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Form 990

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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OMB No 1545-0047

2018

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2018 , and ending 06-30-2019

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

Great Plains Institute for Sustainable Development Inc

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite

2801 21st Ave S No 220

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

Minneapolis, MN 55407

F Name and address of principal officer

Rolf Nordstrom

2801 21st Ave S No 220

Minneapolis, MN 55407

D Employer identification number

41-1921126

E Telephone number

(612) 278-7157

G Gross receipts \$ 5,338,978

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 ▶

I Tax-exempt status

☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) ( ) ◀(insert no ) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶ betterenergy.org

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation 1997

M State of legal domicile MN

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

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

Transforming the energy system to benefit the economy and environment

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) . . . . .

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

5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2018 (Part V, line 2a) . . . . .

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

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

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

Revenue

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

9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) . . . . .

10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d ) . . . . .

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

12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)

Expenses

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3 ) . . . . .

14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) . . . . .

15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)

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

16b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶413,695

17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e) . . . . .

18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)

19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12 . . . . .

Net Assets or Fund Balances

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) . . . . .

21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) . . . . .

22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20 . . . . .

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

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Signature of officer

Rolf Nordstrom President

Type or print name and title

2020-02-20

Date

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Date 2020-02-20

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN P00073438

Firm's name ▶ Abdo Eick & Meyers LLP

Firm's EIN ▶ 41-1397419

Firm's address ▶ 5201 Eden Avenue Suite 250

Edina, MN 55436

Phone no (952) 835-9090

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) . . . . .

☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Form 990 (2018)

**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

Transforming the energy system to benefit the economy and environment

**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

<b>4a</b>	(Code )	(Expenses \$	1,359,226	including grants of \$	(Revenue \$	13,576 )
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See Additional Data

<b>4b</b>	(Code )	(Expenses \$	469,243	including grants of \$	(Revenue \$	13,576 )
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<b>4c</b>	(Code )	(Expenses \$	1,321,551	including grants of \$	(Revenue \$	42,429 )
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(Code )	(Expenses \$	796,413	including grants of \$	(Revenue \$	23,866 )
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Communities Minnesota Solar Pathways Report GPI was a contributor to the Solar Potential Analysis Report for the MN Solar Pathways Initiative. The report shows that Minnesota can produce 10 percent of its electricity from solar by 2025 and 70 percent from solar and wind by 2050 at generation costs comparable to natural gas. The Solar Potential Analysis Report provides a new framework for looking at a high renewables future in Minnesota. Energy Reports and Forecasting Tools for Minnesota Cities. In 2018, GPI worked with more than two dozen Minnesota cities to incorporate energy and climate into planning documents. Through this process, GPI collected and organized data that includes energy consumption and associated greenhouse gas emissions of transportation, as well as commercial and residential buildings for communities across the state. This information is valuable to help cities think about how they can achieve major GHG reductions in their communities. National and State Recognition for Solar Possible: The US Department of Energy's Solar Energy Technology Office recognized Solar Possible with an honorable mention in the Innovations in Solarize Group Purchasing Campaigns category. Additionally, the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs and the Bush Foundation recognized the program with its State Government Innovation Award which highlights great work across the state and encourages an environment of experimentation and innovation. Solar Possible is a collaboration between GPI, the State of Minnesota's Office of Enterprise Sustainability, and the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs). Helping Cities Increase Electric Vehicles and Infrastructure: GPI and the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) coordinated a peer co-hort of cities across the state of Minnesota to help communities add electric vehicles (EVs) to fleets and charging infrastructure in their area. Technical assistance focused on actions and best practices that local governments can implement to accelerate the adoption of EVs such as - Including EVs in city purchasing plans- Installing electric charging infrastructure in public parking areas- Providing guidance on EV-ready development in the private sector. Growing State and National networks to Enable Cities to Achieve Energy and other Sustainability Goals: GPI co-directs GreenStep Cities, an award-winning voluntary challenge, assistance, and recognition program that supports cities' substantive actions to achieve their sustainability goals. The program has now grown to a network of more than 120 Minnesota cities and three tribal nations-more than 44 percent of the state's population. This work informed efforts to launch a national network of statewide sustainability programs. Clean Energy Projects for Businesses: The Metro Clean Energy Resource Team (CERT) at the Great Plains Institute partnered with Minneapolis, MN on the expansion of the city's Green Cost Share Program's to focus on solar energy. Through this partnership, GPI provided program promotion, led the application evaluation process, and shared stories of funded projects. GPI Receives 2018 Nonprofit Partner Award from the Minnesota Solar Energy Industries Association: GPI was recognized by the Minnesota Solar Energy Industries Association (MnSEIA) with the 2018 MnSEIA Nonprofit Partner Award. In a letter to GPI about the award, MnSEIA Executive Director David Shaffer stated, "Your work on Solar Pathways, getting communities engaged with solar, and the Solar Energy Innovation Network grant project have all been incredibly beneficial for our industry at large, and we'd like to recognize GPI for its amazing work on these issues." Creating Climate Action Plans for Cities in Minnesota: GPI was chosen to create Climate Action Plans for St. Paul, Minnesota's capital and second largest city, as well as Northfield, Minnesota. Northfield's city council approved the plan in fall 2019. St. Paul's plan focuses on achieving carbon neutrality in city operations by 2030, and citywide by 2050. It goes to a vote in the city council in fall 2019 or early 2020. Clean Energy Procurement Network: GPI and the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) created a network of Minnesota cities focused on identifying and overcoming barriers to renewable energy procurement. The effort kicked off with a day-long Renewable Energy Procurement Boot Camp with facilitators from the World Resources Institute and Rocky Mountain Institute. Cities learned more about renewable energy procurement options in the state (including power purchase agreements and utility solutions), shared best practices, and discussed possible pathways to clean electricity. Building on the expertise gained from the boot camp, cities could join GPI and CERTs' Renewable Energy Procurement Network. Alongside peers in other Minnesota cities, they will work toward tangible outcomes together, including the creation of an action plan to increase participation in renewable energy deployment. Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) Award: CERTs was awarded Program of the Year by the Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC) for its continuous effort toward helping Minnesotans build and apply clean energy practices across the state. CERTs is a public-private partnership staffed by GPI, the University of Minnesota, SRDC, and the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

