

Topic: Questions Regarding Company Records Search Capabilities
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Manitoba	
Corporations Canada	
Alabama	
Alaska	
Arizona	<p>In Arizona, our current system allows anyone to search by entity name or file number. It will also allow a search by an individual's name. The search defaults to an alphabetical search, but the customer can also choose "word" and search by any word.</p>
Arkansas	
California	
Colorado	
Connecticut	
Delaware	
District of Columbia	<p>We have searches by entity name, file number, registered agent's name and certificate validation.</p>
Florida	
Georgia	

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Hawaii	
Idaho	
Illinois	
Indiana	<p>Indiana's site has an option for anyone to search for a business record by business name and entity number. These searches pull up all of the associated names to an entity. We do not have a search by agent's name or principal names. These searches can be ordered through Indiana Interactive for a fee based on the number of search results.</p> <p>When we put the new system in place we will not continue using Indiana Interactive for these types of searches, but we have not determined all the details yet.</p>
Iowa	
Kansas	<p>In Kansas the public has access to our Business Entity Database free of charge at https://www.kansas.gov/bess/flow/main;jsessionid=F5787E291E41F65FA2E0E1BFE5C1F9F3.apctcs03-inst1?execution=e1s2</p> <p>Business entities can be searched by business name, business entity ID number, resident agent name, or by a keyword of either the business entity name or resident agent name.</p> <p>There is an initial informational page and a link to view all scanned formation, amendment, conversion, dissolution, and annual report documents for each entity.</p>
Kentucky	
Louisiana	<p>In Louisiana the public may search our website free of charge. Business entities can be searched by business name, business entity ID number, resident agent and/or principal's name, or by a keyword of the business entity name.</p>
Maine	
Maryland	
Massachusetts	

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Michigan	<p>In Michigan, we have a Business Entity Search Page that is available to the public. Users may search by name, keyword and ID number.</p>
Minnesota	
Mississippi	
Missouri	
Montana	<p>In Montana anyone can search business names online at http://sos.mt.gov/Business/Names/index.asp for no charge. That will list basic information including registered agents, but does not list Officers/Directors/Managers/Members.</p> <p>The officers/directors/members/managers of a specific company can be listed for a fee of \$2.00. The principal information can be searched for \$4.00 for a specific registered principal that will list every business that individual is associated with.</p> <p>Currently we are working on a system to make viewing the imaged filings available to customer searches as well, and so they can print off copies, but that is a ways down the road.</p>
Nebraska	
Nevada	
New Hampshire	<p>New Hampshire has a website available to the public that is free. Searches may be done by business name (which includes any previous names), Business ID number, or registered agent name.</p>
New Jersey	
New Mexico	
New York	

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North Carolina	<p>The NC Corporations website provides for searches for New Entities; Dissolution/Withdrawals; Suspensions; and Name Availability by county or all with a 30 day parameter. We also have the standard searches by Entity Name and Registered Agent.</p> <p>There are standard reports also available online, they are: Nonprofit vs. For profit; dissolutions; and suspensions.</p> <p>The above are on the website for anyone to use.</p> <p>We also have an .ftp site where third parties subscribe to the information and use as they need. This .ftp site is provided at no charge to other state agencies for their use. I know the Department of Revenue accesses this information.</p>
North Dakota	<p>Yes, See https://apps.nd.gov/sc/busnsrch/busnSearch.htm</p> <p>Deploys active records and those inactivated within 12 months including record ID number, record name (company name, trade name, etc.), record status, date filed, registered name & address, principal place of business address.</p>
Ohio	<p>Yes, Ohio's site has an option for anyone to search for a business record by business name, entity number, agent's name and prior business name.</p>
Oklahoma	
Oregon	<p>Yes, we have a business name search available on the internet to everyone. People can search by name (in many different permutations), and registry number. There is also an associated name search where people can search by an individual or business and find all the businesses that person is associated with in our system. All of this is free of charge.</p> <p>I guess the other "company records search" you may be referring to is a search of the internal records the company must maintain. That is not available to any of the public (but it is to shareholders) and usually must be subpoenaed to be divulged. We do not have interrogatories in this state.</p>

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Pennsylvania	<p>Yes, we have searching capabilities through our web site. We provide the options of searching by the entity name or entity number. The search results will display the entity history, officers if available, registered office addresses, status (active, merged, withdrawn) and creation date. There is also the option to order any documents on file through the history page.</p>
Rhode Island	<p>Rhode Island offers a free public search of our corporate records (active and inactive) at www.sos.ri.gov/business . Our records can be searched by entity name, SOS ID#, filing number, primary officer (includes director or manager), registered agent, business address, or purpose.</p> <p>Once the filer accesses the requested record, our summary screen provides previous names, all associated fictitious business names, merged entities, entity type, date of incorporation, principal place of business, registered agent/registered office, officers/directors/manager, authorized/issued shares, purpose and access to all of the entity's imaged filings.</p>
South Carolina	
South Dakota	
Tennessee	
Texas	
Utah	<p>In Utah, one can search our registered businesses by file number, business name, any principal or search a principal name to match with any business affiliation.</p>
Vermont	
Virginia	<p>Virginia offers free public searches of business entities at https://sccefile.scc.virginia.gov/Find/Business . The search can be performed by business entity name using Keyword, Starts With, and Contains algorithms. You can also search by the assigned SCC ID number.</p> <p>The search results include entity type, state of formation, date of formation/registration, status, registered agent name, registered office address, and principal office address. You can also view the documents that were filed online. One day we hope to make the images of paper filings available, too.</p>

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Washington	<p>Washington State has a status search, a fully downloadable database containing all the same search information, and an API for anyone to use.</p> <p>It is all free and accessible to anyone.</p> <p>http://www.sos.wa.gov/corps/search_advanced.aspx</p>
West Virginia	
Wisconsin	
Wyoming	

Additional comments:

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Thank you for your assistance.

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