

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS Business Registration Division

## **DCCA News Release**

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## DCCA MAKES MORE THAN 700,000 BUSINESS REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE ONLINE

HONOLULU – The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (DCCA) Business Registration Division (BREG) announces that more than 700,000 business registration documents are now available for immediate online purchase from the DCCA's Business Registration webpage located at: http://hbe.ehawaii.gov/documents/search.html.

When the initial service was launched in the spring of 2008, 100,000 documents were immediately available online, with the remainder available within one to three business days. Over the last year, this service has grown in popularity with individuals and businesses purchasing documents to complete transactions with greater speed and ease. After redacting private information from stored documents, BREG has now made more than 700,000 documents available for purchase and immediate download, including articles of incorporation, annual filings, partnership and limited liability company formation documents, foreign statements of qualification and more.

In its initial launch, this service received national recognition for its innovation, receiving top honors for technological innovation given by the International Association of Commercial Administrators (IACA) in 2008.

The DCCA's online registration service is part of the Lingle-Aiona Administration's efforts to provide individuals businesses with innovative and efficient online government services.

"We hope our customers will enjoy the added convenience of our improved online services, which make it easier and faster to do business in Hawai`i," said DCCA Director Lawrence Reifurth.

DCCA's online services are administered through Hawai`i Business Express (HBE). HBE is a multi-agency initiative that provides one-stop online registration services to new and existing businesses and now allows the public to buy business registration documents online. Since the creation of HBE, more than 33,000 businesses have been created online in Hawai`i. More information about HBE may be found at <a href="http://pahoehoe.ehawaii.gov/BizEx/">http://pahoehoe.ehawaii.gov/BizEx/</a>.

IACA is a leading professional association for government administrators for business organization and secured transaction record systems at the state, provincial, territorial and national level. IACA members include government agencies administering business entity regulations in the United States, Canada, the European Union, New Zealand and Australia. For more information, visit www.iaca.org.

Hawai`i's official Internet portal, ehawaii.gov, is managed by Hawai`i Information Consortium, LLC (HIC). HIC works with state agencies to enable them to conduct state business online and improve public access to government information.

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