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STATE OF BUSINESS FORMATION IN KANSAS

TOPEKA (January 11, 2013) – Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach is pleased to report today's release of the first Annual Business Formation Report showing Kansas business filing trends over the past ten years. From this data certain conclusions have been drawn with the assistance of Dr. Art Hall, Executive Director, Center for Applied Economics, University of Kansas School of Business.

1. 2012 Set an All-Time Record.
2. Northwest Kansas is Experiencing Significant Business Formation.
3. The Number of Active Business Entities in Good Standing in Kansas is at an All-Time High.

"These are very good numbers for the state of Kansas," observed Kobach. "The number of new businesses formed hit an all-time high in 2012, indicating that entrepreneurship is healthy in Kansas and that our state is a good place to start a business."

The full report is available on the News Releases page of the Kansas Secretary of State website www.sos.ks.gov.

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