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# NEBRASKA SPIRIT ART CONTEST

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The Nebraska Secretary of State, John Gale, is inviting all Nebraska students, from grades kindergarten through fifth, to participate in the 2009 Nebraska Spirit Art Contest.

From March 2, 2009 to May 1, 2009, students wishing to share their Nebraska spirit may submit their original artwork. The submissions will be narrowed down to five finalists for each grade.

From May 11 to May 20, 2009, people will be able to vote for their favorite artwork submissions. The six winners from the voting will be announced on May 21, 2009.

You can find more information about the contest at  
<http://www.nebraska.gov/contest/index.cgi>

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# Nebraska.gov News



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## GM Corner

2009 is starting off as an exciting year full of promise and new opportunities.

Within the first week of the year, we launched a new application for the Secretary of State's office. The response has been overwhelmingly positive.

Nebraska.gov has also worked with the Department of Motor Vehicles and every County Treasurer in Nebraska to make online motor vehicle renewals a reality. We are so pleased with the feedback that we have received.

As new programs are introduced, we are continuing to work on expanding the online services available for Nebraskans, as well as those outside of the state. We will keep you posted with updates in this newsletter.

*Brent Hoffman*

## Driving Adoption –

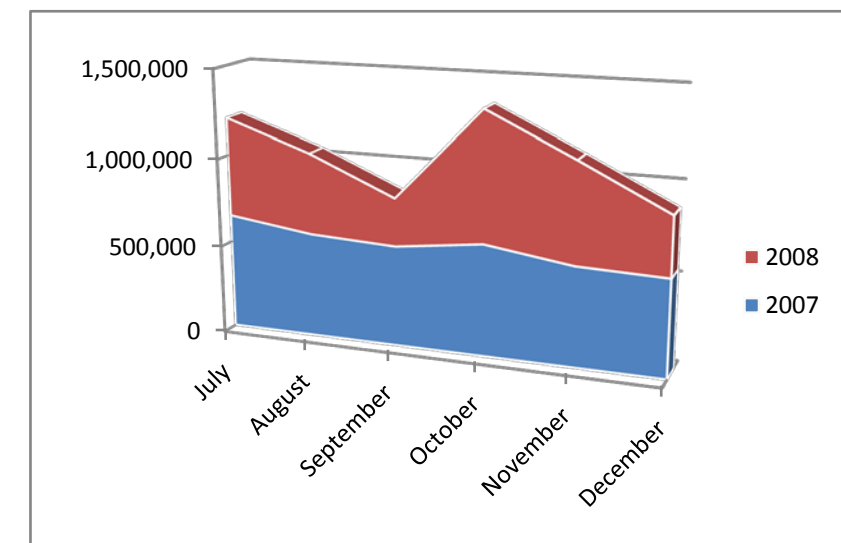
### Phase II of Business One Stop Launched

In coordination with the Office of the CIO, and the Secretary of State's Business Division, who will have the first online applications to operate off of the Business One Stop profiles, users now have the option to create a basic account. They can use this account to save their business start up checklist, and to file online.

[https://www.nebraska.gov/osbr\\_reg/](https://www.nebraska.gov/osbr_reg/)

So far there are **603** active filing accounts, and the number is growing every day.

## Nebraska.gov Portal Visit History



Nebraska.gov  
Analytics

127,974 Visits

59,580 Visitors

36.98% New  
Visitors

252,169 Pages  
Viewed

# Motor Vehicle Registration

The screenshot shows the 'License Plate Renewal' page on the Nebraska DMV website. It features a 'Welcome to "Click" Renew' banner and a form for entering owner information: First Name (13), Last Name (27), Business Name (if Applicable), Plate Number (3), and Registration Number (PR#) (4). A 'Select County' dropdown is also present. A text box notes: 'If renewing online during the last week of the month, you may not receive your renewal registration and license plate stickers before the expiration of your current registration and license plate stickers.' Below the form is a 'View Sample Registration (Pink Slip)' link and a sample registration slip for RICHARD WIENBERGER, LINCOLN CO. TEXAS, with a total amount due of 74.50.

