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Kobach Presents NASS Award to Thomson Reuters UltraTax CS

TOPEKA (August 18, 2014) – Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach today honored Thomson Reuters UltraTax CS by presenting a NASS Medallion Award for working with the secretary of state to develop a new state-of-the-art innovation in service to business customers.

“I am thrilled to announce this achievement, and to thank Thomson Reuters for being the first company to offer tax software that allows accountants and tax preparers to electronically file annual reports on behalf of their Kansas business customers,” said Kobach. “The implementation of this service makes filing annual reports easier for our customers and improves the efficiency of our office. We are excited at the success of this public-private partnership and look forward to expanding this service.”

The project was completed in April. The new service transmits the annual report filings via *UltraTax CS*, Thomson Reuters’ tax preparation software for professionals, using a standard for annual report filing developed by the secretary of state’s office. It is based on the XML filing standard adopted by the International Association of Commercial Administrators. This standard is now available for use by other vendors whose software supports annual report preparation.

Now businesses can delegate the annual report filing to their accountants and tax preparers. All parties benefit from this new process. The professionals no longer need to print and hand to their clients the paperwork with instructions to file the annual report by the due date, eliminating the time and expense of mailing as well as the possibility of lost or forgotten paperwork. Business owners no longer have to remember to submit the paperwork to the secretary of state, and can tend to their business affairs. And because information no longer needs to be rekeyed into internal systems from paper, filings can be completed more quickly, data quality is improved, and information from the filings is available sooner.

The idea for this improvement was suggested by a customer of the secretary of state’s office, Scot Henderson. He is an accountant and the manager of the Concordia branch of Long &

Associates Public Accountants, Inc. Henderson's firm is also a long-standing customer of Thomson Reuters' tax preparation product, *UltraTax CS*.

The NASS Medallion Award recognizes outstanding service and dedication to furthering the mission of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), including promotion of elections, civic education, service to state government, and commitment to giving.

More information about [online filing services](#) available from the Office of the Kansas Secretary of State can be found at: www.sos.ks.gov. For more information on *UltraTax CS*, go to www.cs.thomsonreuters.com/UltraTaxCS/.