE CONNECTED THROUGH THE POWER OF BROADBAND

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 18

4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 4 18

5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a) 5 40

6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 6 18

7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 7a 0

7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 7b 0

Revenue

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) 0 0

9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 12,027,038 12,030,889

10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) 633,997 1,948,179

11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) 9,238 11,549

12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) 12,670,273 13,990,617

Expenses

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3) 137,800 52,950

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) 7,427,884 7,352,569

16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) 0 0

b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 0

17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e) 4,642,560 3,889,391

18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) 12,208,244 11,294,910

19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12 462,029 2,695,707

Net Assets or Fund Balances

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) Beginning of Current Year End of Year 18,549,072 21,994,872

21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) 4,943,613 5,142,903

22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20 13,605,459 16,851,969

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

Signature of officer
JONATHAN SPALTER, PRESIDENT & CEO
Type or print name and title

2018-11-14
Date

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name
FREDERICK LONGWOOD

Preparer's signature
FREDERICK LONGWOOD

Date

Check ☐ if self-employed PTIN
P00439715

Firm's name ▶ TATE AND TRYON Firm's EIN ▶ 52-1855942

Firm's address ▶ 2021 L STREET NW SUITE 400
WASHINGTON, DC 20036 Phone no (202) 293-2200

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

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

USTELECOM MEMBERS, COMPRISED OF COMPANIES OF ALL SIZES - URBAN AND RURAL, PUBLICLY-TRADED, PRIVATELY HELD, AND COOPERATIVES
 -- HAVE A LONG AND PROUD HISTORY OF SERVING AMERICA'S COMMUNICATIONS' NEEDS (SEE SCHEDULE O FOR CONTINUATION)

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 See Additional Data

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 See Additional Data

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 See Additional Data

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

4e Total program service expenses ▶

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1	No
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	2	No
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 	3	No
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	4	
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 	5	Yes
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 	6	No
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 	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8	No
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 	9	No
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 	10	No
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 	11a	Yes
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 	11b	No
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 	11c	No
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 	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	11e	Yes
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 	11f	No
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII 	12a	No
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 	12b	Yes
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
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	14b	No
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	15	No
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	16	No
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)	17	No
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	18	No
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	19	No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21	Yes
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b	
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	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) a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a	No
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c	No
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29	No
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30	No
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31	No
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33	No
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34	Yes
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	No
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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b	
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37	No
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	38	Yes

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 ☐

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	63	
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	0	
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	Yes	
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.	40	
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).	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.		
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)?		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?		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
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?	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	Yes	
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?		
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
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?		
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.		
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.		
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.		
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		

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 18		
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 18		
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		No
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	Yes	
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	Yes	
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	Yes	
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:►	
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. ☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ 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. ►THE ORGANIZATION 601 NEW JERSEY AVE NW NO 600 WASHINGTON, DC 20001 (202) 326-7300	

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

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

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[illegible]

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 ▶ 16

Section B. Independent Contractors

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
REGENCY COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION 6901 MUIKIRK MEADOWS DR SUITE D BELTSVILLE, MD 20705	CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	1,022,408
SIDLEY AUSTIN LLP PO BOX 0642 CHICAGO, IL 60690	CONSULTING	330,447
WASHINGTON GROUP SOLUTIONS 101 W BROAD STREET SUITE 200 FALLS CHURCH, VA 22046	SALE OF OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	322,611
WEBER SHANDWICK PO BOX 74008263 CHICAGO, IL 60674	CONSULTING	208,041
EXECUTIVE WRITING 16751 PIENZA COURT RIVERSIDE, CA 92503	WRITING SERVICES	178,096

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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

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	
g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____		
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶		

Program Service Revenue

	Business Code				
2a DUES AND ASSESSMENTS	900099	12,017,889	12,017,889		
b WEBINARS & CONFERENCES	900099	13,000	13,000		
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
f All other program service revenue					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶		12,030,889			

