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Deceptive Solicitation Issued by "Alaska Council for Corporations"

November 3, 2016 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, is mailing solicitations entitled "2016 Annual Solicitation Form" to Alaskan businesses.

The solicitation quotes, out of context, portions of the Alaska Statutes in its efforts to request both money and information from Alaskan businesses. Although the solicitation contains a statement that Alaska Council for Corporations is not a government agency, and does not provide services on behalf of any government agency, businesses may misinterpret the official-looking document.

Alaska businesses are not required to do business with or to share information or submit any payment to the business entity representing itself as "Alaska Council for Corporations."

Businesses are encouraged to be diligent and familiar with statutory requirements with this division. For more information visit the division's website www.Corporations.Alaska.Gov and click The Entity's Responsibilities.

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 www.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 www.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 www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl. For additional information about the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development and its other agencies, please visit www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/.

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