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MEMORANDUM
UNIQUE IDENTIFIER NUMBER
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The Secretary of State's office has received approval by the United States Department of Agriculture to start using a Unique Identifier number (UIN) to replace social security numbers that were a requirement for all debtors on Effective Financing Statements (EFS) filings.

This will now allow for social security and tax payer identification numbers to be removed from the central filing system in order to protect this private information from possible abuses such as identity theft.

The unique identifier number (UIN) is a ten digit number derived from a combination of letters taken from the individual or organization name, coupled with the last four digits of the debtor's social security number or federal tax identification number.

Effective October 1, 2014, our online filing system will be programmed to automatically generate the UIN for the filer and a separate web application will be available to generate or look-up a UIN for paper filers. Social security and tax payer identification numbers for the secured party will no longer be accepted.

A UIN will be generated for all existing debtors in the system and will appear on EFS search results and the Master Lien list (Quarterly Buyers' Report). The Master Lien list that will go out the first week of January, 2015 will reflect this new change. The Master Lien list CD format will remain unchanged.

If you have questions, please call (402) 471-4080 or email to sos.ucc@nebraska.gov