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Upgrades to State System Make Reporting Simple for Oklahoma State Agencies

One Web site Enables State Agencies to Electronically Upload Many Required Filing Types

OKLAHOMA CITY – October 15, 2010 – The Oklahoma Office of State Finance and <u>OK.gov</u>, <u>Oklahoma's official Web site</u>, today announce updates to the <u>Oklahoma State Filing System</u> that enable state agencies to <u>submit new filing</u> types online and simultaneously to the Governor, House of Representatives, State Senate, and Secretary of State, leading to business efficiencies and a reduction in the state's consumption of paper.

Launched in November 2008, the first phase of the system enabled agencies to file Administrative Rule changes. The new system changes allow state agencies to file Fee Increase Notifications, Agency Reports, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) data, and Ethics Commission Constitutional Rules all in one location: https://www.ok.gov/state/filings/index.php.

"The system was initially built as a result of Senate Bill 1507, passed during the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-first Oklahoma Legislature (2008)," said Nelda Kirk, Deputy Chief of Staff for Administration, Office of Governor Brad Henry. "By moving these filings online, it positions Oklahoma

for transparency. In fact, by next year, the public will be able to view submitted Administrative Rules online through this system."

Other benefits of the system include:

- A minimum annual paper savings of 2,066 sheets by eliminating the paper submission of administrative rules.
- Increased accuracy of data through validation features incorporated into the system.
- Simultaneous delivery of filing submissions to the Governor's Office, House of Representatives,
 State Senate, and Secretary of State.
- Enforcement of statutory guidelines and business rules through leveraging technology to calculate data correctly and ensure submission of data in a timely manner.

The state plans to add more filing types in the future.

About the Oklahoma Office of State Finance

The Office of State Finance is responsible for producing the Governor's Executive Budget and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, partnering in the implementation of the State of Oklahoma's Integrated Central Financial System (CORE), and managing OK.gov, the state's internet portal. Additional information is available at http://www.osf.ok.gov.

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