<b>4d</b>	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )	(Expenses \$	796,413	including grants of \$	(Revenue \$	23,866 )
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<b>4e</b>	<b>Total program service expenses</b> ▶	3,946,433
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**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	<b>1</b> Yes	
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	<b>2</b> Yes	
<b>3</b> Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	<b>3</b>	No
<b>4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	<b>4</b> Yes	
<b>5</b> Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	<b>5</b>	No
<b>6</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	<b>6</b>	No
<b>7</b> Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	<b>7</b>	No
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	<b>8</b>	No
<b>9</b> Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	<b>9</b>	No
<b>10</b> Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	<b>10</b>	No
<b>11</b> If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
<b>a</b> Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	<b>11a</b> Yes	
<b>b</b> Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	<b>11b</b>	No
<b>c</b> Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	<b>11c</b>	No
<b>d</b> Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	<b>11d</b>	No
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	<b>11e</b>	No
<b>f</b> Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	<b>11f</b> Yes	
<b>12a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	<b>12a</b> Yes	
<b>b</b> Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	<b>12b</b>	No
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	<b>13</b>	No
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	<b>14a</b>	No
<b>b</b> Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	<b>14b</b>	No
<b>15</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	<b>15</b>	No
<b>16</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	<b>16</b>	No
<b>17</b> Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	<b>17</b>	No
<b>18</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	<b>18</b>	No
<b>19</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	<b>19</b>	No
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	<b>20a</b>	No
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	<b>20b</b>	
<b>21</b> 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	<b>21</b>	No
<b>22</b> 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	<b>22</b>	No

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

	Yes	No
<b>23</b> 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> . . . . .	<b>23</b> Yes	
<b>24a</b> 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> . . . . .	<b>24a</b>	No
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . .	<b>24b</b>	
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .	<b>24c</b>	
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . .	<b>24d</b>	
<b>25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> . . . . .	<b>25a</b>	No
<b>b</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> . . . . .	<b>25b</b>	No
<b>26</b> 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> . . . . .	<b>26</b>	No
<b>27</b> 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> . . . . .	<b>27</b>	No
<b>28</b> 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)		
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .	<b>28a</b>	No
<b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .	<b>28b</b>	No
<b>c</b> 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> . . . . .	<b>28c</b>	No
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> . . . . .	<b>29</b>	No
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> . . . . .	<b>30</b>	No
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> . . . . .	<b>31</b>	No
<b>32</b> 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> . . . . .	<b>32</b>	No
<b>33</b> 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> . . . . .	<b>33</b>	No
<b>34</b> 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> . . . . .	<b>34</b>	No
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	<b>35a</b>	No
<b>b</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> . . . . .	<b>35b</b>	
<b>36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> . . . . .	<b>36</b>	No
<b>37</b> 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>	<b>37</b>	No
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O . . . . .	<b>38</b> Yes	

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

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable . . . . .	<b>1a</b> 18	
<b>b</b> Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable . . . . .	<b>1b</b> 0	
<b>c</b> Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? . . . . .	<b>1c</b> Yes	