Other Revenue

3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶		409,608			409,608
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶					
5 Royalties ▶		11,064			11,064
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			
	7,234,885	3,000			
b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5,690,874	8,440			
c Gain or (loss)	1,544,011	-5,440			
d Net gain or (loss) ▶		1,538,571			1,538,571
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 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	900099	485			485
b _____					
c _____					
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶		485			
12 Total revenue. See Instructions ▶		13,990,617	12,030,889	0	1,959,728

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.	52,950			
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, line 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members.				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	4,370,762			
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.	2,194,814			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	341,818			
9 Other employee benefits.	131,951			
10 Payroll taxes.	313,224			
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management.				
b Legal.	780,627			
c Accounting.	63,680			
d Lobbying.				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f Investment management fees.	27,755			
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	1,086,109			
12 Advertising and promotion.				
13 Office expenses.	33,275			
14 Information technology.	187,428			
15 Royalties.				
16 Occupancy.	1,335,429			
17 Travel.	90,706			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	100,957			
20 Interest.				
21 Payments to affiliates.				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	131,351			
23 Insurance.	104,381			
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 MEMBERSHIP AND DUES	235,821			
b GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS	174,454			
c PRINTING & PUBLICATIONS	72,189			
d RELOCATION	69,728			
e All other expenses	-604,499			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	11,294,910			
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 ☐ 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 IX ☐

				(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		1,000	1	1,000	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		512,989	2	39,430	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			3		
	4	Accounts receivable, net		34,185	4	4,748	
	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		1,526,349	9	1,522,332	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D.	10a	1,804,951			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	163,770	165,023	10c	1,641,181
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		16,309,526	11	18,786,181	
	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			15		
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		18,549,072	16	21,994,872		
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		271,053	17	467,101	
	18	Grants payable			18		
	19	Deferred revenue		253,962	19	176,612	
	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		4,418,598	25	4,499,190	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		4,943,613	26	5,142,903	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34. 27 Unrestricted net assets			13,605,459	27	16,851,969	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets				28		
	29 Permanently restricted net assets				29		
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☐ 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			13,605,459	33	16,851,969	
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			18,549,072	34	21,994,872	

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	13,990,617
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	11,294,910
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	2,695,707
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	13,605,459
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	550,803
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	16,851,969

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 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ 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 ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis		No
b 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 ☐ Separate basis ☒ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
c 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	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?		No
b 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		

Additional Data

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Software Version:

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Name: UNITED STATES TELECOM ASSOCIATION

Form 990 (2017)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS THIS DEPARTMENT REPRESENTS THE ASSOCIATION'S INTERESTS BEFORE CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION IT ALSO MANAGES THE ASSOCIATION'S POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:

LAW, POLICY AND REGULATORY THIS DEPARTMENT REPRESENTS MEMBERS' INTERESTS BEFORE APPROPRIATE REGULATORY BODIES AT THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVEL
WHILE ALSO MANAGING THE ASSOCIATION'S GENERAL COUNSEL FUNCTION

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c:

COMMUNICATIONS & INDUSTRY AFFAIRS THIS GROUP OVERSEES MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS AND EXTERNAL PRESS RELATIONS AND MANAGES THE USTELECOM WEBSITE AS WELL AS VARIOUS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS IT ALSO PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO OUR MEMBERS

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors										
(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			
ANAND VADAPALLI CHAIRMAN	2 00 0 00	X		X				0	0	0
BOB UDELL VICE CHAIRMAN	2 00 0 00	X		X				0	0	0
JOHN JONES TREASURER	2 00 0 00	X		X				0	0	0
DARBY MCCARTY SECRETARY	2 00 0 00	X		X				0	0	0
KATHLEEN ABERNATHY BOARD MEMBER (THRU 10/17)	2 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
SCOTT BARBER BOARD MEMBER	2 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
ERIC N EINHORN BOARD MEMBER (THRU 10/17)	2 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
CHRISTOPHER E FRENCH BOARD MEMBER (BEG 10/17)	2 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
GARY C GILMER BOARD MEMBER (THRU 10/17)	2 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
KEN GLUECK BOARD MEMBER (BEG 10/17)	2 00 0 00	X						0	0	0

