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Secretary of State Business Service Enhancements Receive National Recognition

TOPEKA (May 20, 2015) - The International Association of Commercial Administrators (IACA) announced that the Kansas Secretary of State's Office will receive a Merit Award for enhancements to their electronic service offerings to business. The award was presented on May 18 at the 38th IACA annual conference in Savannah, Georgia.

Each year, a panel of IACA judges drawn from national and international leaders in government technology and commercial administration evaluate submissions from jurisdictions who have successfully implemented innovative changes. The Kansas award recognizes six new and enhanced business services deployed by the Kansas Secretary of State's office over the last year:

- The new Kansas Business Center, a one-stop suite of resources and services for new and existing businesses (www.kansas.gov/business/)
- A set of nine videos that provide an introduction to business entity structures (for example, limited liability corporation or partnership) available to entrepreneurs in filing formation documents with the Secretary of State.
- A technology innovation that allows tax and accounting software vendors to offer direct electronic filing of Annual Reports to customers via their software, increasing the efficiency, accuracy, and timeliness of business filings.
- A free service that allows businesses and citizens to subscribe to be notified of proposed rules and regulations that may affect them, along with information on hearings, links to view the proposals online, and the ability to comment on the changes to sponsoring agencies.
- The implementation of a program to send email reminders to over 32,000 businesses about upcoming filing deadlines for annual reports each year.
- A new email service designed to combat business fraud that notifies business owners when any amendments related to their business entity registered with the Kansas Secretary of State are processed.

"This award is especially meaningful as it recognizes the ongoing hard work, collaboration, and innovation of our Business Services and Information Technology staff" said Secretary of State Kris Kobach. "Their success reflects not only the wealth of talent and experience we have here in our office, but their continuing dedication to improving service to our customers."

IACA is a professional association for government administrators of business organization and secured transaction record systems at the state, provincial, territorial, and national level. More information about the IACA Merit Award can be found online at: <https://www.iaca.org/about-iaca/merit-awards/>.

For more information about the services provided by the Kansas Secretary of State, please visit our website at: <http://www.sos.ks.gov/>.