

Topic: Web Search
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 Jurisdiction: Louisiana
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Jurisdiction	Question(s)
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Manitoba	Manitoba's searches are by entity name or number, and <i>not</i> via a person's name.
Corporations Canada	
Alabama	
Alaska	
Arizona	<p>In Arizona, searches are free to the public. Here is a link to our search page:</p> <p>http://starpas.azcc.gov/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=wsbroker1/main.p</p> <p>Searches can be by entity name, a word within the entity name, entity file number, or stat agent/officer/director/member/manager. Our database is currently broken out by active entities, old or inactive entities, former entity names, and true names of entities. When we switch over to the new system (projected to be online around Labor Day), there will be only one database, and, in addition to the above-listed searches, we will have the option to search by county.</p>
Arkansas	
California	

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Colorado	<p>In Colorado, you can search our website for an entity by the entity name or by a filed document number. You don't need to enter the exact name to receive a list of names with those words you've entered. There is an option on the Advanced Search to search for an exact match of the name you enter.</p> <p>Also under the Advanced Search option, you can list specific dates or timeframe that you want searched. You can also request the search to be just entity names, just trade names, just trademarks or a combination of any of those. The Advanced Search will also allow a search by the name of the registered agent, reserved name holder, trade name registrant or trademark registrant.</p> <p>Here is a link to the Business Search page http://www.sos.state.co.us/biz/BusinessEntityCriteriaExt.do</p>
Connecticut	
Delaware	
District of Columbia	<p>In the District of Columbia customers can search by entity name, file#, trade name, registered agent's name and document id #.</p>
Florida	
Georgia	
Hawaii	<p>In Hawaii the public can search by business name. If you have subscriber account, you may also do an agent search - results will show the agent names and the number of entities associated with that agent.</p>
Idaho	
Illinois	
Indiana	
Iowa	
Kansas	
Kentucky	
Louisiana	

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Maine	
Maryland	
Massachusetts	<p>http://corp.sec.state.ma.us/corp/corpsearch/corpsearchinput.asp</p> <p>This is a link to our search screen. You can search by Entity Name or Individual name, and within those 2 search engines we have options for</p> <p>“Exact Match, Begins With, Full Text or Soundex”. You may also search by Identification Number or search by the Filing Number.</p>
Michigan	<p>The public may search for records of corporations, limited liability companies, and limited partnerships authorized to transact business in Michigan from our Business Entity Search application, available at: www.michigan.gov/entitysearch. The public may search using the entity's name, a keyword in the entity's name, or by its identification number. Also, the public may view and print documents filed on behalf of an entity from the entity's record.</p>
Minnesota	
Mississippi	
Missouri	<p>On Missouri's website you are able to search by business name, charter number, or by the registered agents name. When searching by the business name you are able to select filters such as 'Starting with', 'All words', 'Sounds like', 'Exact match', and 'Active corporations'.</p>
Montana	<p>Montana allows online free Business Entity Search by entity name which provides, among other things, the name and address of the registered agent.</p> <p>We also offer online Registered Principals Search which allows the user to provide an individual's name and the search provides all entities that the individual is associated to or the name of the business can be provided and the user may request the principals for the entity be listed. There is a fee for the Registered Principals Search.</p>
Nebraska	
Nevada	<p>Nevada allows online Free Business Entity Search by entity name, officer or registered agent. Also by entity number and NV Business ID Number...</p>

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New Hampshire	In NH the public can search either by business name, business ID, or by registered agents.
New Jersey	
New Mexico	
New York	
North Carolina	In North Carolina the public can search by entity name or Registered Agent name. We also have separate searches for new entities, dissolved entities and name reservations.
North Dakota	In North Dakota, one can search by name or ID number (file number).
Ohio	In Ohio we can search by the business name, number search (charter/registration/license number), agent/contact name, and prior business name.
Oklahoma	
Oregon	In Oregon, the two main methods are by entity name or registration number. We do have an associated name search, but that is an additional service, and not the primary mode. Here's the link, if you want to check it out http://egov.sos.state.or.us/br/pkg_web_name_srch_inq.login
Pennsylvania	In Pennsylvania you can search by the entity name or number assigned by our Bureau.
Rhode Island	Rhode Island allows the public to access our active and inactive databases. There is no fee to search, view and download imaged filings. Searches can be conducted by entity name, SOS ID#, document filing number, individual (officer/director/manager), registered agent, business address, and/or purpose.
South Carolina	
South Dakota	
Tennessee	
Texas	In addition to searching by entity name and name of an associated individual, the database may be searched by SOS file number, taxpayer identification number, FEIN (if available), by assumed name, and by SOS document number.

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Utah	Utah is the same as yours but we also have search by entity file number
Vermont	
Virginia	The public can search for an entity in Virginia's database by the entity's name or its assigned ID number.
Washington	Washington allows searching by name of entity, unified business identifier number (UBI #), and registered agent name. We also make our database available for download at our search site, http://www.sos.wa.gov/corps/search_advanced.aspx , so they can search on any of the fields.
West Virginia	
Wisconsin	In Wisconsin, the public can do a general search by name of entity or entity id number. They can also do an advance search which includes searching by registered agent name, entities that are in existence or no longer in existence, search by current name or old name, by type of entity or by registration date.
Wyoming	

Additional comments:

Full text of email:

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