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Secretary of State on Business Documents and Civics Online

TOPEKA (April 16, 2012) – Secretary of State Kris Kobach announced today the online business documents program and a new online civics resource for Kansans.

Online Business Documents

Before this program, images of actual documents filed by a business entity were not available for viewing on the internet. Now a lender, investor, lawyer, accountant or interested member of the public can view a non-certified web copy of a company's articles of incorporation, annual reports, or miscellaneous changes such as registered agent and mailing address.

"KBA member banks are one of the most frequent users of the services provided by the business division of the Secretary of State's office, and continue to be pleased at the efficiencies and advances that this division is making towards maintaining a very user-friendly operation", stated Chuck Stones, President of the Kansas Bankers Association.

And from the Director of Government and Legal Affairs of the Kansas Bar Association, Joe Molina: "The Kansas Bar Association's Corporate, Banking and Business Law Section applauds the efforts of the Office of Secretary of State to expand its services to the business community."

"A lot of hard work went into making these online business documents readily accessible 24/7," said Secretary Kobach. "I commend Jackie Carlson, Wade Hapgood, Roger Schweppe, Trevor Eisenbarth, Kathy Sachs, Mike Stewart, Nancy Bryant and Ryan Kriegshauser for a job well done."

CyberCivics

Today, Secretary of State Kobach also unveiled the "CyberCivics" website. For months a team of secretary of state staff (Kay Curtis, Kathy Sachs, Justin Runge, Mike Stewart, Trevor Eisenbarth and Roger Schweppe) and interns (Lauren Knoth, Mallory Sauer and Maureen Treacy) have been researching, organizing and editing information about all things Kansas.

"There are ample internet resources for United States history and government, but not many websites that focus on Kansas exclusively," said Secretary Kobach. "The CyberCivics team has done a great job with www.CyberCivics.ks.gov. I urge all who visit the site to challenge themselves by taking our introductory 20-question trivia test and by using the Check Your Knowledge quizzes at the end of each chapter."

Secretary Kobach added, "This is a civics education resource for teachers and students alike. I pledged during the 2010 campaign that I would help improve civics education in Kansas. I hope all Kansans enjoy what our team has produced."