<b>2a</b> Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return . . . . .		<b>2a</b>	37			
<b>b</b> If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)				<b>2b</b>	Yes	
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? . . . . .				<b>3a</b>		No
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .				<b>3b</b>		
<b>4a</b> At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? . . . . .				<b>4a</b>		No
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)						
<b>5a</b> Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . . . .				<b>5a</b>		No
<b>b</b> Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?				<b>5b</b>		No
<b>c</b> If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? . . . . .				<b>5c</b>		
<b>6a</b> Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? . . . . .				<b>6a</b>		No
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? . . . . .				<b>6b</b>		
<b>7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>						
<b>a</b> Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? . . . . .				<b>7a</b>		No
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? . . . . .				<b>7b</b>		
<b>c</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? . . . . .				<b>7c</b>		No
<b>d</b> If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year . . . . .				<b>7d</b>		
<b>e</b> Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?				<b>7e</b>		No
<b>f</b> Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . . . .				<b>7f</b>		No
<b>g</b> If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? . . . . .				<b>7g</b>		
<b>h</b> If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? . . . . .				<b>7h</b>		
<b>8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b> Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year? . . . . .						
				<b>8</b>		
<b>9a</b> Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? . . . . .				<b>9a</b>		
<b>b</b> Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? . . . . .				<b>9b</b>		
<b>10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter						
<b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 . . . . .				<b>10a</b>		
<b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities				<b>10b</b>		
<b>11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter						
<b>a</b> Gross income from members or shareholders . . . . .				<b>11a</b>		
<b>b</b> Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them ) . . . . .				<b>11b</b>		
<b>12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?				<b>12a</b>		
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year				<b>12b</b>		
<b>13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>						
<b>a</b> Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O				<b>13a</b>		
<b>b</b> Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans . . . . .				<b>13b</b>		
<b>c</b> Enter the amount of reserves on hand . . . . .				<b>13c</b>		
<b>14a</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? . . . . .				<b>14a</b>		No
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .				<b>14b</b>		
<b>15</b> Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N . . . . .				<b>15</b>		No
<b>16</b> Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O . . . . .				<b>16</b>		No

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI. ☒

## Section A. Governing Body and Management

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

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

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

## Section C. Disclosure

**17** List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed: MN, IA, ND, SD, WI, IL

**18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024-A 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 2801 21st Ave S No 220 Minneapolis, MN 55407 (612) 278-7157

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

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

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Will Kaul Chair, Director	10 00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) Amy Skoczlas Cole Vice Chair	10 00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) Dan O'Neill Treasurer, Director	10 00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) Doug Jaeger Secretary, Director	5 00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) Jessica Hellmann Director	5 00	X						0	0	0
(6) Winthrop A Rockwell Director	15 00	X						0	0	0
(7) Satish Jayaram Director	5 00	X						0	0	0
(8) Priti Patel Director	5 00	X						0	0	0
(9) Rolf Nordstrom President, Director, CEO	40 00	X		X				172,300	0	24,500
(10) Eric Schroeder Former Chief Administrative Officer	40 00			X				85,528	0	17,989
(11) Brad Crabtree Vice President	40 00					X		101,744	0	17,478
(12) Doug Scott Vice President	40 00					X		146,166	0	7,200

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

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<b>1b Sub-Total</b>			
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>			
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>	505,738	0	67,167

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 ▶ 4

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual . . . . .</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual . . . . .</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person . . . . .</i>	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
RENEWPR PO Box 53154 Washington, DC 20009	Program Consulting	200,768
Riverwind Consulting 7306 Ponderosa Dr Horace, ND 58047	Program Consulting	183,788
Wellington Management 1625 Energy Park Drive Ste 100 Saint Paul, MN 55108	Program Consulting	159,241
Center for Energy and Environment 212 3rd Ave N Ste 560 Minneapolis, MN 55401	Program Consulting	145,001
Litz Energy Strategies 1210 Carlyle Dr Niskayuna, NY 12309	Program Consulting	126,445

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 ▶ 6



**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
<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . .	<b>1a</b>				
<b>b</b> Membership dues . . .	<b>1b</b>				
<b>c</b> Fundraising events . . .	<b>1c</b>				
<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>				
<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>	727,483			
<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	4,515,415			
<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f \$ _____					
<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .		5,242,898			

Program Service Revenue

	Business Code				
<b>2a</b> Contracts	561000	92,255	92,255		
<b>b</b> Other Income	900099	1,192	1,192		
<b>c</b> _____					
<b>d</b> _____					
<b>e</b> _____					
<b>f</b> All other program service revenue					
<b>9 Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .		93,447			

Other Revenue

<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .		2,633			2,633
<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . .					
<b>6a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
<b>b</b> Less rental expenses					
<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)					
<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .					
<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
<b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)					
<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . .					
<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .	<b>a</b>				
<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b>				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .					
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	<b>a</b>				
<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b>				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .					
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>a</b>				
<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>b</b>				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .					
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
<b>11a</b> _____					
<b>b</b> _____					
<b>c</b> _____					
<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .					
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .					
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See Instructions . . . . .		5,338,978	93,447	0	2,633

**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
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21.				
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.				
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, line 15 and 16.				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members.				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	693,370	145,608	457,624	90,138
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages . . . . .	1,520,384	1,213,563	79,625	227,196
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .				
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits . . . . .	152,719	127,423	2,010	23,286
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes . . . . .	169,745	107,515	37,732	24,498
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees)				
<b>a</b> Management . . . . .				
<b>b</b> Legal . . . . .				
<b>c</b> Accounting . . . . .				
<b>d</b> Lobbying . . . . .				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees . . . . .				
<b>g</b> Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	1,707,937	1,574,740	115,971	17,226
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion . . . . .				
<b>13</b> Office expenses . . . . .	103,142	47,134	33,550	22,458
<b>14</b> Information technology . . . . .				
<b>15</b> Royalties . . . . .				
<b>16</b> Occupancy . . . . .	159,241		159,241	
<b>17</b> Travel . . . . .	239,931	231,024	6,389	2,518
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	482,390	478,032	3,758	600
<b>20</b> Interest . . . . .				
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	15,511		15,511	
<b>23</b> Insurance . . . . .	6,129	43	6,086	
<b>24</b> 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.)				
<b>a</b> Training . . . . .	21,960	14,039	3,815	4,106
<b>b</b> Equipment and Furniture . . . . .	20,327	4,746	15,581	
<b>c</b> Fundraising event hospi . . . . .	3,991	1,866	456	1,669
<b>d</b> Miscellaneous . . . . .	3,726	700	3,026	
<b>e</b> All other expenses . . . . .				
<b>25</b> Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	5,300,503	3,946,433	940,375	413,695
<b>26</b> Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

