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BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

BUSINESS STARTUPS

Directions: Anyone who wants to start a business can get plenty of help and information from their Secretary of State's Web site. Use a search engine to find yours; for example, search for "Iowa Secretary of State." Find the information to complete the table below. Then answer the questions.

Business Name:

Туре	Description	Form to File to Start a Business
Sole Proprietorship	owned and managed by one person	(1)
General Partnership	(2)	none
(3)	special form of partnership in which one or more partners have limited liability but no voice in management	Statement of Qualification
Limited Liability Corporation	(4)	Articles of Incorporation (or Articles of Organization)
Corporation (For Profit)	Business organization owned by many people (stockholders) but treated by law as though it were a person; it has a separate existence from the stockholders	(5)
(6)	tax exempt charities and religious organizations	Articles of Incorporation (or Articles of Organization)

7.	What is the fee for filing the Articles of Incorporation for a Limited Liability Corporation?
8.	What is the fee for filing the Articles of Incorporation for a Nonprofit Corporation?
9.	Can a person file the initial documents online?
10.	Why do you think your state wants to make it inexpensive and easy for people to start new businesses?

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