

**IRS e-file Signature Authorization  
for Form 1065**

**2011**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

For calendar year 2011, or tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, ending \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

**▶ See instructions. Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records.**

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 1e)	<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 and Signature Authorization of General Partner or Limited Liability Company Member Manager**  
(Be sure to get a copy of the partnership's return)

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am a general partner or limited liability company member manager of the above partnership and that I have examined a copy of the partnership's 2011 electronic return of partnership income and accompanying schedules and statements and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amounts in Part I above are the amounts shown on the copy of the partnership's electronic return of partnership income. I consent to allow my electronic return originator (ERO), transmitter, or intermediate service provider to send the partnership's return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission and (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the partnership's electronic return of partnership income.

**General Partner or Limited Liability Company Member Manager's PIN: check one box only**

- I authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to enter my PIN 

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 as my signature  
ERO firm name  
on the partnership's 2011 electronically filed return of partnership income.
- As a general partner or limited liability company member manager of the partnership, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the partnership's 2011 electronically filed return of partnership income.

General partner or limited liability company member manager's signature ▶ \_\_\_\_\_  
Title ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ Date ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Certification and Authentication**

**ERO's EFIN/PIN.** Enter your six-digit 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 2011 electronically filed return of partnership income for the partnership indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of 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.

ERO's signature ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ Date ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Purpose of Form

A general partner or limited liability company member manager and an electronic return originator (ERO) use Form 8879-PE when the general partner or limited liability company member manager wants to use a personal identification number (PIN) to electronically sign a partnership's electronic return of partnership income. A general partner or limited liability company member manager who does not use Form 8879-PE must use Form 8453-PE, U.S. Partnership Declaration for an IRS e-file Return. For more information, see the instructions for Form 8453-PE.

**Do not send this form to the IRS.** The ERO must retain Form 8879-PE.

### ERO Responsibilities

The ERO will:

- Enter the name and employer identification number of the partnership at the top of the form;
- Complete Part I using the amounts (zero may be entered when appropriate) from the partnership's 2011 return of partnership income;
- Enter on the authorization line in Part II the ERO firm name (not the name of the individual preparing the return) if the ERO is authorized to enter the general partner or limited liability company member manager's PIN;
- Give the general partner or limited liability company member manager Form 8879-PE for completion and review — this can be done by hand delivery, U.S. mail, private delivery service, email, or Internet website; and
- Complete Part III, including a signature and date.



*You must receive the completed and signed Form 8879-PE from the general partner or limited liability company member manager before the electronic return is transmitted (or released for transmission).*

### General Partner or Limited Liability Company Member Manager Responsibilities

The general partner or limited liability company member manager will:

- Verify the accuracy of the partnership's prepared return of partnership income;
- Check the appropriate box in Part II to either authorize the ERO to enter the general partner or limited liability company member manager's PIN or choose to enter it in person;
- Indicate or verify his or her PIN when authorizing the ERO to enter it (the PIN must be five digits other than all zeros);
- Sign, date, and enter his or her title in Part II; and
- Return the completed Form 8879-PE to the ERO by hand delivery, U.S. mail, private delivery service, or fax.

The partnership's return will not be transmitted to the IRS until the ERO receives the general partner or limited liability company member manager's signed Form 8879-PE.

### Important Notes for EROs

- Do not send Form 8879-PE to the IRS unless requested to do so. Retain the completed Form 8879-PE for 3 years from the return due date or IRS received date, whichever is later. Form 8879-PE can be retained electronically in accordance with the recordkeeping guidelines in Rev. Proc. 97-22, which is on page 9 of Internal Revenue Bulletin 1997-13 at [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb97-13.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb97-13.pdf).
- Enter the general partner or limited liability company member manager's PIN on the input screen only if the general partner or limited liability company member manager has authorized you to do so.
- Provide the general partner or limited liability company member manager with a copy of the signed Form 8879-PE upon request.

- Provide the general partner or limited liability company member manager with a corrected copy of the Form 8879-PE if changes are made to the return (for example, based on the general partner or member manager's review).
- See Pub. 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns, for more information.

**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 this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is:

- Recordkeeping** . . . . . 4 hr., 46 min.
- Learning about the law or the form** . . . . . 12 min.
- Preparing the form, 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 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, keep it for your records.