

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

OMB No 1545-0047
2007
Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2007 calendar year, or tax year beginning 05/08, 2007, and ending 12/31/2007

B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Termination, Amended return, Application pending. C Name of organization: PLATTE INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH, INC. D Employer identification number: 20-8809060 E Telephone number: (402) 452-3737

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Website: HTTP://WWW.PLATTEINSTITUTE.ORG/
J Organization type: 501(c)(3)
K Check here if the organization is not a 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000

L Gross receipts Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 103,862.

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions)

Table with 21 rows and 4 columns: Description, (A) Securities, (B) Other, and Total. Includes sections for Contributions, Program service revenue, Investment income, Special events, and Expenses.

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part II Statement of Functional Expenses

All organizations must complete column (A) Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others (See the instructions)

Table with 5 columns: (A) Total, (B) Program services, (C) Management and general, (D) Fundraising. Rows include 22a-22b (Grants), 23-24 (Assistance/Benefits), 25a-25c (Compensation), 26-28 (Salaries/Wages/Benefits), 29-42 (Expenses like taxes, fees, supplies, occupancy, depreciation), 43 (Other expenses), and 44 (Total functional expenses).

Joint Costs. Check [] if you are following SOP 98-2. Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services? [] Yes [X] No. If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$; (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$; (iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$, and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions)

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? **▶SEE STATEMENT 1**

All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.)

Program Service Expenses
(Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs., and 4947(a)(1) trusts, but optional for others.)

a _____

(Grants and allocations \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

b _____

(Grants and allocations \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

c _____

(Grants and allocations \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

d _____

(Grants and allocations \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

e Other program services (attach schedule)
(Grants and allocations \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

f Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services)

Part IV Balance Sheets (See the instructions.)

Note: Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
Assets	45 Cash - non-interest-bearing		45 72,433.
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments		46
	47a Accounts receivable 47a		
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts 47b		47c
	48a Pledges receivable 48a		
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts 48b		48c
	49 Grants receivable		49
	50a Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)		50a
	b Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) (attach schedule)		50b
	51a Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) 51a		
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts 51b		51c
	52 Inventories for sale or use		52
	53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		53
	54a Investments - publicly-traded securities <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV		54a
	b Investments - other securities (attach schedule) <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV		54b
	55a Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis 55a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) 55b		55c
	56 Investments - other (attach schedule)		56
	57a Land, buildings, and equipment basis 57a 2,368.		
b Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) 57b 118.		57c 2,250.	
58 Other assets, including program-related investments (describe <input type="checkbox"/> <u>STMT 2</u>)		58 4,256.	
59 Total assets (must equal line 74) Add lines 45 through 58		59 78,939.	
Liabilities	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		60 186.
	61 Grants payable		61
	62 Deferred revenue		62
	63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)		63
	64a Tax-exempt bond liabilities (attach schedule)		64a
	b Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)		64b
	65 Other liabilities (describe <input type="checkbox"/> <u>STMT 3</u>)		65 2,882.
66 Total liabilities. Add lines 60 through 65		66 3,068.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74		
	67 Unrestricted		67
	68 Temporarily restricted		68
	69 Permanently restricted		69
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74		
	70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds		70
	71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		71
	72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		72 75,871.
73 Total net assets or fund balances. Add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72. (Column (A) must equal line 19 and column (B) must equal line 21)		73 75,871.	
74 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances. Add lines 66 and 73		74 78,939.	

Part IV-A Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return (See the instructions)

a	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	a	
b	Amounts included on line a but not on Part I, line 12		
1	Net unrealized gains on investments	b1	
2	Donated services and use of facilities	b2	
3	Recoveries of prior year grants	b3	
4	Other (specify) -----	b4	
	Add lines b1 through b4	b	
c	Subtract line b from line a	c	
d	Amounts included on Part I, line 12, but not on line a:		
1	Investment expenses not included on Part I, line 6b	d1	
2	Other (specify) -----	d2	
	Add lines d1 and d2	d	
e	Total revenue (Part I, line 12) Add lines c and d	e	