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

				(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b>	Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .		2,167,540	<b>1</b>	2,161,925	
	<b>2</b>	Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .		532,068	<b>2</b>	533,770	
	<b>3</b>	Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .		1,390,805	<b>3</b>	1,580,822	
	<b>4</b>	Accounts receivable, net . . . . .		220,083	<b>4</b>	275,396	
	<b>5</b>	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .			<b>5</b>		
	<b>6</b>	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .			<b>6</b>		
	<b>7</b>	Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .			<b>7</b>		
	<b>8</b>	Inventories for sale or use . . . . .			<b>8</b>		
	<b>9</b>	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .		3,724	<b>9</b>	3,724	
	<b>10a</b>	Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D . . . . .	<b>10a</b>	126,436			
	<b>b</b>	Less: accumulated depreciation . . . . .	<b>10b</b>	115,513	26,434	<b>10c</b>	10,923
	<b>11</b>	Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .			<b>11</b>		
	<b>12</b>	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .			<b>12</b>		
	<b>13</b>	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .			<b>13</b>		
	<b>14</b>	Intangible assets . . . . .			<b>14</b>		
	<b>15</b>	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .			<b>15</b>		
<b>16</b>	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .		4,340,654	<b>16</b>	4,566,560		
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b>	Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .		350,660	<b>17</b>	538,091	
	<b>18</b>	Grants payable . . . . .			<b>18</b>		
	<b>19</b>	Deferred revenue . . . . .			<b>19</b>		
	<b>20</b>	Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .			<b>20</b>		
	<b>21</b>	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .			<b>21</b>		
	<b>22</b>	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .			<b>22</b>		
	<b>23</b>	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .			<b>23</b>		
	<b>24</b>	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .			<b>24</b>		
	<b>25</b>	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D . . . . .			<b>25</b>		
	<b>26</b>	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .		350,660	<b>26</b>	538,091	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>						
	<b>27</b>	Unrestricted net assets . . . . .		2,144,447	<b>27</b>	1,776,273	
	<b>28</b>	Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .		1,845,547	<b>28</b>	2,252,196	
	<b>29</b>	Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .			<b>29</b>		
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>						
	<b>30</b>	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .			<b>30</b>		
	<b>31</b>	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .			<b>31</b>		
	<b>32</b>	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .			<b>32</b>		
<b>33</b>	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> . . . . .		3,989,994	<b>33</b>	4,028,469		
<b>34</b>	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> . . . . .		4,340,654	<b>34</b>	4,566,560		

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	5,338,978
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	5,300,503
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	38,475
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	3,989,994
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	0
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	4,028,469

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☒

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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		
<b>2a</b> 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		No
<b>b</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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
<b>c</b> 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	
<b>3a</b> 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>b</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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Form 990 (2018)

## Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

Carbon Management Economy-Wide Deployment of Carbon Capture, Use, & Storage (CCUS) The Carbon Capture Coalition, co-convened by GPI, released a first-ever consensus Federal Policy Blueprint illustrating a comprehensive agenda on CCUS deployment in the US which builds on the federal tax credit passed with the help of the Coalition. Now more than 70 members, the Coalition is the most diverse energy and environmental group in the US. GPI staffs 4 additional groups focused on state and regional CCUS. GPI hosts the only national conference on CCUS, gathering key leaders in policy, tech, industry, finance, & environmental sectors to show support & momentum for CCUS. Comments Submitted to US Department of Treasury on 45Q Carbon Capture Coalition, co-convened by GPI, submitted comments, recommendations, and model guidance to US Department of Treasury on 45Q Tax Credit Implementation. This represents 13 months of work to reach consensus among the diverse members of the Coalition and provides a road map for effective implementation of 45Q, the revamped tax credit to spur deployment of carbon capture technology passed by Congress in 2018. Since the passage of 45Q in early 2018, the Coalition has continued efforts to keep 45Q guidance moving forward in the Treasury's agenda so qualified carbon capture projects can begin construction before the deadline outlined in 45Q. First-Ever Federal Policy Blueprint for Carbon Capture The Carbon Capture Coalition, co-convened by GPI, released its consensus Federal Policy Blueprint to articulate a comprehensive and ambitious federal policy agenda that can help achieve the goal of economywide carbon capture deployment. This blueprint builds on the foundational policy of the Section 45Q carbon capture tax credit passed last year by Congress as part of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018. The blueprint offers a portfolio of policies that would increase carbon capture deployment in key sectors of the economy, from industries like cement and steel to electric power generation. Senate Passes Bipartisan USE IT Act for Carbon Capture and Utilization The USE IT Act is a top legislative priority of the Carbon Capture Coalition, co-convened by GPI, and, if passed, would help develop and deploy the next generation of carbon capture and utilization technologies to transform carbon dioxide (CO2) into a beneficial resource and economic opportunity while reducing emissions. It will facilitate the development of the infrastructure needed to transport CO2 from industrial facilities and power plants where it is captured to where it can be geologically stored or put to beneficial use. The Coalition continues to work with lawmakers to help secure passage of the USE IT Act and get it to the president's desk. Key Leadership and Multi-Stakeholder Collaborations on Carbon Capture, Use, and Storage GPI staffs the following groups as part of its goal to ensure economy-wide deployment of carbon capture, use, and storage. Carbon Capture Coalition The Carbon Capture Coalition fosters the deployment and adoption of carbon capture technology in order to foster domestic energy production, support jobs, and reduce emissions. The nonpartisan coalition brings together a diverse partnership of energy, industrial and technology companies, labor unions, and environmental, clean energy, and agricultural organizations. With more than 70 members, it is the most diverse energy and environmental group in the US. Governors' Partnership for Carbon Capture The Governors' Partnership on Carbon Capture undertakes initiatives and supports policies that further the development and deployment of carbon capture projects and CO2 pipeline infrastructure across the United States. At the direction of the participating governors, the partnership is coordinated and staffed by the State Carbon Capture Work Group. The work group is staffed by the Great Plains Institute at the invitation and direction of the convening governors. State Carbon Capture Work Group State Carbon Capture Work Group brings together officials from 15 US states to support carbon capture deployment and the buildout of CO2 pipeline infrastructure. A major focus of the group is the Regional Deployment Initiative, a new effort to promote broad-scale deployment of carbon capture, utilization, and storage infrastructure in the Northern Plains/Rockies and Midwest regions. The work group is coordinated and staffed by the Great Plains Institute at the invitation and direction of the convening governors, their staff and state officials. Regional Carbon Capture Deployment Initiative The Regional Carbon Capture Deployment Initiative promotes broad-scale deployment of infrastructure for carbon capture, CO2 pipelines, enhanced oil recovery, other forms of geologic storage, and beneficial utilization of CO2. The initiative brings together state officials and stakeholders to support carbon capture in the Northern Plains, Rockies, and Midwest regions. The Regional Carbon Capture Deployment Initiative is part of the State Carbon Capture Work Group. The work group is staffed by the Great Plains Institute at the invitation and direction of the convening governors. Carbon Capture Leadership Council The Carbon Capture Leadership Council works to catalyze support for carbon capture in the US and to advance a national technology, policy, and deployment agenda. The council brings together top industry, government, labor, NGO, and philanthropic leaders. CO2NNECT Conference The 2019 CO2NNECT Conference, hosted by GPI, brought together leaders across the policy, technology, industry, finance, and environmental sectors to show support and momentum for carbon capture technology. Among the major announcements at the event, Occidental Petroleum and Carbon Technologies announced they are moving forward with the engineering and design of what will be the largest direct air capture facility in the world. Featured speakers included Governor Mark Gordan (R-WY), Former US Senator Heidi Hetkamp (D-ND), Jonathan Pershing, program director of environment at the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, and National Wildlife Federation President and CEO Collin O'Mara. Best Public Affairs Campaign of the Year Award The Carbon Capture Coalition, co-convened by GPI, along with RENEWPR, a public relations partner in Washington, DC, recently earned the Best Public Affairs Campaign of the Year Cleanie Award. The award recognizes the Coalition's success in ushering the federal tax credit on carbon capture and storage through Congress in 2018 and its continued work on CCUS.

## Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:

Transportation and Fuels Road Map to Decarbonization in the Midcontinent Led by GPI, a diverse coalition of stakeholders developed a road map to show how electric vehicles (EVs) can drastically lower emissions from the region's largest emitting sector. This 2nd chapter builds on work released in 2018 focused on the electricity sector and is part of GPI's continuing effort to give state leadership, policy makers, and others a blueprint to a low-carbon future. This work is significant given the diverse makeup of the stakeholders involved and the rigorous analysis. It is the first-of-its-kind road map to decarbonization for any region in the US.

Supporting Increased Electric Vehicle Adoption in Minnesota Through the public-private partnership Drive Electric Minnesota, facilitated by GPI, staff worked to educate the public and legislators on the economic and environmental importance of increased electric vehicle (EV) adoption and infrastructure in the state. While proposed bills would have raised the current EV tax in Minnesota to as much as \$250, in the end the legislature did not pass those provisions this year. Legislators on both sides of the political aisle put forward proactive legislation to promote EVs. Stand-alone EV bills were introduced on a range of issues, including bills and funding to support investments in charging infrastructure, electric buses, and EV sales incentives. A number of these provisions passed the House floor-which is the most ambitious EV agenda to ever pass a body of the Minnesota legislature. It is unfortunate that these provisions didn't make it all the way through the process, but the House passage still represents progress.