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors										
(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			
RUSSELL MOORE CHAIRMAN OF THE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (BEG 10/17)	2 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
MARK D NIELSEN BOARD MEMBER (BEG 10/17)	2 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
RICHARD RUHL BOARD MEMBER (BEG 10/17)	2 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
TONY THOMAS BOARD MEMBER (BEG 10/17)	2 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
JASON WILLIAMS VICE CHAIR OF THE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE	2 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
JONATHAN SPALTER PRESIDENT & CEO (BEG 1/2017)	40 00 0 00			X				1,426,096	0	34,075
MARK KULISH SVP, ADMIN & CFO (THRU 6/2017)	40 00 0 00			X				556,829	0	30,394
LORNA JOHNSON VP, FINANCE AND ADMIN	40 00 0 00			X				173,095	0	24,636
ALLISON REMSEN EVP & CHIEF OF STAFF (BEG 1/2017)	40 00 0 00				X			485,032	0	10,307
JONATHAN BANKS SVP, LAW & POLICY	40 00 0 00				X			1,010,182	0	39,496

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(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			
SALLY AMAN SVP, COMM & PUBLIC AFFAIRS (BEG 4/20)	40 00 0 00				X			225,179	0	29,540
GALEN ROEHL SVP OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS	40 00 0 00				X			264,297	0	28,082
ROBERT MAYER VP, INDUSTRY/STATE AFFAIRS	40 00 0 00					X		409,221	0	32,367
DIANE HOLLAND VP, LAW AND POLICY	40 00 0 00					X		332,575	0	33,493
KEVIN RUPY VP, LAW AND POLICY	40 00 0 00					X		232,278	0	15,114
MARC GONZALES VP, POLICY	40 00 0 00					X		219,651	0	28,706
LYNN FOLLANSBEE VP, LAW AND POLICY	40 00 0 00					X		219,643	0	35,963

SCHEDULE C

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

▶Complete if the organization is described below. ▶Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of the organization UNITED STATES TELECOM ASSOCIATION	Employer identification number 53-0159345
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV (see instructions for definition of "political campaign activities")
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures (see instructions) ▶ \$ 0
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities (see instructions) ▶

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

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

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

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ 0
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ 0
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

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

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

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

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)**(a)** Filing
organization's
totals**(b)** Affiliated
group totals

1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)

b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)

c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)

d Other exempt purpose expenditures

e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)

f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns

If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000

g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)

h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-

i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-

j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?

☐ Yes ☐ No**4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)**

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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

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

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

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

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

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

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	12,017,889
2	Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a	Current year	2a	2,325,613
b	Carryover from last year	2b	1,059,952
c	Total	2c	3,385,565
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	4,784,132
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	-1,398,567

Part IV Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.

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UNITED STATES TELECOM ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number
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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
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	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

☐

Public exhibition

b

☐

Scholarly research

c

☐

Preservation for future generations

d

☐

Loan or exchange programs

e

☐

Other

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

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" on 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" on 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)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a	Land			
b	Buildings			
c	Leasehold improvements	1,260,711	53,964	1,206,747
d	Equipment			
e	Other	544,240	109,806	434,434
Total.	Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))			1,641,181

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.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other _____		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12) ▶		

Part VIII

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

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
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
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, 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.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
DEFERRED RENT	1,804,536
ACCRUED PENSION BENEFITS	2,694,654
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25) ▶	4,499,190

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	14,519,105
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	550,803
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	550,803
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	13,968,302
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	27,755
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	-5,440
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	22,315
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	13,990,617

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	11,272,595
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	5,440
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	5,440
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	11,267,155
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	27,755
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	27,755
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	11,294,910

