

► **File electronically with the partnership's return. Do not file paper copies.**

**2012**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

For calendar year 2012, or tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, and ending \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Name of partnership \_\_\_\_\_

Employer identification number \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I Return Information (Whole dollars only)**

<b>1</b>	Gross receipts or sales less returns and allowances (Form 1065, line 1c) . . . . .	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	Gross profit (Form 1065, line 3) . . . . .	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Ordinary business income (loss) (Form 1065, line 22) . . . . .	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Net rental real estate income (loss) (Form 1065, Schedule K, line 2) . . . . .	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Other net rental income (loss) (Form 1065, Schedule K, line 3c) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	

**Part II Declaration of General Partner or Limited Liability Company Member Manager (see instructions)**  
**Be sure to keep a copy of the partnership's Return of Partnership Income.**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am a general partner or limited liability company member manager of the above partnership and that the information I have given my electronic return originator (ERO), transmitter, and/or intermediate service provider (ISP) and the amounts in Part I above agree with the amounts on the corresponding lines of the partnership's 2012 federal return of partnership income. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the partnership's return is true, correct, and complete. I consent to my ERO, transmitter, and/or ISP sending the partnership's return, this declaration, and accompanying schedules and statements to the IRS. I also consent to the IRS sending my ERO, transmitter, and/or ISP an acknowledgement of receipt of transmission and an indication of whether or not the partnership's return is accepted and, if rejected, the reason(s) for the rejection. If the processing of the partnership's return is delayed, I authorize the IRS to disclose to my ERO, transmitter, and/or ISP the reason(s) for the delay.

**Sign Here** ► \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of general partner or limited liability company member manager

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Title

**Part III Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer (see instructions)**

I declare that I have reviewed the above partnership's return and that the entries on Form 8453-PE are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am only a collector, I am not responsible for reviewing the return and only declare that this form accurately reflects the data on the return. The general partner or limited liability company member manager will have signed this form before I submit the return. I will give the general partner or limited liability company member manager a copy of all forms and information to be filed with the IRS, and have followed all other requirements in **Pub. 3112**, IRS e-file Application and Participation, and **Pub. 4163**, Modernized e-file (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns. If I am also the Paid Preparer, under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the above partnership's return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. This Paid Preparer declaration is based on all information of which I have any knowledge.

<b>ERO's Use Only</b>	ERO's signature ► _____	Date _____	Check if also paid preparer <input type="checkbox"/>	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	ERO's SSN or PTIN _____
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP code ► _____				EIN _____
					Phone no. _____

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the above partnership's return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. This declaration is based on all information of which I have any knowledge.

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name _____	Preparer's signature _____	Date _____	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN _____
	Firm's name ► _____				Firm's EIN ► _____
	Firm's address ► _____				

### General Instructions



Instead of filing Form 8453-PE, a general partner or limited liability company member manager filing a partnership's return through an electronic return originator (ERO) can sign the return using a personal identification number (PIN). For details, see Form 8879-PE, IRS e-file Signature Authorization for Form 1065.

#### IRS.gov

Should any unforeseen developments arise regarding this form or its instructions after they are published, the IRS will create a page on IRS.gov at [www.irs.gov/form8453pe](http://www.irs.gov/form8453pe) to alert filers to the development and provide any necessary additional instructions.

#### Purpose of Form

Use Form 8453-PE to:

- Authenticate an electronic Form 1065, U.S. Return of Partnership Income;
- Authorize the ERO, if any, to transmit via a third-party transmitter; and
- Authorize the intermediate service provider (ISP) to transmit via a third-party transmitter if you are filing online (not using an ERO).

#### Who Must File

If you are filing a 2012 Form 1065 through an ISP and/or transmitter and you are not using an ERO, you must file Form 8453-PE with your electronically filed return. An ERO can use either Form 8453-PE or Form 8879-PE to obtain authorization to file the partnership's Form 1065.

#### When and Where To File

File Form 8453-PE with the partnership's electronically filed return. Use a scanner to create a Portable Document Format (PDF) file of the completed form. Your tax preparation software will allow you to transmit this PDF with the return.

### Specific Instructions

**Name.** Print or type the partnership's name in the space provided.

**Employer identification number (EIN).** Enter the partnership's EIN in the space provided.

#### Part II—Declaration of General Partner or Limited Liability Company Member Manager

An electronically transmitted return will not be considered complete, and therefore filed, unless either:

- Form 8453-PE is signed by a general partner or limited liability company member manager, scanned into a PDF, and transmitted with the return, or
- The return is filed through an ERO and Form 8879-PE is used to select a PIN that is used to electronically sign the return.

The general partner or limited liability company member manager's signature allows the IRS to disclose to the ERO, transmitter, and/or ISP:

- An acknowledgement that the IRS has accepted the partnership's electronically filed return, and
- The reason(s) for any delay in processing the return.

The declaration of general partner or limited liability company member manager must be signed and dated by:

- The president, vice president, treasurer, assistant treasurer, chief accounting officer, or
- Any other general partner or limited liability company member manager (such as tax officer) authorized to sign the partnership's return.

If the ERO makes changes to the electronic return after Form 8453-PE has been signed by the general partner or limited liability company member manager, whether it was before it was transmitted or if the return was rejected after transmission, the ERO must have the general partner or limited liability company member manager complete and sign a corrected Form 8453-PE if either:

- The total income (loss) on Form 1065, line 8 differs from the amount on the electronic return by more than \$150, or
- The ordinary business income (loss) on Form 1065, line 22 differs from the amount on the electronic return by more than \$100.

#### Part III—Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer

**Note.** If the return is filed online through an ISP and/or transmitter (not using an ERO), do not complete Part III.

If the partnership's return is filed through an ERO, the IRS requires the ERO's signature. A paid preparer, if any, must sign Form 8453-PE in the space for Paid Preparer Use Only. But if the paid preparer is also the ERO, do not complete the paid preparer section. Instead, check the box labeled "Check if also paid preparer."

#### Use of PTIN

**Paid Preparers.** Anyone who is paid to prepare the partnership's return must enter their PTIN in Part III. The PTIN entered must have been issued after September 27, 2010. For information on applying for and receiving a PTIN, see Form W-12, IRS Paid Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) Application and Renewal, or visit [www.irs.gov/ptin](http://www.irs.gov/ptin).

**EROs who are not paid preparers.** Only EROs who are not also the paid preparer of the return have the option to enter their PTIN or their social security number in the "ERO's Use Only" section of Part III. If the PTIN is entered, it must have been issued after September 27, 2010. For information on applying for and receiving a PTIN, see Form W-12, IRS Paid Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) Application and Renewal, or visit [www.irs.gov/ptin](http://www.irs.gov/ptin).

**Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice.** We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. You are required to give us the information. We need it to ensure that you are complying with these laws and to allow us to figure and collect the right amount of tax. Section 6109 requires EROs to provide their identifying numbers on the return.

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The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is:

- Recordkeeping** . . . . . 2 hr., 52 min.
- Learning about the law or the form** . . . . . 12 min.
- Preparing and sending the form to the IRS** . . . . . 15 min.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to the Internal Revenue Service, Tax Products Coordinating Committee, SE:W:CAR:MP:T:M:S, 1111 Constitution Ave. NW, IR-6526, Washington, DC 20224. Do not send the form to this address. Instead, see *When and Where To File*, earlier.