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ALD Participation as of October 15, 2010



The Map says it all.....

When faced with a new challenge, what is your standard approach? Do you take a practical approach of formulating a plan, or do you immediately tackle the issue head-on, with no formal plan in place?

When I first assumed the role as NASBA's ALD Administrator, there were only four states participating in the ALD. This new position entailed reaching out to all 55 jurisdictions and discussing their participation in the ALD. Initially, I didn't think it would be all that hard to accomplish. I love meeting new people, and now, I had the opportunity to meet at least one new person from all 55 jurisdictions. Needless to say, I was excited about this new opportunity and took on this new challenge head-on. Little did I know, there was a bit more involved than merely contacting individuals, asking them if they wanted to participate, requesting data, and calling it a day.

In my first 18 months on the project, there was not a lot of movement. Soon after, it was decided that a Task Force would be established to assist in increasing awareness and also to guide the strategies, policies and technical issues relating to the ALD. With the Task Force serving as a champion, the number of participating states began to increase. As a result of our collective and strategic efforts, a total of 46 states are either participating or have committed to participate in the ALD. Of the 46 states, 31 states have licensee information housed in the ALD, representing over half a million licensee records.

The map above shows the huge momentum that the ALD has accumulated as of October 15. Many states have indicated that the need for an ALD-type system is a must with the passing of Mobility occurring in virtually all jurisdictions.

It has truly been an enjoyable journey watching the ALD grow from its initial launch until now. I look forward to watching it grow in the future.

Kenny Denny ALD Administrator

The Next Step for the ALD....Public

Based on feedback received from state boards, the ALD is regarded as a valuable tool when determining if an individual and/or firm is licensed and in good standing. In fact, with continued use, state boards are discovering that the ALD is a positive asset when performing daily tasks.

For example, California is planning for their staff to use the ALD to process applications for licensure, to verify if individuals are licensed in other jurisdictions and to verify employers who sign experience forms. Missouri is another state that uses the ALD to verify all licensure applications. There are many other states that use the ALD for the same purpose.

Now, it is time to let everyone else have the same opportunity. With the widespread adoption of Mobility, the need for consumers and the general public to determine if an individual and/or firm is licensed and in good standing is more prevalent than ever. The public version of the ALD will allow the public, in a single search, to query where an individual and/or firm has been licensed, limited to the jurisdictions that are providing records to the ALD.

Many activities are currently in progress to pave the way for the launch of the public version of the ALD. A focus group has been surveyed to aid in the name selection process and to affirm that the information provided will serve as a beneficial tool to the public. If all goes well, NASBA plans to launch the ALD Public Web site during the first quarter of 2011.

Does your board have questions about providing information to the pubic via this national database? If so, NASBA is available to provide information and/or make a presentation to your board. Contact Kenny Denny (kdenny@nasba.org or 615-312-3801) for more information and to schedule an appointment.

The ALD is Proud to Welcome.....

The momentum of the ALD has grown rapidly in recent months. In 2010, six new states have been added to the ALD, four of which have been added since June 2010. A warm welcome is extended to ALD newcomers: Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio and Illinois. Several more states are working to deliver their records. Stay tuned for more updates.

Be Sure Not to Miss.....

The ALD Task Force is planning to have a big presence at this year's 103rd NASBA Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Kenny Denny will be manning the ALD booth, located in the Regency Ballroom Foyer, to answer any questions meeting attendees may have regarding the ALD.

In addition to the information booth, please make plans to attend Tuesday's Annual Meeting Plenary Session where Dan Sweetwood (NE Executive Director and ALD Task Force chair) will present a status report on the ALD and also discuss new and exciting information regarding expanded use of the ALD in the year ahead. This will be something that you will not want to miss.

Finally, the ALD Task Force meets at least four times each year. One of these meetings is generally held in conjunction with the NASBA Annual Meeting. This year, the ALD Task Force will meet in San Antonio on Sunday, October 24, to discuss policies governing ALD, new features for the current ALD Board Web site as well as plans for the new ALD Public Tool.

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