Part IV-B Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

a	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	a	
b	Amounts included on line a but not on Part I, line 17		
1	Donated services and use of facilities	b1	
2	Prior year adjustments reported on Part I, line 20	b2	
3	Losses reported on Part I, line 20	b3	
4	Other (specify) -----	b4	
	Add lines b1 through b4	b	
c	Subtract line b from line a	c	
d	Amounts included on Part I, line 17, but not on line a:		
1	Investment expenses not included on Part I, line 6b	d1	
2	Other (specify) -----	d2	
	Add lines d1 and d2	d	
e	Total expenses (Part I, line 17) Add lines c and d	e	

Part V-A Current Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (List each person who was an officer, director, trustee, or key employee at any time during the year even if they were not compensated) (See the instructions)

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation plans	(E) Expense account and other allowances
SEE STATEMENT 4		12,692.	-0-	-0-

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Part V-A Current Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees <i>(continued)</i>	Yes	No
75a Enter the total number of officers, directors, and trustees permitted to vote on organization business at board meetings 4		
b Are any officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part V-A, or highest compensated employees listed in Schedule A, Part I, or highest compensated professional and other independent contractors listed in Schedule A, Part II-A or II-B, related to each other through family or business relationships? If "Yes," attach a statement that identifies the individuals and explains the relationship(s)	75b	X
c Do any officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part V-A, or highest compensated employees listed in Schedule A, Part I, or highest compensated professional and other independent contractors listed in Schedule A, Part II-A or II-B, receive compensation from any other organizations, whether tax exempt or taxable, that are related to the organization? See the instructions for the definition of "related organization" If "Yes," attach a statement that includes the information described in the instructions	75c	X
d Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy?	75d	X

Part V-B Former Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees That Received Compensation or Other Benefits
 (If any former officer, director, trustee, or key employee received compensation or other benefits (described below) during the year, list that person below and enter the amount of compensation or other benefits in the appropriate column. See the instructions.)

(A) Name and address	(B) Loans and Advances	(C) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation plans	(E) Expense account and other allowances
-----	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

Part VI Other Information <i>(See the instructions.)</i>	Yes	No
76 Did the organization make a change in its activities or methods of conducting activities? If "Yes," attach a detailed statement of each change	76	X
77 Were any changes made in the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	77	X
78a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	78a	X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	78b	N/A
79 Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach a statement	79	X
80a Is the organization related (other than by association with a statewide or nationwide organization) through common membership, governing bodies, trustees, officers, etc., to any other exempt or nonexempt organization?	80a	X
b If "Yes," enter the name of the organization and check whether it is <input type="checkbox"/> exempt or <input type="checkbox"/> nonexempt		
81a Enter direct and indirect political expenditures (See line 81 instructions) 81a		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	81b	X

Part VI Other Information (continued)

Form with multiple rows and columns for reporting organizational information, including sections 82a through 91b, with 'Yes' and 'No' columns.

Part VI Other Information (continued)

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the United States?
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country
92 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year

Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities (See the instructions.)

Table with 5 main columns: (A) Business code, (B) Amount, (C) Exclusion code, (D) Amount, (E) Related or exempt function income. Rows include: 93 Program service revenue, 94 Membership dues and assessments, 95 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments, 96 Dividends and interest from securities, 97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate, 98 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property, 99 Other investment income, 100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory, 101 Net income or (loss) from special events, 102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory, 103 Other revenue, 104 Subtotal, 105 Total.

Note: Line 105 plus line 1e, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I

Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes (See the instructions.)

Table with 2 columns: Line No., Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes)

Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities (See the instructions.)

Table with 5 columns: (A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity; (B) Percentage of ownership interest; (C) Nature of activities; (D) Total income; (E) End-of-year assets

Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts (See the instructions.)

(a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?
(b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?
Note: If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions)

Part XI Information Regarding Transfers To and From Controlled Entities. Complete only if the organization is a controlling organization as defined in section 512(b)(13)

106 Did the reporting organization make any transfers to a controlled entity as defined in section 512(b)(13) of the Code? If "Yes," complete the schedule below for each controlled entity

Yes	No
	X

	(A) Name, address, of each controlled entity	(B) Employer Identification Number	(C) Description of transfer	(D) Amount of transfer
a	----- -----			
b	----- -----			
c	----- -----			
Totals				

107 Did the reporting organization receive any transfers from a controlled entity as defined in section 512(b)(13) of the Code? If "Yes," complete the schedule below for each controlled entity

Yes	No
	X

	(A) Name, address, of each controlled entity	(B) Employer Identification Number	(C) Description of transfer	(D) Amount of transfer
a	----- -----			
b	----- -----			
c	----- -----			
Totals				

108 Did the organization have a binding written contract in effect on August 17, 2006, covering the interest, rents, royalties, and annuities described in question 107 above?

