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Nevada Development Authority's March Breakfast Featured Nevada Secretary of State Ross Miller

March 21, 2008 – Nevada Development Authority's March breakfast meeting featured Nevada Secretary of State Ross Miller. A third-generation Nevadan, the youngest in the state's history to hold the office, and currently the youngest Secretary of State in the country, Secretary Miller addressed NDA members, guests and media with a keynote speech entitled "How the Secretary of State's office can serve as an entry point for economic development: Getting beyond the basic bullet points."

While the Secretary of State's office is known for a number of business related functions such as licensing, commercial recordings and intellectual property issues, the office is also an excellent source of information and guidance for businesses in relation to economic development. In conjunction with the Nevada Development Authority, the Secretary of State's office provides new businesses with many of the tools they need to be successful in Nevada.

One of these tools is the Secretary of State's official website – www.nvsos.gov. Already far more advanced than the majority of Secretary of State websites, Nevada's has been updated and will continue to be. The ultimate goal is the ability to link a variety of government agencies and departments that are necessary for establishing a new business. Miller described this "one stop shop" as a great improvement in efficiency for both government and new businesses. In addition, the use of ESOS (Electronic Secretary of State) is already allowing filings and transactions to be carried out online, saving the state, business owners and taxpayers both time and money.

Secretary Miller also pointed to the continued economic growth and overall economic strength of Nevada, saying that the state is second in the country when comparing the number of entities on file per capita – approximately 318,000. While Nevada continues to tout its excellent tax structure and business-friendly government, Miller believes we must also push for a stronger, institutionalized business court, capable of litigating business disputes "fairly and efficiently." Finally, Secretary Miller pointed to the capital market economy, describing Nevada's as "one of the best in the country," allowing small businesses to raise large amounts of capital.

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