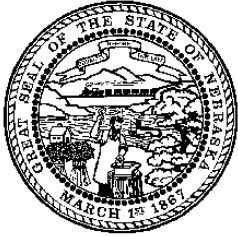


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## **NEWS MEDIA ALERT:**

### **Internet Loan Scammer Impersonating Lincoln, Nebraska, Lending Company**

Lincoln, Neb., July 13, 2009 – The Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance is warning of an Internet finance company calling itself Hamilton Lending Group, which lists its address as 1248 “O” Street, Lincoln, Neb. The Department has verified that the company does not have an office at the address listed. In addition to receiving several complaints and inquiries from consumers in states other than Nebraska, the Department also received notification of the scam from a representative of Hamilton Lending, a licensed mortgage banker headquartered in Phoenix, Ariz., with a branch office in Lincoln. The Department is attempting to shut down the scammer’s Web site at [www.hamiltonloans.net](http://www.hamiltonloans.net). The Department strongly cautions consumers on conducting business over the Internet with financial companies with whom they are unfamiliar.

“Nearly everyday, I receive an e-mail or a phone call from someone telling me that they were scammed, or asking me if a company is a scam,” said Karen Reynolds, a securities analyst with the Department. “In almost every case, the fraudulent lenders ask for an advance fee and the loan applicant is told to wire the money or send a money order, often to Canada or another location outside the United States. Consumers never receives their loans and cannot recover their money,” she said.

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