

State of Nebraska

E-Government Initiatives

May 2004

RECENT AND CURRENT PROJECTS – NEBRASK@ ONLINE

A. SubPortal Development (State Record Board Grants to CIO)

1. Business Portal / Forms Automation
 - a. Current focus is online access to lower volume forms in editable format.
2. Citizens Portal
 - a. nebAnnounce (automatic e-mail notification of postings to the Public Meeting Calendar (March 2004))
 - b. Central website and subscription service for newsletters (May 2004)
 - c. Enhancements to campaign finance information searches
 - d. Enhanced Legislative Bill Tracking System (November 2004)
3. Education Portal
 - a. Searchable database of education courses and programs offered by Nebraska higher education institutions (May 2004)
 - b. Information technology training calendar (May 2004)
 - c. Common application for admission to Nebraska higher education institutions
4. Payment Portal
 - a. Addition of electronic check module
 - b. Automated general ledger transmission tool

B. JUSTICE

As of January 5, 2004, Nebrask@ Online began offering access for NOL subscribers to the JUSTICE system. The system allows for online access to most of the Nebraska State Trial Court's Case information. It allows you to easily and quickly search through over 4 million case records so that you can find out most anything you'd need to know. (<http://www.nebraska.gov/demo/justice/>)

C. Secretary of State – Rules and Regulation Tracking

Nebraska's new online rule & regulation tracking and public comment system provides citizens and businesses with an easy way to participate in the rule adoption process. The new service will allow citizens to post online comments to proposed

regulations. Rules and regulations must also be reviewed by the Attorney General's office and approved by the Governor before going into effect, the tracking service will allow citizens to track rules as they go through this adoption process.

(<http://www.sos.state.ne.us/Rules/rrdisc.htm>). A new feature allows the user to register for automatic e-mail notification of any proposed changes to a designated agency's rules and regulations. (<http://www.sos.state.ne.us/local/regtrack/notify/>)

D. E-Mail Notification Subscription Service

1. nebAnnounce (for notification of public meetings)
2. Regulations Tracking (for notification of status of rules and regulations)
3. Notary Public (self-registration to receive information directed to notary publics)
4. Agency newsletter subscription (under development)
5. Legislative bill status notification (under development)

NEW STATE RECORD BOARD GRANTS -- CIO

A. Licensing Phase III (\$25,000)

Previous grants have supported efforts by Nebrask@ Online with several agencies to bring more than 30 licenses, permit and registration processes online, including credit card payment of associated fees. The purpose of this grant is to continue work with additional agencies, as well as additional license types for current agency partners such as Health & Human Services. The grant amount for each application is anticipated to be \$2,500, meaning this grant will support ten additional projects.

B. Business Forms Search Upgrade (\$16,500)

Nebrask@ Online for Business, also known as the Business Portal, was initially launched in 2001. The basic system for the inventory database remains viable, but enhancements are needed to improve the user interface (through which businesses access forms information) and the administrative tools (used by agencies and NOL staff to maintain information in the inventory). These enhancements will provide a foundation for use of the system for a wider range of forms, including those used by citizens in general. This would allow the Citizen Portal and possibly other secondary portals to include a forms search capability targeted to its users.

C. Public Meeting Calendar Upgrade (\$15,000)

Nebrask@ Online has hosted an online Public Meeting Calendar since 1999. With greater use by state agencies, the Public Meeting Calendar is becoming a comprehensive repository of official meetings that the public can depend on for timely notification and easy access to information such as agendas. nebAnnounce was a major improvement, but other enhancements are needed to make the Public Meeting Calendar more useful.

ONE-STOP BUSINESS REGISTRATION SERVICE

An online guide will walk businesses through various aspects of the business registration process. The interactive, self-guided tool will assist businesses with assessing and completing the steps and transactions necessary to begin or update business operations. Development of the tool will require the cooperation and participation of several agencies with various business registration responsibilities.

NEBRASKA E-GOVERNMENT: NEW AND FEATURED APPLICATIONS: NITC.NEWS (www.nitc.state.ne.us/news/)

The following are new and featured e-government applications offered by Nebraska state government agencies (April Newsletter):

- Department of Motor Vehicles - Online Practice Drivers Examination
- Health and Human Services System - Online License Renewal for Respiratory Care Practitioners; Veterinarians; and Podiatrists.
- State Court Administrator's Office: JUSTICE System - Court Cases/Records Online

State Agencies: Help us get the word out. If you have an e-government application you would like to have featured in NITC.news, let us know (rbecker@cio.state.ne.us).