

Topic: Sharing of Data Between Agencies

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Manitoba		
Corporations Canada	An automated process of exchange of information between Corporations Canada (CC) and the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) has been in place since 1999, whereby CC systematically sends information for a new account to CRA upon issuance of a new federal incorporation. CRA generates a unique Business Number (BN) for the new corporation and returns it to Corporations Canada's system. CC then posts this number online where clients may retrieve it, and use it to apply for other BN-based programs.	By twinning the BN generation with the incorporation process, Corporations Canada renders a one-stop service to its clients, thus reducing their "red tape" efforts associated with creating new businesses. By the same token, the arrangement allows CRA to automatically create corporate income tax program accounts for federal corporations upon their incorporation.
Alabama		
Alaska		
Arizona	The Arizona Corporation Commission database is linked only to the Arizona Sec. of State's database, and only then because the S.O.S. issues trade names. The A.C.C. and the S.O.S. have identical naming standards, i.e., that trade names and entity names must be distinguishable from other existing trade names and entity names, so it was necessary to coordinate with each other.	
Arkansas		
California		

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Colorado	We do not automatically send the information to any other agencies. We are beginning to work with some other agencies to better analyze all of the information we are collecting, but we don't send it so that they can run it against their applications.	
Connecticut		
Delaware		
District of Columbia	In the District of Columbia we do not link our data to any other divisions/ agencies.	
Florida	Florida does not automatically link to any other state agency however our data is instantly available to agencies from our website.	Work is underway for a one-stop-shop business portal that several agencies, including the Dept. of State, are currently working on together.
Georgia		
Hawaii	Hawaii has an online "Wizard" filing that automates business requirements.	<p>Electronically the workitem registers the business entity here at our office, moves to the Dept. of Taxation for the tax I D and if it has employees, ends up with the Dept. of Labor and Industrial Relations.</p> <p>The Governor of Hawaii is looking towards the future to a single centralized website for business records and licenses. Our department will be taking the lead in developing central information and unified licensing process within and through out other departments.</p>
Idaho		
Illinois		
Indiana		

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Iowa		
Kansas		
Kentucky		
Louisiana		
Maine		
Maryland		
Massachusetts		
Michigan	All documents filed by the Division are available, to the public and other agencies, to view and/or print on our website, www.michigan.gov/corporations . Our Division does not link databases with any other agency.	
Minnesota		
Mississippi		
Missouri	Missouri has no automatic link.	We do drop the info to a ftp site weekly and several agencies pick it up from there. Most however, just check our website before issuing or renewing licenses or certificates.
Montana	Montana does not link the information to other agencies	the Montana Department of Revenue and the Department of Labor & Industry have access to the new entities formed monthly through an ftp site.
Nebraska		
Nevada	Nevada does not currently link to other state agencies.	Our information too is immediately available on our website at no charge. Nevada is in the final stages of it portal project that will begin the interagency sharing of information.

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New Hampshire	NH Governor Lynch has put an initiative in place setting this in motion.	It is going to be phased project and data sharing between agencies will be in phase 4, we have just begun Phase 1 of this project. As we move further along in this initiative, I would be happy to share an overview of what we are doing and which agencies are involved.
New Jersey		
New Mexico		
New York		
North Carolina	North Carolina does not "link" the information to other agencies	the NC Department of Revenue (obvious reasons) as well as the Department of Health and Human Services (not sure on reasoning) have access to the information through an ftp site.
North Dakota	North Dakota does not link any data.	
Ohio	Ohio does not automatically link the filing and data to other agencies at the time of filing, but at the end of each month we send all new business data to the tax department.	A few other state agencies (charitable law division of the AG's office, for example) request data on a monthly basis as well, but these are not automatic, only by request.
Oklahoma		
Oregon	Oregon is similar to Hawaii in this. We have a Central Business Registry which allows information collected for business registration to be passed through to the Employment and State Revenue agencies. Many agencies get our data or search our database for information about businesses, as well.	We have been recently tasked with creating a Business Portal that would allow all levels of government to be "mashed up" onto a single site, and the user would elect to use (following a wizard) to access relevant agencies. Our CBR is also looking to expand to include licensing info (which we have in a separate application), general business license for the City of Portland, and coordination with the Small Business Development Centers in our state.
Pennsylvania		
Rhode Island		

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South Carolina		
South Dakota		
Tennessee		
Texas	The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts downloads a daily file of all transactions entered into our database.	<p>They use the data from us to set up taxpayer accounts for newly created domestic entities, newly registered foreign entities and to update names, addresses and status changes on existing entities.</p> <p>The Texas Workforce Commission also downloads files from our database on a periodic basis. TWC uses the data in connection with the establishment of new employers in Texas.</p> <p>All other governmental agencies can do searches in our database at no charge through SOSDirect.</p>
Utah	If a filer uses our OneStop Business Registration site, they will not only be registered with us, but with our Tax Commission and Workforce services.	They will also receive a local municipality business license application (if their municipality is one of our partners). We offer a "next steps" notice upon completion that lets them know some other places they may need to register.
Vermont		
Virginia	In Virginia, our records are not automatically integrated into the records of other state agencies. However, many agencies inspect our database before granting a license to a customer (confirming existence or registration).	One agency (DMV) has access to a subset of our records consisting of business entities whose articles indicate that they will conduct business as a common carrier.

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Washington	Washington’s business entity information is shared with the Business Licensing Service, who shares it with Department of Revenue (excise taxes), Labor & Industries (workman’s comp), as well as Employment Security (unemployment taxes). All of these agencies have what we call a Unified Business Identifier (UBI) number and every effort is made to share updated contact information, officers, registered agent, etc. Our system and the BLS system share specific information fields every 20 minutes, so that both databases are in sync.	We are now working on a web site that will display entity information from all of these agencies at one place that we could all link to so that no matter where the business person goes, he can find his public information from all agencies. Needless to say, it’s a work in progress and we are not very far along.
West Virginia		
Wisconsin		
Wyoming		

Additional comments:

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