MN Department of Transportation Pathways to Decarbonizing Transportation GPI set up ten stakeholder meetings across the State of Minnesota and then processed the feedback from those meetings into a report for the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). The work was incorporated into MnDOT's Pathways to Decarbonizing Transportation which explores potential strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from cars, trucks, and buses. The study could help inform the foundation the administration's strategy for decarbonizing transportation.

Electric Vehicle Vision for Minnesota Released GPI collaborated with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on the report, Accelerating Electric Vehicle Adoption: A Vision for Minnesota, which provides a vision and strategies for encouraging greater adoption of electric vehicles and the necessary charging equipment across the state. It also sets a goal of increasing the number of electric vehicles in Minnesota from about 6,000 today to 200,000 in 2030.

Cities Charging Ahead on Electric Vehicles in Minnesota The Cities Charging Ahead cohort included more than 20 Minnesota communities. Participants learned more about electric vehicles (EVs), received technical assistance, helped pilot best practices, and provided feedback on tools/resources for other cities to use on their journey to electrify transportation. Cities have leased or purchased ten EVs as a result of the program and another ten included them in 2020 purchasing plans. Eleven cities have installed level 2 or DCFC chargers and 15 plan to do so in 2020. Two cities created EV-ready standards for private development and 11 explored the prospect. Fifty-one Green Step Cities Best Practice Actions (BPAs) were accomplished through this co-hort.

National Pilot Project on Solar + Electric Vehicle Charging GPI presented on new modeling work from the national pilot solar+EV project as part of the Solar Energy Innovation Network (SEIN) symposium in Denver. The SEIN project was a pilot project through the National Renewable Energy Labs and wrapped up with a with a Solar+EV Action Plan which aims to increase market deployment of this technology.

Minnesota Bioeconomy The Minnesota Bioeconomy Coalition, facilitated by GPI, was active at the legislature this year, and, for the first time, the funding for the Minnesota Bioincentive was increased from \$1.5 million per year to \$2.5 million per year with a proposed a future increase to \$3 million per year after the current biennium.

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## Form 990, Part III, Line 4c:

Decarbonizing Electricity GPI co-convenes the e21 Initiative which provides valuable leadership in shaping a 21st Century electric system in Minnesota. Building on the blueprint created through the e21 process, GPI lent its facilitation abilities, knowledge of the utility industry, and experiences to assist other states and utilities in the Midwest and on both US coasts as they navigate changes in utility business models. States and utilities are looking to modernize their grid, add more renewable energy or energy efficiency to their portfolios, and other opportunities to better position them in the future. e21 Initiative GPI co-convenes the e21 Initiative with the Center for Energy and Environment. e21 seeks to advance a decarbonized, customer-centric, and technologically modern electric system in Minnesota by ensuring that utility business models are aligned with the public interest. e21 works by convening diverse groups of stakeholders to foster learning, collaboration, and problem-solving around complex regulatory proceedings and utility proposals. In addition, the e21 Initiative seeks to keep Minnesota on the national and global forefront of energy innovations that contribute to the common good. e21's third and current phase (January 2017 to present) is focused on convening many different groups of stakeholders to shape and accelerate progress on a wide-variety of specific proceedings, filings, and topics relevant to modernizing Minnesota's electric system. Wisconsin Energy Distribution and Technology Initiative GPI has teamed up with the Midwest Energy Research Consortium to initiate a comprehensive stakeholder process, like the e21 Initiative in Minnesota, to define the role that technology can play in the Wisconsin energy distribution system of the future. This initiative aims to increase understanding of the key technologies, emerging markets, research gaps, and economic and regulatory barriers that could inhibit new market development. As with e21 in MN, the initiative aims to better align utility actions and investments with achieving a low-carbon energy system. Decarbonizing Minnesota's Natural Gas End Uses Two GPI staffers were part of a five-person team chosen for the sixth annual Electricity Innovation Lab (e-Lab) Accelerator. The 13 participating teams from across the nation work to develop, implement and spread new solutions that enable a rapid transition to a clean, secure, prosperous, and equitable electricity system. In part as a result of that experience, GPI launched new work that will explore with the nation's largest gas utilities and others what the natural gas industry might look like in a very low-carbon world. e21 Forum Focuses on Integrated Systems Planning for a Decarbonized Electric System in Minnesota The e21 Initiative held a public forum on integrated systems planning (ISP)-the concept of end-to-end electric system planning from the wholesale market to the distribution system-to generate new ideas in response to this challenge. This forum sought to take the next step by generating discussion around what mix of low-carbon technologies and approaches can provide the services required by a 21st-century electric system. MN Sustainable Growth Coalition GPI is one of only three nonprofit members of this business coalition that is working to advance the next frontier of corporate sustainability-the circular economy. GPI CEO Rolf serves on the steering committee and GPI played a central role in developing the Coalition's Clean Energy Vision which guides the group's work. Among its early successes, the Coalition helped reshape the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce's formal policy positions on energy. The coalition is spearheaded by Environmental Initiative and includes some of MN's most iconic brands. 3M, Best Buy, Cargill, Medtronic, Xcel, and more than 20 others. Expert Workshop for States and Stakeholders in the PJM Region GPI and the Nicholas Institute at Duke University presented an expert workshop for states and stakeholders to discuss important issues in the PJM transmission region in 2019. The workshop featured discussions on important issues facing the region, including - ambitious state environmental goals- hot topics from a carbon pricing proposal in the PJM region- federal regulations such as the Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) Rule and the Mercury and Air Toxics (MATS) rule- utility, state, and federal perspectives on PJM market rules and their interaction with state initiatives such as Zero Emission Credits and Renewable Portfolio Standards. The PJM region includes parts of Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

