



OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Catherine Cortez Masto, *Attorney General*

555 E. Washington Avenue, Suite 3900
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
Telephone - (702) 486-3420
Fax - (702) 486-3283
Web - <http://ag.state.nv.us>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: April 17, 2012

Contact: Jennifer Lopez

702-486-3782

NEVADA ATTORNEY GENERAL CONSUMER ALERT: NONPROFITS SHOULD BEWARE OF PERSONS OFFERING TO UPDATE DUNS NUMBER FOR A FEE

Las Vegas, NV – Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto is warning all applicants for federal grants and cooperative agreements to beware of individuals who ask for a fee to update their Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) report.

Nevada agencies have received a telephone call from a person offering them, as a nonprofit, the opportunity to pay \$549 to have their DUNS report updated with them.

“Nonprofits have enough to worry about,” said Masto. “They should not pay money for a service that is free. I caution nonprofit leaders not to fall victim to these scams.”

Agencies contacted should be cautioned that you do not have to pay for these free services.

A DUNS number, a requirement of receiving federal money that must be updated annually, was adopted as the standard business identifier for federal electronic commerce in 1994. There is no charge for registration, updates and revisions.

Use only the websites below for registration or if you require further information:

- <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>
- www.bpn.gov/ccr/
- <https://orca.bpn.gov/>

Nevada consumers who believe they have been a victim of this scam are encouraged to submit a written complaint to the Nevada Attorney General's Office.

###