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3SG Corporation Selected to Purge Social Security Numbers for Ohio Secretary of State's Office

DUBLIN, OH, July, 2007: 3SG Corporation is pleased to announce that it was selected by the Secretary of State's office to provide social security number removal services for approximately 1.2 million corporate documents posted on the office Web site, with filings dating back to 1968. Work will begin immediately with 100 percent of the forms to be inspected and redacted by 3SG, with completion by Fall, 2007.

Ohio Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner hired 3SG to finish the process that started under former Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell. Blackwell's office was sued in March, 2006 by a trucker whose social security number appeared in Uniform Commercial Code forms on the secretary of state's Web site. Blackwell settled the lawsuit by buying software to remove the numbers and paid a vendor to review and redact the forms.

But Brunner learned upon taking office that not all Social Security numbers were being caught, and with the hiring of 3SG, she has made a commitment to ensure the privacy of information for all citizens.

"The protection of Ohioans' private information is a top priority for my administration," said Secretary Brunner. "We have a responsibility to ensure that information filed in our office and placed on our Web site does not contain information that could subject individuals to identity theft or other crimes. This project will clear the Secretary of State's Web site of remaining social security numbers to better protect the public and enable safe and secure business transactions now and in the future," added Secretary Brunner.

For new business filings, the Secretary of State's office is now using state workers to remove any Social Security numbers before the forms are posted to prevent any future information compromises, according to Debbie Batta, Brunner's director of business services.



About Ohio Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner

Ohio voters made Jennifer Brunner Ohio's first woman elected secretary of state on November 7, 2006. Jennifer Brunner, a former Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge, brings a unique perspective and uncompromised credentials to be Ohio's top election official.

Her service as Legislative Counsel for the Secretary of State's Office, 13 years of election law private practice experience, including serving as a special prosecutor for election fraud, and past experience as a member of the Franklin County Board of Elections clearly demonstrate her ability to be an effective and fair secretary of state.

Brunner's stated four goals for her first term of office are to restore trust to Ohio elections, ensure business transactions are quick and efficient; protect private information from disclosure and create and maintain a social health index.

About 3SG

3SG Corp., a minority business enterprise based in Dublin, Ohio, has years of experience serving hundreds of clients with high quality document imaging, conversion, processing, redaction and workflow solutions.

3SG helps clients "go digital" to ease their problems storing, locating, filing, retrieving, and securing paper, microfiche and microfilm.

Clients include government agencies, insurance companies, universities, healthcare providers, and other commercial entities throughout the United States.

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