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
See Additional Data Table	

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

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Return Reference	Explanation
PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	LOSS ON DISPOSAL TREATED AS EXPENSE FOR AFS PURPOSES -5,440

Supplemental Information	
Return Reference	Explanation
PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	LOSS ON DISPOSAL TREATED AS EXPENSE FOR AFS PURPOSES 5,440

Schedule I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
UNITED STATES TELECOM ASSOCIATION

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

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

▶ Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I

General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

☒ Yes ☐ No
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II

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

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) See Additional Data							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 5

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table 0

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2	USTELECOM MAKES CONTRIBUTIONS PRIMARILY TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AN ANNUAL BUDGET IS ESTABLISHED AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT PRIORITIZES WHICH CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE MADE RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED TO SUBSTANTIATE AMOUNTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND INVOICES ARE REVIEWED TO ASSURE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOT DEEMED POLITICAL, ARE MADE TO 501C3 ORGANIZATIONS, ETC USTELECOM TYPICALLY DOES NOT ATTEMPT TO AUDIT ACTUAL USE OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE RECEIVING ORGANIZATION

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Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS 1720 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE NW WASHINGTON, DC 20036	52-1160561	501(C)(3)	5,000				PROGRAM SUPPORT
CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS 911 2ND STREET NE WASHINGTON, DC 20002	52-1114225	501(C)(3)	5,000				PROGRAM SUPPORT

Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.							
(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
HORTON'S KIDS 100 MARYLAND AVE NE SUITE 520 WASHINGTON, DC 20002	52-1755403	501(C)(3)	13,500				PROGRAM SUPPORT
MARCH OF DIMES FOUNDATION PO BOX 62770 BALTIMORE, MD 21264	13-1846366	501(C)(3)	18,000				PROGRAM SUPPORT

Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.							
(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
MIRIAM'S KITCHEN 2401 VIRGINIA AVE NW WASHINGTON, DC 20037	52-1331552	501(C)(3)	5,100				PROGRAM SUPPORT

Schedule J (Form 990)	Compensation Information 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.	OMB No 1545-0047
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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation		Yes	No
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.			
☐ First-class or charter travel	☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use		
☐ Travel for companions	☐ Payments for business use of personal residence		
☐ Tax indemnification and gross-up payments	☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees		
☐ Discretionary spending account	☐ 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.		1b	
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?		2	Yes
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.			
☒ Compensation committee	☒ Written employment contract		
☒ Independent compensation consultant	☒ Compensation survey or study		
☐ Form 990 of other organizations	☒ 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?		4a	Yes
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?		4b	No
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?		4c	No
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.			
Only 501(c)(3), 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?		5a	
b Any related organization?		5b	
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?		6a	
b Any related organization?		6b	
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 nonfixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.		7	
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.		8	
9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?		9	

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.

See Additional Data Table

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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
PART I, LINE 4A	SEVERANCE MARK KULISH, \$300,449

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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				
1JONATHAN SPALTER PRESIDENT & CEO (BEG 1/2017)	(i)	901,607	400,000	124,489	3,240	32,931	1,462,267	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1MARK KULISH SVP, ADMIN & CFO (THRU 6/2017)	(i)	128,948	117,380	310,501	19,124	13,878	589,831	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2LORNA JOHNSON VP, FINANCE AND ADMIN	(i)	156,938	16,157	0	12,425	14,898	200,418	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3ALLISON REMSEN EVP & CHIEF OF STAFF (BEG 1/2017)	(i)	399,642	85,000	390	3,240	14,753	503,025	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4JONATHAN BANKS SVP, LAW & POLICY	(i)	460,961	548,951	270	19,571	27,015	1,056,768	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5SALLY AMAN SVP, COMM & PUBLIC AFFAIRS (BEG 4/20	(i)	203,549	21,375	255	2,565	33,271	261,015	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6GALEN ROEHL SVP OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS	(i)	210,515	53,392	390	7,704	25,438	297,439	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7ROBERT MAYER VP, INDUSTRY/STATE AFFAIRS	(i)	301,713	107,508	0	19,864	19,060	448,145	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8DIANE HOLLAND VP, LAW AND POLICY	(i)	264,066	68,509	0	9,720	30,461	372,756	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9KEVIN RUPY VP, LAW AND POLICY	(i)	210,103	21,785	390	13,394	7,595	253,267	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10MARC GONZALES VP, POLICY	(i)	202,515	16,746	390	14,363	20,068	254,082	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11LYNN FOLLANSBEE VP, LAW AND POLICY	(i)	197,468	21,785	390	7,553	34,321	261,517	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
UNITED STATES TELECOM ASSOCIATION

