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ABOUT

ACCOUNTANTS FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST OF RHODE ISLAND, INC.

What is Accountants for the Public Interest of Rhode Island?

Accountants for the Public Interest of Rhode Island, Inc. (APIRI) was organized in July of 1975 by a group of Rhode Island Certified Public Accountants and other accounting professionals. The purpose of the organization is to provide investigative, non-advocative accounting counsel without fee to those non-profit organizations and citizen groups in the greater Rhode Island area serving the public interest, and to provide pro bono one-time internal accounting assistance to non-profit organizations, economically disadvantaged individuals and small businesses run by individuals classified as economically disadvantaged.

APIRI is an affiliate of the National Association of Accountants for the Public Interest, a non-profit corporation established to encourage the growth of public interest accounting organizations around the country. As of December 1980, there are eleven (11) chapters in operation.

To accomplish its work APIRI has been organized into three components:

I Community Technical Assistance
II Community Education
III Public Interest Research

I Community Technical Assistance Component

1. Internal management assistance to non-profit organizations.
2. Fiscal advice to small businesses run by individuals classified as economically disadvantaged.
3. Personal tax or financial advice to economically disadvantaged individuals.

Assistance is provided without fee or at a nominal fee to those organizations and individuals who qualify under economic guidelines established and enforced by the Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants. Assistance is provided, most often, on a one-time, case-by-case basis. APIRI does not perform regular accounting or bookkeeping services for clients except in what we perceive to be emergency situations.

II Community Education Component

Since the need for accounting information and services far exceeds the accounting community's ability to meet this growing demand, APIRI offers seminars, workshops, clinics, and regular publications to address this need.