Yes	No
	X

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

Please Sign Here

Signature of officer: *Roger Tompa* Date: 5 September 2008
 Type or print name and title: _____

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Preparer's signature: *J. M. Ch... ..* Date: _____ Check if self-
 Firm's name (only if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: LUTZ & COMPANY, PC
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SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k), 501(n),
or 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

Supplementary Information - (See separate instructions.)

▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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Name of the organization

PLATTE INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH, INC.

Employer identification number

20-8809060

Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees
(See page 1 of the instructions. List each one. If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				
Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 . . . ▶		NONE		

Part II-A Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services
(See page 2 of the instructions. List each one (whether individuals or firms). If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶		NONE

Part II-B Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Other Services
(List each contractor who performed services other than professional services, whether individuals or firms. If there are none, enter "None." See page 2 of the instructions.)

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of other contractors receiving over \$50,000 for other services ▶		NONE

Part III Statements About Activities (See page 2 of the instructions.)

Table with columns for question number, description, Yes, and No. Includes questions 1 through 4g regarding lobbying activities, property transactions, grants, and donor advised funds.

Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 4 through 8 of the instructions.)

I certify that the organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only **ONE** applicable box)

- 5 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)
- 6 A school Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) (Also complete Part V)
- 7 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)
- 8 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)
- 9 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii) Enter the hospital's name, city, and state ► -----
- 10 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A)
- 11a An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A)
- 11b A community trust Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A)
- 12 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 charitable, etc., 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) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A)
- 13 An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and otherwise meets the requirements of section 509(a)(3) Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization
 - Type I
 - Type II
 - Type III - Functionally Integrated
 - Type III - Other

Provide the following information about the supported organizations. (See page 8 of the instructions)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Employer identification number (EIN)	(c) Type of organization (described in lines 5 through 12 above or IRC section)	(d) Is the supported organization listed in the supporting organization's governing documents?		(e) Amount of support
			Yes	No	
Total					►

- 14 An organization organized and operated to test for public safety Section 509(a)(4) (See page 8 of the instructions)

Part IV-A Support Schedule (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12) Use cash method of accounting.

Note: You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting

Table with 5 columns: (a) 2006, (b) 2005, (c) 2004, (d) 2003, (e) Total. Rows include: 15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received; 16 Membership fees received; 17 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed; 18 Gross income from interest, dividends; 19 Net income from unrelated business activities; 20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 21 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge; 22 Other income; 23 Total of lines 15 through 22; 24 Line 23 minus line 17; 25 Enter 1% of line 23.

26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11: a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24 NOT APPLICABLE; b Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person; c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test; d Add Amounts from column (e) for lines 18, 19, 22, 26b; e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total); f Public support percentage (line 26e numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator).

27 Organizations described on line 12: a For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person" Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of such amounts for each year

(2006) _____ (2005) _____ (2004) _____ (2003) _____

b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000 (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11b, as well as individuals) Do not file this list with your return. After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year

(2006) _____ (2005) _____ (2004) _____ (2003) _____

c Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines 15, 16, 17, 20, 21; d Add Line 27a total and line 27b total; e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total); f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test; g Public support percentage (line 27e numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator); h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator).

28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 2003 through 2006, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant Do not file this list with your return. Do not include these grants in line 15

Part V Private School Questionnaire (See page 9 of the instructions.) NOT APPLICABLE
(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)

		Yes	No
29	Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?		
30	Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?		
31	Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe, if "No," please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)		
32	Does the organization maintain the following		
a	Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?		
b	Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?		
c	Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?		
d	Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?		
	If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)		
33	Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to		
a	Students' rights or privileges?		
b	Admissions policies?		
c	Employment of faculty or administrative staff?		
d	Scholarships or other financial assistance?		
e	Educational policies?		
f	Use of facilities?		
g	Athletic programs?		
h	Other extracurricular activities?		
	If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)		
34 a	Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?		
b	Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement		
35	Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4 01 through 4 05 of Rev Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C B 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation		

Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities (See page 11 of the instructions.) (To be completed ONLY by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768) NOT APPLICABLE

Check a if the organization belongs to an affiliated group Check b if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures

(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred)

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, (a) Affiliated group totals, (b) To be completed for all electing organizations. Rows 36-44 include lobbying expenditures, exempt purpose expenditures, and nontaxable amounts.

