

**U.S. Partnership Declaration and
Signature for Electronic Filing**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

For calendar year 2003, or fiscal year beginning _____, 2003, and ending _____, 20 _____

2003

▶ See instructions on back.

Name of partnership _____ Employer identification number _____

Number, street, and room or suite no. (or a P.O. box if mail is not delivered to a street address) _____

City or town, state, and ZIP code _____ Telephone number () _____

Part I Partnership Return Information

1	Gross receipts or sales less returns and allowances (Form 1065, line 1c)	1	
2	Gross profit (Form 1065, line 3)	2	
3	Ordinary income (loss) from trade or business activities (Form 1065, line 22)	3	
4	Net income (loss) from rental real estate activities (Form 1065, Schedule K, line 2)	4	
5	Net income (loss) from other rental activities (Form 1065, Schedule K, line 3c)	5	

Part II Transmitter Information

6 Transmitter's name _____

Part III Declaration of General Partner or Limited Liability Company Member

Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the above amounts (or the amounts on the attached listing) agree with the amounts shown on the corresponding lines of the electronic portion of the 2003 U.S. Return(s) of Partnership Income. I have also examined a copy of the return(s) being filed electronically with the Internal Revenue Service, and all accompanying schedules and statements. To the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. If I am not the transmitter, I consent that the return(s), including this declaration and accompanying schedules and statements, be sent to the Internal Revenue Service by the return transmitter. I also consent to the IRS' sending the transmitter an acknowledgment of receipt of transmission and an indication of whether or not the return is accepted, and, if rejected, the reason(s) for the rejection.

▶ _____ ▶ _____
Signature of general partner or limited liability company member Date

Part IV Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer (See instructions).

ERO's Use Only

I declare that I have reviewed the above partnership return(s) and that the entries on Form 8453-P are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am only a collector, I am not responsible for reviewing the return(s), and only declare that this form accurately reflects the data on the return(s). A general partner or limited liability company member will have signed this form before I submit the return(s). I will give the general partner or limited liability company member a copy of all forms and information to be filed with the IRS, and have followed all other requirements described in **Pub. 1524**, Procedures for the 1065 e-file Program, U.S. Partnership Return of Income for Tax Year 2003. If I am also the Paid Preparer, under penalties of perjury I declare that I have examined the above partnership return(s) and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge.

ERO's signature ▶ _____ Date _____ Check if also paid preparer ▶ Check if self-employed ▶ ERO's SSN or PTIN _____
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), and address ▶ _____ EIN ▶ _____
ZIP code ▶ _____

Paid Preparer's Use Only

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

Preparer's signature ▶ _____ Date _____ Check if self-employed ▶ Preparer's SSN or PTIN _____
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP code ▶ _____ EIN ▶ _____
Phone no. () _____

Purpose of Form

Use Form 8453-P to:

- Authenticate the electronic **Form 1065**, U.S. Return of Partnership Income;
- Serve as a transmittal for any accompanying paper schedules and statements; and
- Authorize the electronic filer to transmit via a third-party transmitter.

Caution: *A tax return is not considered filed unless it is signed. Form 8453-P is the signature document that completes the filing of the Form(s) 1065 filed electronically.*

Who Must File

Every partnership filing a 2003 Form 1065 electronically must file a signed Form 8453-P.

Signature For Multiple-Return Filing

A single signature may be used for a multiple-return filing if the person signing for the partnerships is authorized to sign each return. The signer must attach a multiple-return information listing according to the instructions in **Pub. 1524**, Procedures for the 1065 e-file Program, U.S. Return of Partnership Income for Tax Year 2003. **Do not** enter totals from multiple returns on lines 1 through 5.

Where To File

Internal Revenue Service
Ogden Submission Processing Center
Mail Stop 6052
Ogden, UT 84201

When To File

A partnership must file its return of income by the 15th day of the 4th month following the close of the partnership's tax year. This filing date also applies to returns filed electronically. For returns filed electronically, the transmitter must send the signed Form 8453-P within 3 business days after the electronic transmission has been accepted.

Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer

The ERO is one who deals directly with the partnership and either prepares tax returns or collects prepared tax returns, including Forms 8453-P, for partnerships that file their returns electronically. The ERO's signature is required by the IRS.

A paid preparer who is not also the ERO must sign Form 8453-P in the space for **Paid Preparer's Use Only**. A paid preparer who is also the ERO should instead check the box in the **ERO's Use Only** section labeled "Check if also paid preparer."

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.

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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** 6 min.
- Learning about the law or the form** 5 min.
- Preparing the form** 19 min.
- Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS** 16 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 Tax Products Coordinating Committee, Western Area Distribution Center, Rancho Cordova, CA 95743-0001. **Do not** send Form 8453-P to this address. Instead, see **Where To File** on this page.

