



# OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

Oregon Secretary of State

# Corporation Division

<http://sos.Oregon.gov>

Click "File" to register

The screenshot displays the Oregon Secretary of State website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Meet the Secretary', 'About Us', 'Work with Us', 'Media Resources', 'Independent Redistricting', and 'Contact Us'. Below this is a search bar and a 'Stay Connected' button. The main header features a photo of Dennis Richardson, the Oregon Secretary of State, and the text 'Oregon Secretary of State Dennis Richardson'. A horizontal menu below the header includes 'Business', 'Voting & Elections', 'State Archives', and 'Audits'. The 'Featured Online Services' section contains several green buttons: 'Search State Audits and Reviews', 'File Register a Business', 'Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs)', 'Register to Vote', 'Archival Records Search', and 'Oregon Business Name Search'. A red arrow points from the text 'Click "File" to register' to the 'File Register a Business' button. To the right, there is a section for 'Online Notary Education' with a banner that says 'Study when and where it works for you' and 'Start training, take the exam and apply'. Below this is a 'Latest News' section with a headline 'Statement by Oregon Secretary of State Dennis Richardson' dated Jun. 16, 2017. The bottom of the page features a 'Featured Links' section with a link for 'Authentication (or Apostille)'. The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom of the browser window.

# Corporation Division

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Corporation Division

Log In

Oregon Business Registry

Online Renewal Tools Help

## Welcome to the Oregon Business Registry

Oregon's first stop for business registration

Existing User? [Log In Here](#)

New User? [New User Sign Up](#)

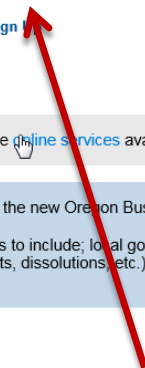
Our goal is to make more [online services](#) available, to make it easier for you to do business with the State of Oregon.

Along with a new name, the new Oregon Business Registry has a new interface to make filing online easier.

Additional future features to include; local government business licensing, state agency licensing, additional filings (reinstatements, reactivation, amendments, dissolutions, etc.), a new payment screen, and expanded services for frequent filers like law firms and accountants.

[Log In](#) [New User](#)

<http://sos.oregon.gov/business/Pages/obr-welcome.aspx> [FAQs](#) | [About](#) | [Contact Us](#) [cbrManager 1.0.71]



Create a login, then register your  
company online

# Business.Oregon.gov

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**BUSINESS SOS**

Trouble with a state agency?  
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Help for Oregon Entrepreneurs  
The Oregon Small Business Advocate is an independent voice for small business within state government.

- ▶ Minority Business Owners
- ▶ Women Business Owners
- ▶ Small Business Owners
- ▼ Veteran Business Owners

Center for Veterans Enterprise  
National Veteran Owned Business Association  
Office of Veterans Business Development - SBA  
Oregon SBDC Veterans Mean Business  
VetBiz.gov  
Veteran Fast Launch Initiative

View more resources >>>

**Startup Toolkit**

Business Name Search  
File a New Business Online

**Am I Compliant?**

License, Permit & Registration Directory  
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**Contracting With Oregon**

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# Frustrated?



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## Startup Toolkit

▼ Step 1: Choose your name and structure

Before you can register your business you'll need to choose a business name. To help you choose a name, you can use the Oregon Secretary of State's [Business Name Search Tool](#).

You will also need to [choose a legal structure](#).

▶ Step 2: Register your business

▶ Step 3: Get your tax numbers

▶ Step 4: Insurance Requirements

▶ Step 5: Permits & Licensing

▶ Step 6: Employer Obligations

**How Do I...?**

- ...write a business plan?
- ...register my business name?
- ...search all Oregon business licenses, permits and registrations?
- ...register my business online?
- ...know if I need Workers' Compensation Insurance?

**Other Resources**

- Oregon Maker Spaces, Business Incubators and Accelerators
- Oregon Business Guides
- Oregon Business Information Center
- File a trade or service mark
- Find NAICS codes from the US Census
- Money Game: Where do entrepreneurs get their money? A Kauffman Foundation video

**Top Related Services**

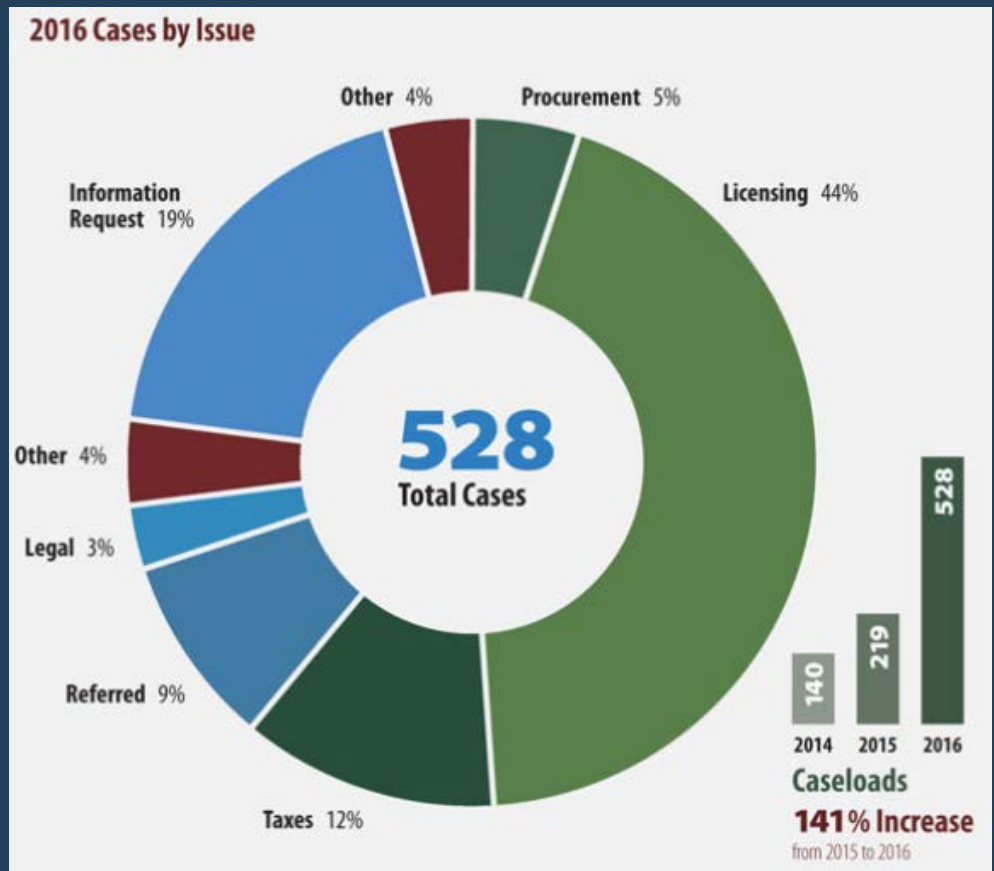
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- Build Your Business Plan
- Business Name Search
- Find State Licensing Information

# Goals

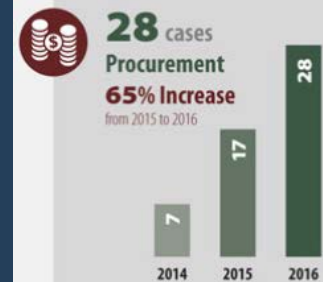
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1. Find and deploy a solution for your business or nonprofit
2. Discover if your problem is systemic; highlight for agency, work to prevent
3. Report back on the results of our work to policy makers, business & community leaders

# Goals



### 2016 Challenges





Small Business Advocates: Ruth Miles,  
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