Caution: If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720

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 instructions for lines 45 through 50 on page 13 of the instructions)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Table with 6 columns: Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in), (a) 2007, (b) 2006, (c) 2005, (d) 2004, (e) Total. Rows 45-50 include lobbying nontaxable amount, ceiling amount, total lobbying expenditures, and grassroots nontaxable amount.

Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities NOT APPLICABLE (For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 13 of the instructions)

Table with 3 columns: Description, Yes, No, Amount. Rows a-i describe lobbying activities like volunteers, paid staff, media advertisements, mailings, publications, grants, direct contact, and rallies.

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities

Part VII Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations (See page 14 of the instructions.)

51 Did the reporting organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?

		Yes	No
a Transfers from the reporting organization to a noncharitable exempt organization of			
(i) Cash	51a(i)		X
(ii) Other assets	a(ii)		X
b Other transactions:			
(i) Sales or exchanges of assets with a noncharitable exempt organization	b(i)		X
(ii) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization	b(ii)		X
(iii) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets	b(iii)		X
(iv) Reimbursement arrangements	b(iv)		X
(v) Loans or loan guarantees	b(v)		X
(vi) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations	b(vi)		X
c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees	c		X

d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting organization. If the organization received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.

(a) Line no	(b) Amount involved	(c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization	(d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements
N/A			

52a Is the organization directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? Yes No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship
N/A		

FORM 990, PART III - ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE
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THE PLATTE INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH IS A NON-PARTISAN RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ORGANIZATION WHOSE MISSION IS TO ADVANCE ALTERNATIVES THAT FOSTER LIMITED GOVERNMENT, PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND FREE ENTERPRISE FOR NEBRASKA.

FORM 990, PART IV - OTHER ASSETS

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DESCRIPTION	ENDING BOOK VALUE
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INTANGIBLES (NET)	4,256.
TOTALS	----- 4,256. =====

FORM 990, PART IV - OTHER LIABILITIES

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DESCRIPTION

ENDING
BOOK VALUE

ACCRUED PAYROLL TAXES

2,882.

TOTALS

2,882.
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FORM 990, PART V-A - CURRENT OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND TRUSTEES

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NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVERAGE HOURS PER WEEK DEVOTED TO POSITION	COMPENSATION	CONTRIBUTIONS TO EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS	EXPENSE ACCT AND OTHER ALLOWANCES
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If you are filing for an Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II and check this box

Note. Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868

If you are filing for an Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I (on page 1)

Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time. You must file original and one copy.

Form with fields: Name of Exempt Organization (PLATTE INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH, INC.), Employer identification number (20-8809060), Number, street, and room or suite no (10050 REGENCY CIRCLE), City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code (OMAHA, NE 68114)

Check type of return to be filed (File a separate application for each return)

Grid of checkboxes for Form 990, 990-BL, 990-EZ, 990-PF, 990-T, 1041-A, 4720, 5227, 6069, 8870

STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

The books are in the care of ROGER LEMPKE Telephone No 402 452-3737 FAX No 402 452-3676

If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box

If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) If this is for the whole group, check this box If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for

- 4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until 11/17/2008
5 For calendar year, or other tax year beginning 05/08/2007 and ending 12/31/2007
6 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason [X] Initial return [] Final return [] Change in accounting period
7 State in detail why you need the extension TAXPAYER REQUESTS ADDITIONAL TIME TO GATHER INFORMATION TO FILE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RETURN.

Table with 3 rows (8a, 8b, 8c) and 2 columns (Description, Amount). 8a: tentative tax less nonrefundable credits. 8b: refundable credits and estimated tax payments. 8c: Balance Due.

Signature and Verification

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form

Signature Title Date LUTZ & COMPANY, PC 11837 MIRACLE HILLS DR., #100 OMAHA, NE 68154-4418 Form 8868 (Rev 4-2008)