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PRESS RELEASE

**Sec'y of State Jim Condos Announces
the New National Business Identity Theft Website**

Montpelier, VT – Secretary of State Jim Condos announces a new online resource at www.BusinessIDTheft.org designed to serve as a critical resource to help business owners understand and protect themselves from business identity theft.

The Identity Theft Protection Association (ITPA) created and launched the website with input from the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), which convened a national business identity theft task force in October 2011.

“As a member of this important task force, I have been at the forefront of the business identity theft issue at a national level, and recognized the need to raise awareness with Vermont’s business community about this sensitive and little understood topic.” stated Secretary Condos.

The BusinessIDTheft.org website is the first and only resource dedicated to business identity theft. The site provides expert information on the multitude of ways that business identity theft can occur, risk management and prevention information, victim assistance, and comprehensive local resources for each U.S. state and territory. Fraud prevention tips and the latest tools for credit protection are also featured. The site is supported by the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), which has been working to raise awareness about business identity theft with a wide array of industry stakeholders, including state legislators, law enforcement, business support groups, financial institutions and others.

“Getting good information to the public in an easy to understand way is at the heart of catching Business ID theft at the filing level,” said Secretary Condos, “This website will be a great resource.”

To learn more about business identity theft, visit the resource website at www.BusinessIDTheft.org.

The Identity Theft Protection Association (ITPA) is the international association for professionals, service providers, businesses, law enforcement, and other parties who are actively engaged in or support the common goal of reducing identity theft, privacy, and information security risks.

Founded in 1904, the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) is the oldest, nonpartisan professional organization of public officials in the United States.

Jim Condos is Vermont’s Secretary of State.

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