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.

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 1	THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE FULL POWER AND AUTHORITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON ALL MATTERS EXCEPT THOSE EXCLUSIVELY RESERVED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY THE BYLAWS OR THE OPERATION OF LAW

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION IS DIVIDED INTO THREE CLASSES ACTIVE, INTERNATIONAL, AND ASSOCIATE (A) ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL INCLUDE COMPANIES THAT OWN OR OPERATE FACILITIES-BASED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS IN THE UNITED STATES AND/OR ITS TERRITORIES (B) INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS SHALL INCLUDE COMPANIES THAT OWN OR OPERATE FACILITIES-BASED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE UNITED STATES OR ITS TERRITORIES (C) ASSOCIATE MEMBERS SHALL INCLUDE (I) COMPANIES ENGAGED IN PROVIDING VOICE, VIDEO, ENTERTAINMENT, CONTENT, OR BROADBAND SERVICES OR APPLICATIONS, (II) COMPANIES ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF SOFTWARE OR EQUIPMENT DESIGN, SERVICING, MANUFACTURING, OR SUPPLY, AND (III) CONSULTANTS THE RIGHT TO VOTE SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ACTIVE MEMBERS THESE MEMBERS SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPROVE NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MADE BY THE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE NO FEWER THAN 18 AND NO MORE THAN 25 EACH DIRECTOR SHALL BE AN EXECUTIVE OF STATURE OF A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION (A) THE SIX LARGEST ACTIVE MEMBERS (BASED ON REVENUES) THAT COMMIT TO HAVE THE ASSOCIATION REPRESENT THEM AS THEIR PRINCIPAL TRADE ASSOCIATION EACH SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DESIGNATE AN EXECUTIVE OF STATURE TO SERVE AS A DIRECTOR (B) SIX DIRECTORS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM AMONG EXECUTIVES OF STATURE OF ACTIVE MEMBERS THAT COMMIT TO HAVE THE ASSOCIATION REPRESENT THEM AS THEIR PRINCIPAL TRADE ASSOCIATION PURSUANT TO NOMINATION BY THE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (C) SIX DIRECTORS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM AMONG EXECUTIVES OF STATURE OF ACTIVE MEMBERS THAT COMMIT TO HAVE THE ASSOCIATION REPRESENT THEM AS THEIR PRINCIPAL TRADE ASSOCIATION PURSUANT TO NOMINATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (D) UP TO SEVEN NON-VOTING DIRECTORS MAY BE ELECTED FROM AMONG EXECUTIVES OF STATURE OF INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS AND/OR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PURSUANT TO NOMINATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B	THE BYLAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION MAY BE ALTERED, AMENDED, OR REPEALED AND NEW BYLAWS MAY BE ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT AT ANY REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING AT WHICH A QUORUM IS PRESENT