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SCHEDULE A

(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

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.  
▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for the latest information.

OMB No 1545-0047

2018

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

Great Plains Institute for Sustainable Development Inc

Employer identification number

41-1921126

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 12, check only one box )

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A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
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A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ) )
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A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
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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
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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 )
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A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
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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 )
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A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II )
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An agricultural research organization described in **170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture See instructions Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university
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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 )
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An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4).**
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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 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g
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**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.**
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**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.**
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**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.**
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**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.**
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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
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Enter the number of supported organizations
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Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 10 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), 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, 8, or 9 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) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grant ")	4,299,539	4,347,000	6,550,042	4,285,201	5,242,898	24,724,680
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	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	4,299,539	4,347,000	6,550,042	4,285,201	5,242,898	24,724,680
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)						15,508,475
6	<b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						9,216,205

Section B. Total Support								
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►		(a)2014	(b)2015	(c)2016	(d)2017	(e)2018	(f)Total	
7	Amounts from line 4	4,299,539	4,347,000	6,550,042	4,285,201	5,242,898	24,724,680	
8	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	1,161	1,800	2,378	2,591	2,633	10,563	
9	Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on							
10	Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI )							
11	<b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						24,735,243	
12	Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)						12	591,026
13	<b>First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . . . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>							

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage		
14	Public support percentage for 2018 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14 37.260 %
15	Public support percentage for 2017 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15 41.020 %
16a	<b>33 1/3% support test—2018.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b	<b>33 1/3% support test—2017.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
17a	<b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2018.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
b	<b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2017.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
18	<b>Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 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) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> 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						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</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						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (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**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2018 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2017 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	<b>16</b>	

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for <b>2018</b> (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from <b>2017</b> Schedule A, Part III, line 17	<b>18</b>	

**19a 33 1/3% support tests—2018.** 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—2017.** 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 12 of Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>	<b>2</b>	
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>	<b>3a</b>	
<b>b</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)? <i>If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> when and how the organization made the determination.</i>	<b>3b</b>	
<b>c</b> Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>	<b>3c</b>	
<b>4a</b> Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes" and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b> Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b> 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)? <i>If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> 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.</i>	<b>4c</b>	
<b>5a</b> Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in <b>Part VI</b>, 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).</i>	<b>5a</b>	
<b>b</b> <b>Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?	<b>5b</b>	
<b>c</b> <b>Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?	<b>5c</b>	
<b>6</b> Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b>.</i>	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b> Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b> Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>	<b>8</b>	
<b>9a</b> 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))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b>.</i>	<b>9a</b>	
<b>b</b> Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b>.</i>	<b>9b</b>	
<b>c</b> Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b>.</i>	<b>9c</b>	
<b>10a</b> Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>	<b>10a</b>	
<b>b</b> Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>	<b>10b</b>	

Part IV

Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
<b>11</b> Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
<b>a</b> 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?		
<b>b</b> A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
<b>c</b> A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? <i>If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI</i>		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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? <i>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.</i>		
<b>2</b> 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? <i>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.</i>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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)? <i>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).</i>		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

<b>1</b> Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions)		
<b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
<b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
<b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
<b>2</b> Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
<b>a</b> 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? <i>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.</i>		
<b>b</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? <i>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.</i>		
<b>3</b> Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
<b>a</b> 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? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		

<b>Part V</b> <b>Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations</b>			
<div><div>1</div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div><div>Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI). <b>See instructions.</b> All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.</div></div>			
<b>Section A - Adjusted Net Income</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	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	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	
<b>Section B - Minimum Asset Amount</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)	1	
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	<b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI)		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
<b>Section C - Distributable Amount</b>			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	<div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div><div>Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).</div></div>		

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 2018 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-2018	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2018
1 Distributable amount for 2018 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2018 (reasonable cause required-- explain in Part VI) See instructions			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2018			
a From 2013. . . . .			
b From 2014. . . . .			
c From 2015. . . . .			
d From 2016. . . . .			
e From 2017. . . . .			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2018 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2013 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2018 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2018 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2018, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI See instructions			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2018 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI See instructions			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2019. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a Excess from 2014. . . . .			
b Excess from 2015. . . . .			
c Excess from 2016. . . . .			
d Excess from 2017. . . . .			
e Excess from 2018. . . . .			

