

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2017

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

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2017, and ending , 20

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	C Name of organization TEXAS COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING LABORATORIES		D Employer identification number 27-0010308
	Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) 9980 W SAM HOUSTON PKWY S	Room/suite 500	E Telephone number (281) 742-0265
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code HOUSTON, TX 77099		F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶ www.tcel.org

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - 501(c)(3) 501(c) (6) ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ 61,376.

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

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	25,746.
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	35,630.
	4 Investment income	4	
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6 Gaming and fundraising events		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b		
c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d		
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	61,376.	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	15,167.
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) See Line 16. Stmt	16	23,931.
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	39,098.	
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	22,278.
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	80,667.
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	102,945.

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	81,875.	22 102,300.
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O) . . . See L-24 Stmt		24 645.
25 Total assets	81,875.	25 102,945.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) . . . See L-26 Stmt	1,208.	26
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	80,667.	27 102,945.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? See Part III Stmt

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

28 THE ORGANIZATION SPONSORS MEETINGS AND SEMINARS WHEREBY MEMBERS MEET TO ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE AND LEARNING IN THE SCIENCE AND PRACTICE OF SUCH TESTING. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a
29 _____ (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a
30 _____ (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) . . . (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) . . .	32

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
JEFF ROBERTS, PE PAST PRESIDENT	5.00	0.	0.	0.
WOODY VOGT PRESIDENT	5.00	0.	0.	0.
TELFRYN JOHN, PE SECRETARY / TREASURER	5.00	0.	0.	0.
MARTIN ELLIOTT, PE DIRECTOR	5.00	0.	0.	0.
RUSTY GIBSON PRESIDENT ELECT	5.00	0.	0.	0.
TERRY SMITH DIRECTOR	5.00	0.	0.	0.
KEN COMBS DIRECTOR	5.00	0.	0.	0.
PRESTON PARKER DIRECTOR	5.00	0.	0.	0.
ROBERT E ORTWERTH PRES - HOUSTON	5.00	0.	0.	0.
CHUCK SALSKEY VICE PRES - HOUSTON	5.00	0.	0.	0.
NISHANT DAYAL SEC/TREAS - HOUSTON	5.00	0.	0.	0.
See Part IV Stmt	6.00	0.	0.	0.

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name.
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities...
35b If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year?
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice...
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year?
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under:
40b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year...
40c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons...
40d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed
42a The organization's books are in care of KIM ICENHOWER Telephone no. (281) 742-0265 Located at 9980 W SAM HOUSTON PKWY S #500, HOUSTON TX ZIP + 4 77099
42b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country...
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States?
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year?
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year?
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments?
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?

	Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46	x

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

	Yes	No
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47	
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶ _____

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶ _____

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ▶ **Yes** **No**

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

Sign Here	▶ Signature of officer WOODY VOGT, PRESIDENT	05/07/2018 Date
	▶ Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Rebecca C. Finch, EA	Preparer's signature Rebecca C. Finch, EA	Date 05/08/2018	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00541562
	Firm's name ▶ FINCH BOOKKEEPING & TAX SERVICE			Firm's EIN ▶ 27-2553412	
	Firm's address ▶ 17903 WINDMILL RD, DAMON, TX 77430-9692			Phone no. (281) 725-0624	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ **Yes** **No**

Form 990-EZ: Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax**Part IV: List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees****Continuation Statement**

Name and Title	Average hours per week devoted to position	Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (If not paid, enter -0-)	Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	Estimated amount of other compensation
RAGHU DASS PE DIRECTOR	2.00	0.	0.	0.
DANIEL GUTIERREZ DIRECTOR	2.00	0.	0.	0.
CHRIS SCHULTZ DIRECTOR	2.00	0.	0.	0.
	6.00	0.	0.	0.

Additional information from your Form 990-EZ: Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax

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Line 16: Other Expenses

Continuation Statement

Description	Amount
ADVERTISING	50.
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	702.
BOARD MTG EXPENSE	431.
FACILITIES FOR ANNUAL MTG	12,756.
INSURANCE - D&O	876.
LIASON DONATIONS/DUES	917.
MEETING - PROGRAM & SPEAKER EXP	6,475.
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	449.
OFFICE EXPENSE	5.
OTHER ADMIN EXO	12.
PUBLIC RELATIONS	174.
TRAVEL	758.
WEBSITE HOSTING	326.
Total	23,931.

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Part III: Purpose

Continuation Statement

Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose
ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE AND LEARNING IN THE
SCIENCE AND PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING.

**Form 990-EZ
Part II**

Other Assets and Liabilities

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Name as Shown on Return
TEXAS COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING LABORATORIES

Employer Identification No.
27-0010308

Line 24 - Other Assets:	Beginning of Year	End of Year
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		645.
Totals to Form 990-EZ, Part II, line 24.		645.
Line 26 - Total Liabilities:	Beginning of Year	End of Year
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	1,208.	
Totals to Form 990-EZ, Part II, line 26.	1,208.	

IRS e-file Signature Authorization for an Exempt Organization

For calendar year 2017, or fiscal year beginning _____, 2017, and ending _____, 20_____

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▶ Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form8879EO for the latest information.

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Name of exempt organization TEXAS COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING LABORATORIES	Employer identification number 27-0010308
Name and title of officer WOODY VOGT, PRESIDENT	

Part I Type of Return and Return Information (Whole Dollars Only)

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-EO and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. If you check the box on line **1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, or 5a**, below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line **1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, or 5b**, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. **Do not** complete more than one line in Part I.

1a Form 990 check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue , if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b _____
2a Form 990-EZ check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue , if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b <u>61,376.</u>
3a Form 1120-POL check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b _____
4a Form 990-PF check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part VI, line 5)	4b _____
5a Form 8868 check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Balance Due (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b _____

Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above organization and that I have examined a copy of the organization's 2017 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the organization's electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the organization's return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the organization's federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the organization's electronic return and, if applicable, the organization's consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

Officer's PIN: check one box only

I authorize FINCH BOOKKEEPING & TAX SERVICE to enter my PIN

1	0	3	0	8
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 as my signature
ERO firm name Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

on the organization's tax year 2017 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

As an officer of the organization, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the organization's tax year 2017 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Officer's signature ▶ _____ Date ▶ 05/07/2018

Part III Certification and Authentication

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN.

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Do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2017 electronically filed return for the organization indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of **Pub. 4163**, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature ▶ _____ Date ▶ 05/08/2018

ERO Must Retain This Form — See Instructions
Do Not Submit This Form to the IRS Unless Requested To Do So