Gov. Dave Heineman announced that Nebraskans now have the option to log onto the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Web site to renew their license plates. Online vehicle renewal is the latest service added to Nebraska's menu of e-government services.

"We're always looking to expand our online services," Gov. Heineman said. "With this service, Nebraskans can file their renewal paperwork online rather than waiting in line. Online motor vehicle registration renewal is one of the most requested services and I want to congratulate everyone involved for making this project a reality for the people of our state."

To renew a car or truck registration online, users need only the information on their current vehicle registration slip or the renewal postcard sent by their county treasurer's office, along with bank account information or a MasterCard or Visa credit card. The online renewal process automatically checks the Motor Vehicle Insurance Database to verify vehicle insurance. The online renewal process can be completed in minutes.

Beverly Neth, Director of the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles, said, "This has been a productive year for the DMV. Because of the opportunity to save time and hassle for Nebraska citizens, this is one of the projects we're most excited about. I want to recognize the partnership of our 93 county treasurers whose offices are responsible for processing online applications. I particularly want to recognize the Douglas County Treasurer's office for helping us test this new system."

Douglas County Treasurer John Ewing said, "Online renewal is a tremendous convenience to the citizens of Douglas County. I will be monitoring the program closely. As usage increases, I expect to see the potential for cost savings and reduction in brick and mortar costs."

Nearly 1.9 million vehicles are eligible to renew license plates using the online process. Certain commercial vehicles are excluded from filing online due to additional documentation needed for license renewal.

DMV also unveiled a new look to its Web site, <http://www.clickdmv.ne.gov>, which makes the DMV online applications easy to find and easy to use. In addition to online vehicle renewal, Nebraskans can use the Web site to order specialty plates, reinstate a driver's licenses and estimate vehicle taxes. The department is already developing plans to allow drivers the option of renewing their driver's license online.

DMV developed the application with the team that designs and supports the state web portal, <http://www.Nebraska.gov>. A link to online renewal can also be found on Nebraska.gov.

The screenshot shows the 'Official Nebraska Government Website' with the 'NEBRASKA BILLTRACKER' header. It includes a quote: 'The Salvation of the State is Watchfulness in the Citizen.' - Harriet Burr Alexander. Navigation links for Home, FAQs, and Search are visible. The main content area is titled 'BillTracker Home' and describes the service. It lists options for 'About BillTracker', 'Register for BillTracker', 'Nebraska Unicameral', 'Contact Nebraska.gov', and 'eProfiles DEMO'. There are sections for 'eProfiles' and 'eBill Book', both with 'login >' links. A note at the bottom says: 'To set up an account for Premium BillTracker Services (eProfiles) for agencies click this link for more information.'

## Bill Tracker

The new legislative session also brings a new look to an old favorite service, BillTracker. Not only has the application been redesigned to give it a more modern feel, but the behind the scenes functionality has also been streamlined to deliver faster, more reliable information to users.

A new tutorial was also created to better instruct those who are new to the system on how to set up profiles and generate reports.

[\(http://www.nebraska.gov/billtracker/demo/\)](http://www.nebraska.gov/billtracker/demo/) Nebraska.gov has also provided two training sessions for legislative aides, to answer questions and demonstrate the service in a live setting.

## A Rave Review: Motor Vehicle Registration

"The online renewal program is going very well. We are very happy with the program and are pleased to be able to offer this online service."

John Ewing, Douglas County Treasurer

(Within one month, over 550 online renewals have been processed for Douglas County, collecting over \$100,000 in taxes.)



## Nebraska.gov Staff Changes

We are pleased to announce the addition of Kara Lang to the Nebraska.gov staff. She is a Customer Service Representative.

Jessica Zywiec has moved from her position as Customer Service Representative to Project Manager.

Natalie Bacon has accepted the position of Business Development Manager. Jessica is now working on the projects Natalie was working with as Project Manager.

We are excited about the changes and look forward to the future.

## Upcoming Event:

### 2009 Partner Event

April 20, 2009 at the Cornhusker Hotel

Stay tuned for more details.