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From:

corphelp

Sent:

Thursday, May 19, 2011 10:02 AM

To: 'Sheria Chichester'

Subject:

RE: PLEASE REPLACE OLD EIN

Good morning Sheria,

Your request to add your FEI has been forwarded to the appropriate section for processing.

Tom

Internet Access Section Florida Department of State Division of Corporations

Please take a few minutes to provide feedback on the quality of service you received from our staff. The Florida Department of State values your feedback as a customer. Kurt Browning, Florida Secretary of State, is committed to continuously assessing and improving the level and quality of services provided to you. Simply click on the link to the "DOS Customer Satisfaction Survey." Thank you in advance for your participation.

DOS Customer Satisfaction Survey

From: Sheria Chichester [mailto:sheriac.stepstochange@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2011 12:35 PM

To: corphelp

Subject: RE: PLEASE REPLACE OLD EIN

We have a new EIN 37-1625956 because of corruption and fraud on our organization the IRS changed it. This is why the original request was for it to be removed and it is no longer valid.

Sheria F. Chichester

President & CEO

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--- On Mon, 5/2/11, corphelp <<u>corphelp@dos.state.fl.us</u>> wrote:

From: corphelp@dos.state.fl.us> Subject: RE: PLEASE REMOVE EIN

To: "Sheria Chichester" < sheriac.stepstochange@yahoo.com>

Date: Monday, May 2, 2011, 8:05 PM

Good Afternoon,

We apologize for the delay in our reply.

FEI numbers are required by statute to be reported to the Division of Corporations yearly on the annual report (s.607.1622 (1)(d). The annual report cannot be filed without the FEI#. Chapter 119, F.S. requires all data received by our office to be placed on, and available from, a public record database. Social Security numbers (which we do not collect) are restricted under Chapter 119 from being placed on a public record database but FEI#s are not. I can tell you that other State agencies rely on FEI#s for verification of business entities and they rely on our data to do so. FEI#s do serve a purpose and are used for numerous reasons.

We have over 5,000,000 records on our website and only the very old records or those where not applicable do not have FEI#s. I understand your concerns. Personal identity theft is protected with restrictions on SS#s but we have not heard from any businesses about identity theft due to availability of FEI#s. Since the requirement to collect the FEI# is a statutory requirement it will take a legislative change to either not collect the number or to make it available only within governmental agencies. I suggest you make your concerns known to your state senator and representative. We are here to administer the law. We do not create the law and therefore can't change it.

I'm sorry we are not able to remove your FEI# from our records and hope this explanation answers your questions.

Lee Yarbrough

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From: Sheria Chichester [mailto:sheriac.stepstochange@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2011 7:52 PM

To: corphelp

Subject: PLEASE REMOVE EIN

REQUESTED OVER A MONTH AGO THAT OUR EIN BE REMOVED FROM VIEWING FOR CONFIDENTIALITY PURPOSES

Sheria F.

President & CEO

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