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Certificate of Status Scam Alert for Businesses

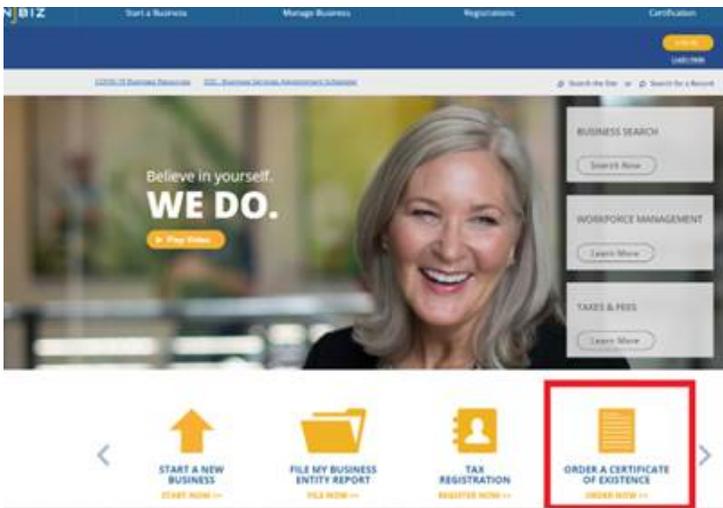
The Indiana Secretary of State's office has received a warning from other Secretaries of State regarding a solicitation that is being sent to businesses. The solicitation makes it appear as though businesses are required to order a "certificate of status" for a fee of \$72.50. **This solicitation is a scam.**

The only certificate related to the status of Indiana businesses is called a "Certificate of Existence". In addition, businesses are **not** required to order a Certificate of Existence. It may be something you need for opening a bank account for a business or for certain types of closings. Please check with your bank or lender on their requirements.

Certificates of Existence are **only** issued by the Indiana Secretary of State's office. No other agencies or businesses have the authority to issue these certificates. However, certain businesses offer services where they will order certificates from our office for you. Please understand that by using this type of service, you are likely paying a premium.

For the fastest service and lowest cost make sure to order your Certificate of Existence directly from INBiz. The process is simple, and certificates are emailed to you within a matter of minutes.

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If you receive a solicitation for a certificate of status, please notify the office at: INBiz@sos.in.gov.