

Form **990**

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

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending		<b>C</b> Name of organization COUNCIL FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY INFORMATION		<b>D</b> Employer identification number 26-4188804	
Doing business as		Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) 1201 MARYLAND AVENUE SW NO 900		Room/suite (202) 962-9200	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code WASHINGTON, DC 20024		<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: DOYLE KARR 1201 MARYLAND AVENUE SW NO 900 WASHINGTON, DC 20024		<b>E</b> Telephone number (202) 962-9200	
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (6) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		<b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ 3,500,823	
<b>J</b> Website: WWW.GMOANSWERS.COM		<b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number	
<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other		<b>L</b> Year of formation: 2008		<b>M</b> State of legal domicile: DC	

**Part I Summary**

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:  
 TO PROMOTE PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ABOUT ITS BENEFITS AND SAFETY.

	Prior Year	Current Year
<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)		<b>3</b> 6
<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)		<b>4</b> 6
<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)		<b>5</b> 0
<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)		<b>6</b> 6
<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12		<b>7a</b> 0
<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34		<b>7b</b> 0
<b>Revenue</b>		
<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)		0
<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	3,970,000	3,500,000
<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	902	823
<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0	0
<b>12</b> Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	3,970,902	3,500,823
<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	5,000	5,000
<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	0	221,558
<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <b>▶</b> 0		
<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	4,076,201	3,133,150
<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	4,081,201	3,359,708
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-110,299	141,115
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>		
<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	1,099,016	1,116,072
<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	194,144	70,085
<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	904,872	1,045,987

**Part II Signature Block**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature of officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 2018-11-07  
 Sign Here: DOYLE KARR BOARD CHAIR  
 Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name IVY BECKHAM	Preparer's signature IVY BECKHAM	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P01316131
Firm's name ▶ CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP			Firm's EIN ▶ 41-0746749	
Firm's address ▶ 901 N GLEBE ROAD SUITE 200 ARLINGTON, VA 22203			Phone no. (571) 227-9500	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)  **Yes**  **No**  
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**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

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

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

TO PROMOTE AGRICULTURAL PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ABOUT ITS BENEFITS AND SAFETY AND THROUGH RESEARCH, EDUCATION, ADVOCACY AND OTHER MEANS.

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

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

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

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

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

**4a** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
 GMO ANSWERS - CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANDED OUTREACH FOR THE GMO ANSWERS PROGRAM AND WEBSITE.

**4b** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
 INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS - DEVELOPED PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE ACCEPTANCE OF AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY.

**4c** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
 EXTERNAL VOICES - WORKED WITH EXTERNAL PARTNERS FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.

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

**4e Total program service expenses**

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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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>		No
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?		No
<b>3</b> Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		
<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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	Yes	
<b>6</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		No
<b>7</b> Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		No
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		No
<b>10</b> Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i>	<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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.</i>	<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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i>	<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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i>	<b>11d</b>	No
<b>e</b>	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>	<b>11e</b>	Yes
<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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>	<b>11f</b>	Yes
<b>12a</b>	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII.</i>	<b>12a</b>	No
<b>b</b>	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional.</i>	<b>12b</b>	No
<b>13</b>	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E.</i>	<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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV.</i>	<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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV.</i>	<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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV.</i>	<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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions).</i>	<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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II.</i>	<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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III.</i>	<b>19</b>	No

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

	Yes	No
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H.</i>		No
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
<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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II.</i>	Yes	
<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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III.</i>		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>		No
<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>		No
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
<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>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
<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>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>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>		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>		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>f</b> Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . .	<b>7f</b>		
<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>		

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

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

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

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

<b>11a</b>	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? . . . . .	Yes
<b>12a</b>	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. . . . .	Yes
<b>12b</b>	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 . . . . .	Yes
<b>12c</b>	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? . . . . .	Yes
<b>13</b>	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done . . . . .	Yes
<b>14</b>	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? . . . . .	Yes
<b>15</b>	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? . . . . .	Yes
<b>16a</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? . . . . .	No
<b>16b</b>	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official . . . . .	No
<b>16c</b>	Other officers or key employees of the organization . . . . .	No
<b>16d</b>	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions). . . . .	
<b>16e</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? . . . . .	No
<b>16f</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? . . . . .	No

