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The Department of State at a glance:

- 3,542,656 registered voters
 - 30,360 preregistered voters
 - 20,692 UOCAVA voters
- Over 600,000 business entities in good standing
- Over 12,000 registered charities
- Approximately 50,000 registered nonprofits
- We have issued over 1,198 bingo-raffle licenses this year
- Over 80,000 commissioned notaries public
- 99.5% of our transactions occur online with an average of 2,300 filings per day

Performance Plan (FY15-16)

- **Business & Licensing Division**
 - 600,000 entities in good standing in the state.
 - Joined with the Colorado Better Business Bureau to promote security for Colorado businesses through the Secure Business Filing option.
 - The second year of the Business Intelligence Center and the Go Code Colorado app challenge was a tremendous success. Recognitions included International Association of Commercial Administrators (IACA) Merit Award, the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) IDEAS Award, the Colorado Technology Association's Technology Project of the Year Award, *CIO Magazine's* CIO 100 Award, and recognition as a "Bright Idea" by Harvard's Kennedy School through its Innovations in American Government Awards competition.
 - Expanded the use of eLearning modules for nonprofit board members.
 - Released the first ever Bingo-Raffle quarterly reporting online.
 - Conducted nonprofit workshops to help strengthen and educate leaders in Colorado's charitable community.
- **Elections Division**
 - Colorado maintained its place as a national leader in the conduct of elections
 - We have made extensive preparations for the 2016 presidential election, drawing on advice from stakeholders and experts from across Colorado.
 - Watcher Committee
 - Pilot Election Review Committee
 - SCORE User Panel
 - Further professionalized Colorado's elections by conducting training for county clerks in every region of the state and expanding the number of online classes offered for various certifications and trainings.

- Expanded the Accountability in Colorado Elections (ACE) website, making public data available and useful, ensuring transparency, and helping enforce election laws
- Protected voting access for Colorado's 20,692 UOCAVA voters.
- Promoted use of the Department's online sample ballot tool.
- Conducted campaign finance training across the state for candidates, committees and interested citizens.
- Secretary Williams was named co-chair of the National Association of Secretaries of State Elections Committee.
- IT Division
 - Guaranteed a smooth transition to the mail ballot election system.
 - Ensured security for all the data collected by the office.
 - Working closely with Department of Revenue on the DRIVES project to guarantee integrity of voter registration records as CDOR modernizes its systems.
 - Completed work on the Elections Ballot Access program, which tracks candidates for each race and coordinates election outcomes post-election.
 - Colorado became the first state in the country to offer business certification services online.
- Administration Division
 - Continued expanding eLearning modules that provide professional development opportunities.
 - Created an office intranet to ensure a common operating picture.

Regulatory Agenda

- We strive to apply common sense solutions that will empower our customers, based upon tested "best practices."
- Established a Bipartisan Election Advisory Committee that will conduct a full review of our election process and ensure elections are fair, accessible, and impartial.
- Issued rules to reduce the burden of regulations on charities and charitable gaming.

Budget Request and Legislative Agenda

- Significant legislation: 2015 Session
 - SB15-060 (Holbert/Everett): which helps to prevent duplicate registrations.
 - HB15-1130 (Hill, Garcia/Nordberg, Ryden): which protects UOCAVA voters in municipal elections.
- 2016 Legislative Agenda:
 - Municipal Signature Verification
 - List Accuracy
 - Voter Registration Drives
 - Rights of Watchers
 - Election Cleanup Bill
 - Voter Choice Act
 - Business Intelligence Center Authorization for Gifts, Grants, and Donations
 - Wills & Trusts
 - Colorado Charitable Solicitations Act enforcement
- Budget Request
 - FY 16-17 budget request \$22.3 million focused on maintaining a compliant budget while keeping fees low-reducing expenses for Colorado businesses.