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## Deceptive Solicitation Issued by "Alaska Council for Corporations"

November 5, 2015 JUNEAU – The Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing has received reports of an entity identifying itself as "Alaska Council for Corporations," with an address in Ketchikan, Alaska, mailing solicitations to Alaskan business. The solicitation requests both money and information from Alaskan businesses. Consumers should note the State of Alaska is not requesting this information from businesses; this entity does not provide services on behalf of the State of Alaska.

The solicitation is prepared to look official however consumers are advised "Alaska Council for Corporations" is not an official government agency. Alaska businesses are not required to share information or submit any payment to the business entity representing itself as "Alaska Council for Corporations."

Any official State correspondence, statement or request from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing (CBPL) will clearly indicate State of Alaska origin by displaying the official state seal and Governor Bill Walker's name in the document header. For more information regarding deceptive solicitations and scams, visit the division's website at corporations.alaska.gov.

If you believe you have been the victim of an unfair or deceptive act, or if you want to report a practice that you think is unfair or deceptive, please contact the Alaska Department of Law Consumer Protection Unit at 907-269-5200, or toll free outside of Anchorage at 1-888-576-2529. You can download a standard complaint form on the unit's website at law.alaska.gov/department/civil/consumer/cp\_complaint.html.

The Division of Corporations, Business & Professional Licensing, along with the Division of Banking & Securities, the Division of Insurance, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, and the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, is tasked with protecting consumers in Alaska. For information about the division, please visit commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl. For additional information about the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development and its other agencies, please visit commerce.alaska.gov.