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17** List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed \_\_\_\_\_
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)'s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
  - Own website
  - Another's website
  - Upon request
  - Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records:
  - ▶ MICHAEL STEBBINS 1201 MARYLAND AVENUE SW SUITE 900 WASHINGTON, DC 20024 (202) 962-9200

**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	Former Highest compensated employee Key employee			
(1) ROBYN HEINE CHAIR	0.20	X		X		0	0	0
(2) PAUL MINEHART VICE CHAIR	0.20	X		X		0	0	0



**c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A** . . . . . **187,890** **0** **33,668**  
**d Total (Add lines 1b and 1c)** . . . . . **187,890** **0** **33,668**

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

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

**4** For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual* . . . . . **4** **No**

**5** Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person* . . . . . **5** **No**

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

<b>1</b>	<b>(A)</b>	<b>(B)</b>	<b>(C)</b>
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.	Name and business address	Description of services	Compensation
	KETCHUM INC 6 PPG PLACE 12TH FLOOR PITTSBURGH, PA 15222	PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSULTANTS	2,966,092

**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 **▶ 1** **Form 990 (2017)**

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

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

	<b>2a</b>	<b>2b</b>	<b>2c</b>	<b>2d</b>	<b>2e</b>	<b>2f</b>	<b>2g</b>	<b>2h</b>	<b>2i</b>
	DUES AND SPECIAL ASSES						Business Code		
<b>2a</b>							900099	3,500,000	3,500,000
<b>2b</b>									
<b>2c</b>									
<b>2d</b>									
<b>2e</b>									
<b>2f</b>	All other program service revenue								
<b>2g</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f							3,500,000	

	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6a</b>	<b>6b</b>	<b>6c</b>
	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds	Royalties	Gross rents	Less: rental expenses	Rental income or
<b>3</b>						
<b>4</b>						
<b>5</b>						
<b>6a</b>						
<b>6b</b>						
<b>6c</b>						



(loss)					
<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)					
	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory					
<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>b</b> Less: direct expenses					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19					
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances					
<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
<b>11a</b> Miscellaneous Revenue					
<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.	3,500,823	3,500,000		0	823

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**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



	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
	Total expenses	Program service expenses	Management and general expenses	Fundraising expenses
<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>				
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	5,000			
<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	221,558			
<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				
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits				
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes				

<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees):					
<b>a</b> Management . . . . .	32,433				
<b>b</b> Legal . . . . .	12,831				
<b>c</b> Accounting . . . . .	54,181				
<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)	2,567,974				
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion . . . . .	2,400				
<b>13</b> Office expenses . . . . .	24,071				
<b>14</b> Information technology . . . . .					
<b>15</b> Royalties . . . . .					
<b>16</b> Occupancy . . . . .	30,372				
<b>17</b> Travel . . . . .	27,405				
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .					
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	15,623				
<b>20</b> Interest . . . . .					
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates . . . . .					
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	177,352				
<b>23</b> Insurance . . . . .	12,223				
<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> LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF ASS	155,395				
<b>b</b> TRAINING & SEMINARS	10,890				
<b>c</b> SPONSORSHIPS	10,000				
<b>d</b>					
<b>e</b> All other expenses					
<b>25 Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	3,359,708				
<b>26 Joint costs.</b> 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).					

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**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>1</b> Cash--non-interest-bearing . . . . .		314,449	325,598
<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .		495,479	421,302
<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .			
<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .			
<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>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>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .			
<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .			
<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .		17,002	32,288
<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	401,763		
<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation	69,297	267,080	10c
<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .			11
<b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .			12

**Assets**

	<b>13</b>	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b>	Intangible assets . . . . .	5,006	<b>14</b>	4,418
	<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) . . . . .	1,099,016	<b>16</b>	1,116,072
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b>	Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	106,460	<b>17</b>	9,942
	<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	87,684	<b>25</b>	60,143
	<b>26</b>	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	194,144	<b>26</b>	70,085
<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	904,872	<b>27</b>	1,045,987
	<b>28</b>	Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .		<b>28</b>	
	<b>29</b>	Permanently restricted net assets		<b>29</b>	
		<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b>	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b>	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b>	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		<b>32</b>	
	<b>33</b>	<b>Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .</b>	904,872	<b>33</b>	1,045,987
	<b>34</b>	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .</b>	1,099,016	<b>34</b>	1,116,072

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**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>	3,500,823
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) . . . . .	<b>2</b>	3,359,708
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1 . . . . .	<b>3</b>	141,115
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) . . . . .	<b>4</b>	904,872
<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>	1,045,987

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990:  Cash  Accrual  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.
- 2a** Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?  
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:  
 Separate basis  Consolidated basis  Both consolidated and separate basis
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?  
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:  
 Separate basis  Consolidated basis  Both consolidated and separate basis
- c** If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?

