

Business Compliance One-Stop: Creating a Single Face of Government

Description

This session will focus on how best to reduce the burden on businesses by helping them find, understand, and comply with governmental laws and regulations through a cross-agency, intergovernmental web portal. It will include an overview of the Business Compliance One Stop (BCOS) initiative. Using *Businesslaw.gov* as its platform and starting point, BCOS is being built by a team of 9 federal partners, 6 states, and private sector contractors under the leadership of the U.S. Small Business Administration. BCOS initiative is focused on four functional areas (environment, workplace health and safety, employment, and taxes) and several industries (truckers, miners, chemical manufacturing, and food).

Goals/Outcomes

To share information on the BCOS initiative and receive feedback on how to provide compliance assistance through the intergovernmental web portal.

Key Questions

- How can government make it easy for business to find, understand, and comply with laws and regulations?
- What information or tools should be included in the portal to help businesses find information on state and federal laws and regulations, to include referrals to hands on assistance?
- How should a profiler gather certain information about a business and use the information to search for and present the business with a list of relevant compliance assistance tools (e.g., expert systems, fact sheets, Q&As, check lists, tutorials, online answer desk, subscription services)?
- Has your organization developed an on-line profiler to help users identify applicable permits, licenses, or compliance assistance resources? What can we learn from your experience?
- How can other assistance providers and state agencies support the BCOS initiative?

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