

Nevada Secretary of State Ross Miller Streamlines Business Services Beginning Oct. 1

ALL Nevada businesses will receive their annual State Business License from the Secretary of State

Effective October 1, 2009, Nevada Secretary of State, Ross Miller's office will be responsible for issuing the State Business License. The business license is required of all entities who are conducting business in this State.

The 2009 Legislature approved AB 146, which transfers the authority to issue and collect the annual Business Licenses and Fees, from the Department of Taxation to the Secretary of State. The legislation also provided for the development of a new business portal in the Secretary of State's office. The portal will eventually provide a more comprehensive "One-Stop Shop" for businesses incorporated in Nevada.

Secretary of State Ross Miller says his goal is to make Nevada the gold standard for business services in the country. "The consolidation of the Business License program with the other services my office provides is the first step toward creating an online service like no other state offers," he said. "We will be reaching out far and wide into the business community to let them know of these improvements. We look forward to better serving Nevada businesses."

The change in the administration of the State Business License will now re-direct businesses to apply, pay the fee, and be issued a State Business License online at www.nvsos.gov. Online payment options will be expanded to include debit card, e-check, credit card or a trust account.

Business entities formed under Title 7 of the Nevada Revised Statutes that are required to file an initial or annual list of officers will file for their annual Business License at the time the annual list is filed. The business' annual \$200 Business License Fee may be prorated based on when their current State Business License expires. Other businesses, such as sole proprietorships and partnerships, will file with the Secretary of State for a renewal of their existing license not later than the date of expiration or apply for a license when they begin conducting business in Nevada.

All businesses are encouraged to visit www.nvsos.gov and click on the State Business License Information button under the Licensing Center to learn more about the new process and find answers to questions about the State Business License requirements. While at the site, businesses should also click on "whynevada.com" to learn more about why Nevada is such a great State to start and conduct a business in.