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### **Secretary of State and Governor Launch New One-Stop Kansas Business Center**

TOPEKA (September 26, 2014) – Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach and Kansas Governor Sam Brownback announced the launch of the new Kansas Business Center. It is a one-stop website for new and existing businesses in Kansas that streamlines the process of registering and reporting to the State of Kansas.

The Kansas Business Center integrates online services and information from multiple state agencies to reduce the time needed to perform routine filings required to start and operate a business in the state. A video introduction to the services available can be found on the main page of the website at <http://www.kansas.gov/business/>.

“As a businessman and long-time Kansan, I know this site will be a valuable tool for both new and existing businesses,” said Ron Thornburgh, Senior Vice President of Business Development for NIC, the state’s partner for online government services. Thornburgh, former Kansas Secretary of State, commended the state in its efforts to further government through providing an impressive integrated one-stop location for businesses to learn about state requirements for starting and operating a business in Kansas and actually perform online transactions to assist them in that process.

In addition to providing services that support business registration and ongoing filings, the website also includes:

- Information about developing a business plan;
- Short videos to assist entrepreneurs in selecting a legal structure for their new businesses;
- An integrated online chat feature to help answer questions in real-time, provided by Network Kansas, an organization that connects entrepreneurs with a network of 500+ partners providing resources for small businesses across the state;
- Links that allow businesses to learn more about regulations that may apply to them, and to quickly find and comment on new regulations under consideration by state agencies;
- A library of agency forms for business filing and reporting that features links to equivalent online services, where available.

“The ability for entrepreneurs to act quickly is vital to our state’s economy. The redesigned Kansas Business Center represents yet another step in our efforts to remove barriers to business formation and ongoing filing with the state,” said Secretary Kobach. “By listening to the business community and collaborating with both our public and private partners, we’ve made state government easier to navigate and put the citizen first.”

The site was developed through collaboration between the secretary of state’s office and the office of the governor. “The Kansas Business Center supports our business-friendly environment,” said Governor Brownback. “By consolidating our online services across agencies and enabling a single sign-on for users, we’ve created a platform for greater collaboration in service delivery in the future.”

The Kansas Business Center is a collaborative effort between the Kansas Office of the Secretary of State, the Kansas Office of the Governor, the Kansas Department of Revenue, the Kansas Department of Labor, Network Kansas, and the Kansas business community. The innovative technology solution supporting the service is provided by the Information Network of Kansas, the state’s public-private partnership for innovative information service delivery. The partners engaged in the project are continuing to provide new and updated information on a regular basis.