

Don't Fall for Misleading Mailings from Filing Labor Compliance Department Services (FLCD)

The NC Secretary of State's Office has been made aware of a misleading mailing targeting recently created North Carolina corporations, LLCs and other business entities. A Florida company, Filing Labor Compliance Department Services (FLCD), is mailing out a "2019 Certificate of Status Request" form implying that business entities are required to obtain a Certificate of Status. This is not true. Business Entities can visit the NC Secretary of State's Office online at www.sosnc.gov to order Certificates of Existence whenever they are needed for business purposes. There is no State requirement that each registered business entity obtain an annual Certificate of Existence. Businesses have reported being asked to complete these "Certificate of Status Request" forms and return them with a \$78 fee. The real fee for a Certificate of Existence through the Secretary of State's Office is \$10 online, or \$15.00 for a hard copy.