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Treasury's Division of Revenue Eases Access to Key Business Records with New Online Services

TRENTON – November 21, 2011 – Through the State of New Jersey's Business Portal, the Treasury Department's Division of Revenue has launched a new suite of online services to speed public access to business records.

This upgrade is the second to New Jersey's business records system this year. It follows the new service launched in May that allows businesses to file and search Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) records online. The improvements are part of an ongoing effort by Governor Chris Christie, Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno and Treasury to make state government more responsive to the practical needs of businesses that operate in New Jersey.

"Our goal is to provide our customers with the highest level of service," State Treasurer Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff said. "To that end, New Jersey is reducing friction and eliminating barriers in the day-to-day transactions between State government and members of the business community."

The suite is called the Business Records Service, or BRS, and it offers immediate online access to:

- Status reports for business entity and trade name and trade/service marks;
- Copies of filed business entity documents, both certified and non-certified, and
- Business entity, trade name and trade/service mark lists

All these records can now be accessed in digital form, and users can create their own printed copies of the documents rather than waiting for them to be sent through the mail or picked up at the Division's Trenton Office. The new service is accessible via the State's Business Action Center at <http://www.nj.gov/njbusiness/registration> or at www.njportal.com/brs. The online system automatically calculates the service fees involved.

"By providing round-the-clock online access to this vital business content, we minimize mailings, office visits and labor-intensive paper processing," Division of Revenue Director James Fruscione said. "This saves our customers time and money and helps reduce the size of government operations."

The Division of Revenue is the custodian of many records that are essential to completing business transactions and complying with a wide range of federal and state laws. They include certificates of incorporation/formation, amendments, annual reports and records of other changes filed by corporations, limited liability companies (LLC's) and other business entities. The Division also provides access to trade names, the business names adopted by general partnerships and sole proprietors, and trade and service marks filed in New Jersey, which help to distinguish goods or services.

The Business Records Service is a product of a partnership between the State of New Jersey and the New Jersey Information Division of NICUSA, the National Information Consortium. The New Jersey Information Division of NICUSA is the State of New Jersey's official eGovernment partner and helps New Jersey government entities web-enable their information services.