# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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# **Annual Report Instructions**

#### **Document Number**

The 6- or 12-digit number assigned to your entity when the business entity was filed or registered with the Division of Corporations.

## **Entity Name**

The official/legal name of your business on our records.

- > The annual report does not allow you to change the name of your business.
- > To change the name, download and complete the appropriate amendment form (/sunbiz/forms/).
- > Mail the completed form with payment to the Division of Corporations.

# Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)

The 9-digit number the Internal Revenue Service (http://irs.gov/) assigned to the business for federal tax identification purposes.

- > Enter your FEIN in the space provided, if not already listed. **Do not** enter a Social Security Number.
- > If "Applied For" is marked already: You previously reported that you applied for an FEIN and must enter the number to proceed.
- > Contact the IRS at 1.800.829.4933 for additional information.

# **Principal Place of Business Address**

The street address of the entity's principal office.

# **Mailing Address**

The entity's mailing address, if different from the principal address. (P.O. Box is acceptable.)

# Registered Agent Name, Address, and Signature

The registered agent is the individual or legal entity designated to accept service of process on behalf of the business.

- > A business entity cannot serve as its own registered agent.
- > However, an individual or principal associated with the business may serve as the registered agent.

- > The registered agent must have a physical street address in Florida. Do not list a P.O. Box address.
- > If designating a new registered agent, the new registered agent must sign the report, confirming the Agent's familiarity with the Florida Statutes and accepting the obligations of this designation.
  - > If a business entity is designated as the Agent, a principal (individual) of that entity must sign to accept the obligations.
  - > To sign, the registered agent types their name in the signature block.
    - Pursuant to s.15.16 (http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm? App\_mode=Display\_Statute&Search\_String=&URL=0000-0099/0015/Sections/0015.16.html), F.S., electronic signatures have the same legal effect as original signatures.
    - > NOTE: Typing someone's name/signature without their permission constitutes forgery pursuant to s.831.06 (http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm? mode=View%20Statutes&SubMenu=1&App\_mode=Display\_Statute&Search\_String=831.06&URL=0800-0899/0831/Sections/0831.06.html), F.S.

#### If the Chief Financial Officer is listed as the Registered Agent:

- > The registered agent information cannot be changed.
- > Each "authorized insurer" in Florida is required by s.48.151 (http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm? mode=View%20Statutes&SubMenu=1&App\_mode=Display\_Statute&Search\_String=48.151&URL=0000-0099/0048/Sections/0048.151.html), F.S., to designate the "Chief Financial Officer" as its registered agent for Service of Process.
- > A signature is not required for the Chief Financial Officer. Type **NOT REQUIRED** in the signature field.
- > For more information about changing the registered agent for an insurance company, contact the Department of Financial Services (http://www.myfloridacfo.com/askFLDFS/).

# Principals (Officers/Directors/Managers/Authorized Representatives/General Partners) Names and Addresses

Review the principals associated with this business entity. You can edit, add or delete the information listed by clicking on the provided options.

- > Enter the principals you want listed on our database.
- > You must provide at least one principal.
- > Enter or change the titles, names and street addresses of the principals in the spaces provided.
  - > A person may serve in more than one capacity.
  - > You can select the title(s) from the list provided, or enter the title in the textbox if it is not listed.
- > If your business is a limited partnership or limited liability limited partnership, you cannot change the general partners on the annual report.
  - > You must file a Certificate of Amendment (/sunbiz/forms/partnerships/) to add or delete a general partner.
  - > You can change the address of a general partner.

## **Certificate of Status**

- > You may request a certificate of status when you file your report.
- > This item is not required.
- > A certificate of status certifies the business entity is active and has paid all fees due this office through a certain date.

#### Fee:

- > Corporations and Limited Partnerships: \$8.75
- > Limited Liability Companies: \$5.00

#### **Delivery:**

- > Emailed to you as an attachment at the email address you provide.
- > The certificate will be emailed to you regardless of which payment option you choose.
- > To receive a certificate of status by mail:
  - > Submit a separate written request with the required fee to the Certification Section.
  - > To ensure proper processing, do not submit the request until your annual report has been processed and posted on Sunbiz.

#### **Email Address**

- > Provide a valid email address.
- Your filing confirmation, certification (if requested), and future email communications will be sent to this address.

#### NOTICE

Under s.817.155 (http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?

App\_mode=Display\_Statute&Search\_String=&URL=0800-0899/0817/Sections/0817.155.html), F.S., a person may not:

- > Knowingly falsify or conceal a material fact,
- > Make a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation, or
- > Make or use any false document.

Anyone violating these conditions is guilty of a third-degree felony and punishable by law. (s.775.082

(http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App\_mode=Display\_Statute&Search\_String=&URL=0700-0799/0775/Sections/0775.082.html), s.775.083 (http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm? App\_mode=Display\_Statute&Search\_String=&URL=0700-0799/0775/Sections/0775.083.html), or s.775.084 (http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App\_mode=Display\_Statute&Search\_String=&URL=0700-0799/0775/Sections/0775.084.html), F.S.)

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