



## We Want Your Feedback

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## Renewing Professional Licenses

There are numerous professional licenses that must be renewed in order to continue doing business. Nebraska.gov has worked with many agencies to allow people to renew their professional licenses online.

### The Real Estate Commission

The following licenses can be renewed at [www.nrec.state.ne.us/ren.htm](http://www.nrec.state.ne.us/ren.htm)

- Branch Office Renewal
- Broker Renewal
- Salesperson Renewal

Renewals must be completed prior to midnight on November 30, 2009 to avoid any penalties.

### Engineers and Architects

Renew at [https://www.nebraska.gov/EA/ea\\_renew.php](https://www.nebraska.gov/EA/ea_renew.php) until December 31 to renew without a penalty.

### The Department of Agriculture

Pesticide license renewals are available at <http://www.agr.state.ne.us/division/bpi/renewal.htm>

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# Nebraska.gov News



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## GM Corner

I recently attended the yearly NIC Technology Conference for technical and development staff. This event brings together the expert e-Government professionals from over twenty states.

At this conference, the latest trends in technology were discussed. The experts in this industry spoke about the emerging advances in the technology field.

Our staff returned from the conference energized and ready to tackle the new challenges that are facing Nebraska government today.

Please contact our office so we can help your organization be on the leading edge of technology.

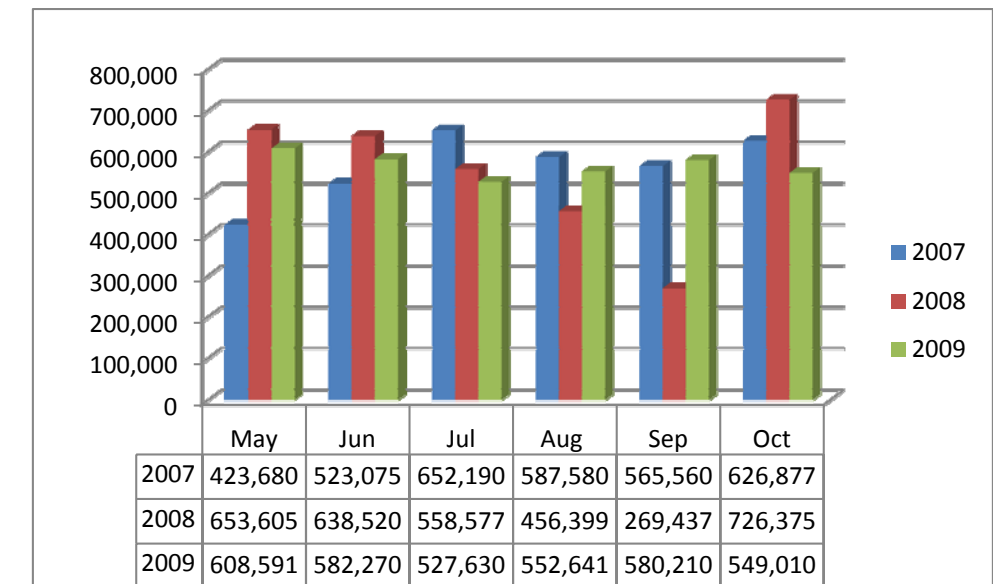
*Brent Hoffman*

## Driving Adoption – EFS Originals

Each year, there are approximately 3,000 original Effective Financing Statements filed with the Secretary of State's UCC Division. Over the last ten months, representatives of the Division have provided their expertise and their time, to Nebraska.gov in order to create an online application for the filing. A plan was created to raise awareness of the new service. It includes the following:

- Beta testers used during development were the first to submit live filings online. They can help drive adoption by spreading the word to others within their offices and other locations.
- Notices and links were placed on the Secretary of State's web site, as well as the Nebraska.gov web site
- Inserts advertising the new online service were created to be included in the return receipt sent to anyone submitting a paper filing to the UCC Division
- A press release was issued through the Secretary of State's office and Nebraska.gov

## Nebraska.gov Portal Visit History



Nebraska Network Manager: Nebraska Interactive, LLC 2009

NEBRASKA.GOV

301 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 301  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Nebraska.gov  
Analytics for  
October 2009