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	THE 990 IS INITIALLY PREPARED BY THE ASSOCIATION'S EXTERNAL AUDITORS, WITH DATA PROVIDED PRIMARILY BY THE USTELECOM FINANCE DEPARTMENT. A DRAFT IS THEN CIRCULATED FOR REVIEW TO THE SVP, LAW AND POLICY, THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND THE VP OF FINANCE AND ADMIN. ONCE THESE PARTIES HAVE SIGNED OFF ON THE DRAFT, IT IS SENT TO THE PRESIDENT & CEO FOR HIS REVIEW. BEFORE THE 990 IS FILED, IT IS DISCUSSED AT AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOARD AND MADE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS. EXTERNAL AUDITORS THEN FINALIZE THE RETURN AND THE USTELECOM FINANCE DEPARTMENT VIA CERTIFIED MAIL SENDS IT TO THE IRS.

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	WE REQUIRE BOARD MEMBERS AND SENIOR STAFF TO ATTEST IN WRITING EACH YEAR THAT THEY ARE IN CONFORMANCE WITH OUR CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY. FURTHER, OUR EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK CONTAINS OUR CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND ALL STAFF MUST SIGN AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED, READ AND UNDERSTAND THE MATERIAL CONTAINED IN THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND WILL ABIDE BY ITS GUIDANCE. WITH RESPECT TO ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST INVOLVING A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS, AND WHETHER OR NOT SUCH CONFLICT MATERIALLY AND ADVERSELY AFFECTS THE INTERESTS OF USTELECOM. A COVERED OFFICIAL WHOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICT IS UNDER REVIEW MAY NOT DEBATE, VOTE, OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATE IN SUCH DETERMINATION. IF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DETERMINES THAT AN ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DOES EXIST, THE BOARD SHALL ALSO DETERMINE AN APPROPRIATE REMEDY. SUCH REMEDY MAY INCLUDE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE RECUSAL OF THE CONFLICTED COVERED OFFICIAL FROM PARTICIPATING IN CERTAIN MATTERS PENDING BEFORE THE BOARD OR OTHER USTELECOM BODY. ONLY DISINTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY PARTICIPATE IN ANY REVIEW. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL INFORM THE BOARD OF ITS DETERMINATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION. THE BOARD SHALL RETAIN THE RIGHT TO MODIFY OR REVERSE SUCH DETERMINATION AND ACTION, AND SHALL RETAIN THE ULTIMATE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY. WITH RESPECT TO ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST INVOLVING KEY EMPLOYEES, THE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF USTELECOM WITH APPROPRIATE CONSULTATION, SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER SUCH CONFLICT EXISTS AND WHAT IS THE APPROPRIATE REMEDY AND SHALL EXERCISE ITS AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE REVIEW OF THAT DECISION OR MAY REFER IT TO THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT & CEO IS SET THROUGH A PROCESS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD WHICH INCLUDES ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL GOALS AND ASSESSMENT OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENT. THE PRESIDENT & CEO OPERATES UNDER THE AUTHORIZED EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD. COMPENSATION OF STAFF HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN REVIEWED BY AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTING PROCESS, WHICH INCLUDED MARKET COMPARABILITY STUDIES BASED ON POSITION REQUIREMENTS AT SIMILARLY SITUATED ORGANIZATIONS. ANNUAL INCREASES AND BONUSES ARE BASED ON PERFORMANCE AGAINST BOARD APPROVED GOALS AND ARE DETERMINED BY AN INTERNAL COMPENSATION COMMITTEE THAT IS COMPRISED OF MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR STAFF (NO INTERNAL COMMITTEE MEMBER PARTICIPATES IN HIS/HER OWN COMPENSATION DISCUSSION).