Additional Data

Software ID:  
Software Version:  
EIN: 41-1921126  
Name: Great Plains Institute for Sustainable  
Development Inc

**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

**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.  
▶Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

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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 Great Plains Institute for Sustainable Development Inc	<b>Employer identification number</b> 41-1921126
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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) ▶ \$
- 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 ▶ \$
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

(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

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b> (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)															
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		45,927													
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		45,927													
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures		3,900,506													
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		3,946,433													
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns		347,322													
<table><thead><tr><th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th><th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Not over \$500,000</td><td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td><td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td><td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$1,000,000</td></tr></tbody></table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
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Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000														
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		86,831													
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-		0													
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-		0													
<b>j</b> If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No													

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount	374,175	375,165	329,221	347,322	1,425,883
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					2,138,825
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures	6,000	42,023	42,663	45,927	136,613
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount	93,544	93,791	82,305	86,831	356,471
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					534,707
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.  
► Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for the latest information.

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Name of the organization  
Great Plains Institute for Sustainable Development Inc

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 7/25/06, 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		4,283	2,570	1,713
d Equipment . . . . .		122,153	112,943	9,210
e Other . . . . .				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) . . . ▶				10,923

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		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
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

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**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.

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .	<b>1</b>	5,338,978
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	0
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>	5,338,978
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line <b>1</b>		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	0
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12 ) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	5,338,978

**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.

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .	<b>1</b>	5,300,503
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Other losses . . . . .	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	0
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>	5,300,503
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line <b>1</b> :		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	0
<b>5</b>	Total expenses. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18 ) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	5,300,503

**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

**Additional Data**

**Software ID:**  
**Software Version:**  
**EIN:** 41-1921126  
**Name:** Great Plains Institute for Sustainable  
Development Inc

**Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
Part X, Line 2	The Organization is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is also exempt from Minnesota franchise and income taxes for related business activities. The Organization files informational returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and in the Minnesota state jurisdiction. U.S. federal returns and Minnesota returns for the prior three fiscal years are closed. No returns are currently under examination in any tax jurisdiction. Management believes that it is not reasonably possible for any tax position benefits to increase or decrease significantly over the next 12 months. As of June 30, 2019 and 2018, there were no income tax related accrued interest or penalties recognized in either the statement of financial position or the statement of activities.



Schedule J (Form 990)	<div>Compensation Information</div> <div>For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees</div> <div>▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23. ▶ Attach to Form 990.</div> <div>▶ Go to <a href="http://www.irs.gov/Form990">www.irs.gov/Form990</a> for instructions and the latest information.</div>	OMB No 1545-0047
		2018
		Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Name of the organization Great Plains Institute for Sustainable Development Inc	Employer identification number 41-1921126
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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. <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)</div></div>		
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	
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. <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</div></div>		
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: <div>a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?</div> <div>b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</div> <div>c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?</div> <div>If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.</div>	4a	No
		4b	No
		4c	No
	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: <div>a The organization?</div> <div>b Any related organization?</div> <div>If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.</div>	5a	No
		5b	No
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: <div>a The organization?</div> <div>b Any related organization?</div> <div>If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.</div>	6a	No
		6b	No
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	No
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	No
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.

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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 3	The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) fills out a self-assessment of his/her performance for the past year. The chair of the board reviews the CEO's self-assessment and consults other members of the Executive Committee, staff, funders and others deemed to have useful knowledge of the CEO's performance. The Board Chair sends the completed evaluation to the Executive Committee with any proposed salary adjustments. The salary adjustments are based on some comparative analysis for organizations of similar budget size, in the same general field and geographic location. The Executive Committee reports its final evaluation to the full board, including any salary adjustments.



**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury

Name of the organization

Great Plains Institute for Sustainable  
Development Inc

**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 B, line 11b	The board members are given the drafted 990 to review and make changes Once approved by the board members, the 990 is filed

# 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	The Directors are asked annually to disclose any instance that may constitute a conflict i n any board discussion, vote or contract negotiation. Directors are requested to abstain f rom voting on any declared conflict and employees are requested to refrain from active par ticipation in any negotiation involving a declared conflict.

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15a	<p>The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) fills out a self-assessment of his/her performance for the past year. The chair of the board reviews the CEO's self-assessment and consults other members of the Executive Committee, staff, funders and others deemed to have useful knowledge of the CEO's performance. The Board Chair sends the completed evaluation to the Executive Committee with any proposed salary adjustments. The salary adjustments are based on some comparative analysis for organizations of similar budget size, in the same general field and geographic location. The Executive Committee reports its final evaluation to the full board including any salary adjustments.</p>

# 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 18	GPI's audit is available on its website at <a href="http://www.betterenergy.org">www.betterenergy.org</a>



# 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	Other documents are available upon request

# 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part IX, line 11g	Consultants Program service expenses 595,358 Management and general expenses 212 Fundra ising expenses 17,103 Total expenses 612,673 Consultants - Partner Distribution Program service expenses 978,827 Management and general expenses 10,050 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 988,877 Other Professional Services Program service expenses 555 Manage ment and general expenses 105,709 Fundraising expenses 123 Total expenses 106,387

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part XII, Line 2c	The Board of Directors assumes responsibility and oversight of the audit