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### **Upgrade makes search for business information easier in Nebraska**

LINCOLN – Searching for information on active and inactive business entities just became easier on the Secretary of State’s website. The changes, while simple, should greatly improve the effectiveness and reduce time spent performing those functions, says Sec. John Gale.

“Users can select from a variety of search options like keyword, exact match, name, sounds like or the account number,” explained Gale. “The generated list now includes all active and inactive entities, trade names, trademarks and service marks.”

Entities are listed alphabetically, with additional options that allow the user to sort further by active or inactive status and business type.

“Previously, the program had a default feature that only allowed users to see the list of active entities. Users were required to perform a second search to see inactive entries. That was problematic,” said Gale, “because sometimes users are interested in getting information on businesses, trade names and trademarks that have already expired or that they may not know have expired. It has now been compiled into one quick and easy search.”

There’s also an FAQ at the top of the web page that helps users refine their search and gives suggestions for utilizing the sort options.

To perform a search, users can log onto [www.sos.ne.gov](http://www.sos.ne.gov). The Corporate & Business Search function is easily accessed under the “Quick Links” section of the Secretary of State’s website.

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