	Yes	No
<b>2a</b>	Yes	
<b>2b</b>		No
<b>2c</b>		No

If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.

- 3a** As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?
- 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.

<b>3a</b>		No
<b>3b</b>		

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

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

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

▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**  
▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

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 COUNCIL FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY INFORMATION	Employer identification number 26-4188804
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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.

**Limits on Lobbying Expenditures**

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

- 1a** Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) .....
- b** Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) .....
- c** Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) .....
- d** Other exempt purpose expenditures .....
- e** Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) .....
- f** Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.

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

Organization totals	Group totals

- g** Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) .....
- h** Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- .....
- i** Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- .....
- j** If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?  Yes  No


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

**Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period**

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

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

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

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

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

**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 ( <b>do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid</b> ).		
<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.

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Supplemental Financial Statements

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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 for the latest information.

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Table with 2 columns: Name of the organization (COUNCIL FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY INFORMATION) and Employer identification number (26-4188804)

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.

Table with 3 columns: Question number, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Includes questions 1-6 regarding donor advised funds.

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

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Description, and Yes/No options. Includes questions 1-9 regarding 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.

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Description, and Yes/No options. Includes questions 1a-2 regarding collections of art and historical treasures.



- 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:

	Amount
<b>c</b> Beginning balance . . . . .	<b>1c</b>
<b>d</b> Additions during the year . . . . .	<b>1d</b>
<b>e</b> Distributions during the year . . . . .	<b>1e</b>
<b>f</b> Ending balance . . . . .	<b>1f</b>

- 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
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance . . . . .					
<b>b</b> Contributions . . . . .					
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships . . . . .					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses . . . . .					
<b>g</b> 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 . . . . .

	Yes	No
<b>3a(i)</b>		
<b>3a(ii)</b>		
<b>3b</b>		

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

**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
<b>1a</b> Land . . . . .				
<b>b</b> Buildings . . . . .				
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements				
<b>d</b> Equipment . . . . .		4,217	3,039	1,178
<b>e</b> Other . . . . .		397,546	66,258	331,288
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶				332,466

**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
<b>(1)</b> Financial derivatives . . . . .		
<b>(2)</b> Closely-held equity interests . . . . .		
<b>(3)</b> Other .....		

(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
<b>Total.</b> (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)		
<b>Total.</b> (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)	
<b>Total.</b> (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	
DUE TO BIOTECHNOLOGY INNOVATION ORGANIZATION	60,143
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	

(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)	60,143

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

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

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>	
<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>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .		<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
<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>	
<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>	

**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>	
<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>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .		<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
<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>	
<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>	

**Part XIII Supplemental Information**

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2:	CBI IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL TAXES UNDER SECTION 501(C)(6) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE EXCEPT ON NET INCOME DERIVED FROM UNRELATED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES. CBI REQUIRES THAT A TAX POSITION BE RECOGNIZED OR DERECOGNIZED BASED ON A "MORE-LIKELY-THAN-NOT" THRESHOLD. THIS APPLIES TO POSITIONS TAKEN OR EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN IN A TAX RETURN. CBI DOES NOT BELIEVE ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS INCLUDE, OR REFLECT, ANY UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS. CBI'S IRS FORM 990, RETURN OF ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX, IS SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION BY THE TAXING AUTHORITIES, GENERALLY FOR THREE YEARS AFTER IT WAS FILED.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

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

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Department of the  
Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Name of the organization  
COUNCIL FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY INFORMATION

Employer identification number

26-4188804

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

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?  Yes  No
- 2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

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

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) THE GLOBAL FARMER NETWORK 309 COURT AVENUE DES MOINES, IA 503092222	42-1500468	501(C)(4)	5,000				SUPPORT THE GENERAL MISSION AND ACTIVITIES OF THE GLOBAL FARMER NETWORK; SERVING AS A MESSAGE DELIVERY SYSTEM VOICED BY CREDIBLE AND ARTICULATE FARMERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD IN SUPPORT OF FREE TRADE AND ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY IN AGRICULTURE INCLUDING BIOTECHNOLOGY.