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE NOT MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. HOWEVER, THE ORGANIZATION DOES HAVE A PROCESS FOR PROVIDING COPIES ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

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FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C	THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE AUDIT OVERSIGHT PROCEDURES FROM THE PRIOR YEAR

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1 CONTINUATION	OUR MEMBER COMPANIES HAVE COMMITTED A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF RESOURCES AND INVESTMENT TO DELIVER HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND TO U S HOUSEHOLDS, AND EXPAND SERVICE ACCESS ACROSS THE NATION THEY ARE ALSO ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS TO BETTER SERVE CONSUMERS -- REDUCING BARRIERS AND BUILDING A NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE THAT ENCOURAGES AND SUPPORTS BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY FOR ALL AMERICANS IN ADDITION, USTELECOM MEMBERS HAVE LONG DEMONSTRATED THEIR MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR COMMITMENT TO WORKING WITH MINORITIES, WOMEN, SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND SMALL BUSINESSES -- ENCOURAGING SUPPLIER RELATIONSHIPS WITH MINORITY-OWNED VENDOR SOURCES WHENEVER POSSIBLE THAT CAN PROVIDE COMPETITIVE PRICES, QUALITY AND SERVICE BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY HAS ENRICHED THE NATION'S ECONOMY, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE AND MORE, DRIVING A HIGHER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL AMERICANS AS A RESULT OF THE INDUSTRY'S COMMITMENT TO ONGOING INVESTMENT TO EXTEND HIGH-SPEED INTERNET SERVICES AND APPLICATIONS, A ROBUST BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE IS NOW AVAILABLE COAST-TO-COAST USTELECOM UNITES AMERICA'S BROADBAND SERVICE PROVIDERS ACROSS OUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ADVOCACY OF PRO-INVESTMENT POLICIES THAT PROMOTE BROADBAND ACCESS AND EXPANSION, AND PROVIDE VALUABLE SERVICES AND PLATFORMS TO EVERY AMERICAN THE TELECOM SECTOR HAS BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN A NUMBER OF EFFORTS TO ADVANCE BROADBAND ADOPTION AND EXPAND HIGH-SPEED INTERNET TO AREAS ACROSS THE COUNTRY USTELECOM IS ALSO COMMITTED TO PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND ONLINE TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN ADDITION, WE STRIVE TO KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED AND UPDATED ON THE STATE OF THE COMMUNICATIONS MARKETPLACE, WHILE PROVIDING HIGH-QUALITY RESEARCH AND INFORMATION ON THE BROADBAND INDUSTRY THROUGH WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS AND STRATEGIC CEO UPDATES, OUR ASSOCIATION OFFERS ACCESS TO INVALUABLE INDUSTRY RESOURCES

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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

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Name of the organization
UNITED STATES TELECOM ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number
53-0159345

Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

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

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512 (b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1)UNITED STATES TELECOM ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION 601 NEW JERSEY AVE NW 600 WASHINGTON, DC 20001 52-1691824	PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY	DC	501(C)(3)	509(A)(3)	US TELECOM ASSOCIATION		No
(2)UNITED STATES TELECOM ASSOCIATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE 601 NEW JERSEY AVE NW 600 WASHINGTON, DC 20001	PROVIDE FEDERAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS	DC	527(F)		US TELECOM ASSOCIATION		No
(3)UNITED STATES TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION 501(C)(9) TRUST 601 NEW JERSEY AVE NW 600 WASHINGTON, DC 20001 52-1851497	FUND HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES, DEPENDENTS AND RETIREES	DC	501(C)(9)		US TELECOM ASSOCIATION		No

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

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

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

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

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule		Yes	No
1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?			
a	Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity	1a	No
b	Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)	1b	No
c	Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)	1c	No
d	Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)	1d	No
e	Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)	1e	No
f	Dividends from related organization(s)	1f	No
g	Sale of assets to related organization(s)	1g	No
h	Purchase of assets from related organization(s)	1h	No
i	Exchange of assets with related organization(s)	1i	No
j	Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)	1j	No
k	Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)	1k	No
l	Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)	1l	No
m	Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)	1m	No
n	Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)	1n	Yes
o	Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)	1o	No
p	Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses	1p	No
q	Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses	1q	No
r	Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)	1r	No
s	Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)	1s	No

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved

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

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Part VII **Supplemental Information**

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