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From the Desk of Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted

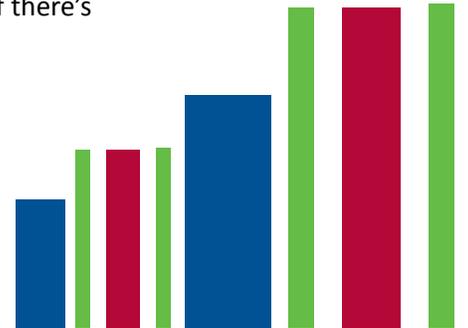
Hundreds of thousands of businesses are based in Ohio in a variety of industries. Our economic well-being is directly tied to the success of these businesses. The Secretary of State's office provides services for business enterprises throughout Ohio, including authorizing corporations to do business in our state and a number of other required filings.

Whether a business is deeply rooted in its local community or it is the dream of an entrepreneur, each business will begin and continually work with the Secretary of State's office throughout its lifecycle. I am committed to making this process as easy as possible so Ohio entrepreneurs can concentrate on starting and growing their companies.

This newsletter will introduce you to some of the services my office provides, as well as update you on some of the business trends in Ohio. If you need more information, or if there's something you'd like to see in a future newsletter, please contact my office at businessnews@OhioSecretaryofState.gov.

Sincerely,

Jon Husted



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Help in Starting a Business

The Secretary of State's office wants to help Ohio businesses succeed. To help entrepreneurs navigate the various types of filings required to establish a business in Ohio, the Secretary of State's office offers several useful publications. To download an electronic copy or to receive any of these guides free of charge, [visit the Secretary of State's publications page](#).

Current available publications include:

[Guide to Starting a Corporation in Ohio](#)

[Guide to Starting a Limited Liability Company in Ohio](#)

[Guide to Starting a Nonprofit Organization in Ohio](#)

[Guide to Starting a Partnership in Ohio](#)

[Guide to Starting a Sole Proprietorship in Ohio](#)

[Guide to Secured Transactions Filing in Ohio](#)

[Guide to Registering Your Trademark or Service Mark in Ohio](#)



Fast Facts

There are over 890,000 businesses in **Ohio**

- Nearly 250,000 are women-owned
- Over 88,500 are veteran-owned
- Over 82,000 are minority-owned

Ohio is a leader in the diversity of business industry

- Over 120,000 are involved in trade
- Over 120,000 are involved in construction
- Nearly 80,000 are involved in healthcare
- Over 27,000 are involved in manufacturing

Based on a 2007 U.S. Census Bureau survey of business owners

Filing Made Easy

Businesses filing with the Secretary of State's office are required to file using a prescribed form. In 2012, filers will see updates to all of the Secretary of State's forms. Using feedback from Ohio businesses and other frequent filers, the updates are designed to reduce common filing errors. Additionally, the updated forms include a correspondence cover sheet to assist in communication with the office.

Most of the updated forms were updated prior to April 1. However, some new forms assisting with cooperatives, development and improvement corporations will be introduced in the summer. To see all of the forms currently available, [visit the Secretary of State's forms page](#).

Ohio Business Profile

Ohioans should be proud of the businesses that call the Buckeye State home. To celebrate the work being done in Ohio, the Secretary of State's office launched Ohio Business Profile, a monthly feature highlighting a number of Ohio businesses in a common industry or sector. Since June 2011, over 70 Ohio businesses from all around the state have been profiled.

Profiled companies are known for creating interesting products, offering outstanding service, contributing to their communities and employing Ohioans. As we work to improve Ohio's overall business climate, the demonstrated successes of existing Ohio companies can be one of the best marketing tools we have to encourage others to invest here, creating jobs and economic activity.

Businesses are selected to display a diverse geographic, industrial and size representation. Profiles are created based on information provided by each business. Profiles can be viewed at www.OhioBusinessProfile.com or through the [Secretary of State's Facebook page](#). All Ohioans are encouraged to submit suggestions for future profiles on this site.



Secretary Husted Visits Ohio Businesses

To see other businesses toured by Secretary Husted, visit the [Secretary of State's Media Center page](#).

March 30, 2012

Secretary Husted learns about the process of making some of the world's most innovative children's toys right here in Ohio. Founded in 1970, **Little Tikes** is best known for the *Cozy Coupe* riding toys and was selected for the December 2011 Ohio Business Profile Program.



February 22, 2012

Secretary Husted visits headquarters to commemorate new line of candles, "American Experiences", entirely manufactured in Ohio. The **A.I. Root Company**, started in 1869, was selected for the December 2011 Ohio Business Profile program.

September 23, 2011

Secretary Husted tours manufacturing facility with owner, Brian Reis. Started in 1920, **Ballrieck Brothers Inc.** is still family-owned and operated and was selected to be profiled in the first month of the Ohio Business Profile program started by Secretary Husted in June 2011.



April 13, 2011

Secretary Husted participates in the groundbreaking of new EPISCENTER building which will focus on advanced energy management. Headquartered in Cincinnati, **GE Aviation** is the world's leading producer of large and small jet engines for commercial and military aircraft.