- 2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶ 0
- 3** Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶ 1

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

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

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

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Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 3	THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESOLVED TO HAVE THE STEERING COMMITTEE ACT IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; OVERSEE EXECUTION OF PROGRAMS IN THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, AND MEXICO; REVIEW ANNUAL BUDGET REQUESTS AND BUSINESS PLANS; REALLOCATE FUNDS AMONG PROGRAMS, AS NEEDED; AND PERFORM IN SUCH OTHER CAPACITY AS MAY BE DESIGNATED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. COUNCIL BIOTECHNOLOGY INFORMATION (CBI) HAS NO EMPLOYEES. BIOTECHNOLOGY INNOVATION ORGANIZATION (FORMERLY BIOTECHNOLOGY INFORMATION ORGANIZATION) PROVIDES MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO CBI.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	SENIOR MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO SIX FOUNDING MEMBERS AND OTHER CORPORATE ENTITIES THAT MEET SUCH QUALIFICATIONS AS MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ANY CORPORATE ENTITY THAT DESIRES TO FURTHER THE PURPOSES OF THE CORPORATION AND MEETS OTHER QUALIFICATIONS AS MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	EACH OF THE SENIOR MEMBERS APPOINTS A PERSON TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WHICH MAY EXERCISE ALL POWERS OF THE CORPORATION.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	CBI STAFF PROVIDES THE CBI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AND MAKE COMMENTS, VIA EMAIL AND TELECONFERENCE, ON THE FORM PRIOR TO FILING. AFTER FILING, A COPY OF THE FORM 990 WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	CBI HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND A PROCESS FOR ENSURING THAT IT IS NOT VIOLATED: AN ANNUAL STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE IS CIRCULATED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ANNUALLY. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS, AND WHETHER OR NOT SUCH CONFLICT MATERIALLY AND ADVERSELY AFFECTS THE INTERESTS OF CBI. AN OFFICER OR DIRECTOR WHOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICT IS UNDER REVIEW MAY NOT DEBATE, VOTE OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATE IN SUCH DETERMINATION. IF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DETERMINES THAT AN ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DOES EXIST, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ALSO SHALL DETERMINE AN APPROPRIATE REMEDY. SUCH REMEDY MAY INCLUDE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE RECUSAL OF THE CONFLICTED OFFICER OR DIRECTOR FROM PARTICIPATING IN CERTAIN MATTERS PENDING BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR OTHER CBI BODY. CBI'S INTERNAL GOVERNANCE POLICIES STATE THAT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, EACH MEMBER OF THE CBI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH A COPY OF THIS POLICY, AND SHALL COMPLETE AND SIGN THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND DISCLOSURE FORM.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	ALL COMPENSATION ACTIVITIES FOR CBI'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ARE DETERMINED AND MANAGED BY THE CBI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATES COMPENSATION INFORMATION TO THE CBI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL. ALL APPROVED COMPENSATION INFORMATION IS PROVIDED TO BIO'S VICE PRESIDENT OF HR FOR IMPLEMENTATION.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE NOT MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. CBI COMPLIES WITH THE PUBLIC INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS OF INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 6104 BY MAKING ITS FORM 1024, APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF EXEMPTION UNDER SECTION 501(A), DETERMINATION LETTER FROM THE IRS, AND THE FORMS 990 FOR ITS THREE MOST RECENTLY COMPLETED TAX PERIODS. HOWEVER, AS SECTION 6104 DOES NOT REQUIRE ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT UNDER SECTION 501(C)(6) TO DISCLOSE ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICIES, OR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CBI HAS CHOSEN NOT TO MAKE SUCH INFORMATION AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.
FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G	CONSULTING FEES INCURRED FOR GMO ANSWERS CONSULTANT 2,562,502. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AND CONSULTANTS 5,472.

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