139,458 Visits

65,257 Visitors

37.12% New  
Visitors

308,214 Pages  
Viewed

#### Service Uptime

Number of Checks:  
14,465

Number of Outages:  
16

Uptime: 99.744%

Average Response  
Time: 0.599 seconds

## NIC in the News

### Federal Department of Transportation Awards NIC Technologies with Contract for National Motor Carrier Pre-Employment Screening System

OLATHE, Kan. – October 19, 2009 – The U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), has awarded NIC Technologies, LLC, the contract for a National Motor Carrier Pre-Employment Screening System. NIC Technologies is part of the NIC Inc. (NASDAQ: EGOV) family of companies. The contract has an initial one-year term, with four, single-year renewals.

The new service is designed to disseminate commercial drivers' safety performance history as part of the pre-employment screening process. The system will assist the motor carrier industry in assessing individual operators' crash and serious safety violation inspection history as a pre-employment condition. Drivers will also be able to obtain their individual history from the service. The new system should launch in December 2009.

The system will be developed and maintained using a self-funded, transaction-based model. It is anticipated that users of the service will pay a subscription fee of \$100 per year and a \$10 transaction fee for each record pulled. There will be additional fees for records requested via fax or mail. Individual drivers requesting their own record will not be subject to any subscription fee.

"Safety is our number one priority at the Department of Transportation. This new initiative will help trucking companies ensure the safest drivers are behind the wheel of commercial trucks and buses," said Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. "Making this information more transparent will make our roads and highways safer for everyone."

"We are honored to be awarded this work by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. NIC companies have long provided secure electronic access to motor vehicle and driver related information at a state level. This new project takes that expertise and applies it to the commercial driver data held at the federal level," said Harry Herington, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of NIC. "With 17 years of eGovernment experience and current work in both the commercial driving industry and at the federal level, this new system is a natural fit for the company."

Federal legislation requires the Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to provide companies and employers conducting pre-employment screening services for motor carriers with electronic access to crash and inspection data in FMCSA's Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS). Drivers will provide consent before their crash and inspection data history is shared with potential employers in the commercial motor carrier industry.

The system will adhere to all federal privacy requirements to ensure the privacy and security of a driver's personal information.

### New Online Service Expands Online Filing of Agricultural Liens

Effective Financing Statement (EFS) original filings can now be submitted online to the Nebraska Secretary of State's office. EFS filings provide public notice of security interests held by lenders on crops and livestock. EFS filings join terminations and continuations as EFS documents that can be filed electronically.

The service is featured on the Nebraska state portal at [www.nebraska.gov](http://www.nebraska.gov), or users can go directly to <https://www.nebraska.gov/sos/ucc/> the UCC Division online search and filing center.

"This latest move meets two of my goals of office – to increase online services and to make it easier to conduct business in Nebraska," said Secretary of State John Gale. "Having these filings online makes the process quicker and more convenient for the filer."

Lenders regularly make loans on crops and livestock and secure those loans with a lien filing. The Secretary of State's Office issues a master lien list every quarter that identifies to interested parties the EFS filings of record.

"EFS filings are an extremely important public notice that brings stability and security to the commodity market place in Nebraska," said Gale. "Such filings open up lines of credit to producers for loans by protecting lenders in the event of a sale of secured commodities. Nebraska lenders and purchasers rely heavily on the EFS system to work accurately and smoothly to make these lines of credit possible."

Initial users of the system have written positive reviews and expressed appreciation for the work the Office of the Secretary of State put in to make this new filing service available.

### A Rave Review

*"I love it! I wish I could pay for everything online. Thank you Nebraska DMV for making my life easier."*

Received from survey completed by a user of the online specialty license plate ordering service.



## Upcoming Convention

The Nebraska Association of County Officials will be having their annual conference from December 9 through 11 at the Cornhusker Marriott in Lincoln.

Nebraska.gov will be having an exhibit booth at this conference to showcase services and increase awareness for our company.

Please stop by and say hello!

### Save the Date!

Nebraska.gov has started preparations for the 2010 Partner Event.

It will be held the morning of April 21, 2010.

Mark your calendars for this event.

Please check this newsletter for updates.