

Customer Alert Regarding Misleading California Solicitations

United Corporate Services, Inc. would like to make you aware that there are at least three companies, Business Filings Division, Annual Filing Division and Annual Review Board, and potentially others, that are targeting business entities registered in the state of California. This deceptive solicitation appears to be an official state form, however, it is not. There are some items to note that will assist you in determining if a form is legitimate.

Below is a copy of one such solicitation with these items highlighted and numbered:

- 1) Deceptive company name, not an actual division of the State of California.
- 2) A seal that looks official but is not the Great Seal of California.
- 3) The state fee for filing a Statement of Information with California is \$25.00. In the sample solicitation, the fee is \$239.00
- 4) The forms include the wording “remit immediately” or similar verbiage. This wording is not found on state forms.
- 5) The checks are not payable to the “state of California” but rather to the soliciting company.
- 6) The form will contain language that will state the product or service has not be approved or endorsed by a government agency.
- 7) The form will authorize the soliciting company to file and/or sign the Statement of Information on the client’s behalf.

The California Secretary of State has issued a warning about these deceptive solicitations on their website. See Customer Alert Regarding Misleading Solicitations at:
<http://www.sos.ca.gov/business/be/alert-misleading-solicitations.htm>

If you would like additional information about the companies involved, please see the California Office of Attorney General website at:
<http://ag.ca.gov/newsalerts/release.php?id=1817>

Please contact our Representation Department or your Project Manager if you are unsure about the correct form to use, have questions about preparing the form or would like assistance with filing the Statement of Information in California.



Business Filings Division Statement of Information Limited Liability Company

1. Deceptive company name, not an actual division of the State of California

2. The seal looks official but is not the Great Seal of California

Your Company Name & Address Preprinted Here

3. The state fee for filing a Statement of Information is \$25.00.

Control Number: 172698
CA LLC Number: 200828010102
Remit Payment: \$239.00
Due Date: October 9, 2009
(Remit Immediately)

4. The forms include the wording "Remit Immediately!" or similar verbiage. This wording is not found on state forms

Avoid Penalties, Fines and Suspension

Remit Immediately!

Every Domestic and Registered Foreign Limited Liability Company shall file or cause to be filed a Statement of Information with the California Secretary of State, within 90 days after filing of its original Articles of Organization or Application of Registration, and biennially thereafter during the applicable filing period. The appropriate filing period for a Limited Liability Company is the Calendar month during which its original Articles of Organization or Application of Registration were filed and then immediately preceding five Calendar months. A Limited Liability Company is required to file their Statement of Information even though it may not be actively engaged in business at the time their Statement is due. Changes to information contained in a previously filed Statement can be made by filing a new Statement of Information in its entirety.

Statutory filing provisions are found in California Corporations Code Section 17060, unless otherwise indicated. Failure to file the Statement of Information by the **DUE DATE** will result in the assessment of a \$250.00 penalty which will be assessed by the California Franchise Tax Board, Corporations Code Sec 17651(b) and 17653, Revenue and Taxation Code Section 19141.
Please Print Clearly! **Fill out Form Completely, to Avoid Delays!**

LLC Information

Agent Information (P.O. Box not Allowed, Must be CA Address)

Business Address:		Agent Full Name:	
City, State & Zip:		Address:	
Phone:	Email:	City & Zip in CA only:	
Fax:			

Name and Address of Managers / Members (must name at least one Member / Manager)

Member / Manager Name	Address	City	State	Zip
Member / Manager Name	Address	City	State	Zip
Member / Manager Name	Address	City	State	Zip
Member / Manager Name	Address	City	State	Zip

Business Description:

Failure to comply with the Necessary filing will cause the Entity to be assessed Penalties, Fines and **SUSPENSION OF THE** Entity become **SUSPENDED**, you will **not** have the right to conduct business, your Entity name could Corporate Existence will have many negative ramifications.

5. Official state forms request that checks are payable to State of California

Make Check Payable to: Business Filings Division

CA B&P CODE SEC 17533.6. THIS PRODUCT OR SERVICE HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED OR ENDORSED BY ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND THIS OFFER IS NOT BEING MADE BY AN AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT. The referenced government agency may be contacted at California Secretary of State, P.O. Box 944228 Sacramento, CA 94244. In submitting this form you give Authorization to BFD to sign and file your statement of officers on your behalf. I, (we) certify that the above is true and correct.

7. Authorizes the soliciting company to file and/or sign the Statement of Information on the client's behalf.

6. States the product or service has not been approved or endorsed by a government agency

Print Member / Manager Name

Member / Manager Signature