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### YESSSS! It's OPTins 3.0

Can you believe that OPT*ins* celebrated its one-year anniversary in June and just released the newest version, 3.0, on October 28<sup>th</sup>? Wow, how time flies when you're having fun!

The new features you'll notice in 3.0 include:

PDF Data Capture States using OPT*ins* will be able to work with the OPT*ins* Implementation team to create PDFs that, when completed and submitted by filers, will write data to the OPT*ins* database. This data will be extractable in the Complete Export Tool.



- Multi-Account Support OPT*ins* users who work in more than one OPT*ins* account will be able to use one login and switch between accounts.
- Internal State Notes States using OPT*ins* will be able to record notes on filings that are visible to the state only.

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- Search Improvements Additional fields have been added to the search criteria. The results list has also been refined and when viewing a filing from a search list, the user will have previous and next links to browse the search results.
- Context Help Help icons have been added throughout the OPT*ins* application. Mousing over the icon will display help text for the specific function.

An updated user manual for both state and industry, and an industry tutorial has been posted on the OPT*ins* splash page for your reference.



#### Did You Know?

Nebraska has committed to using OPT*ins*! They should be up and running in 2010.

You can make a difference! We'd love to hear your comments and feedback regarding OPTins. What could OPTins do to make your job easier? Go to the <u>OPTins Splash Page</u> and take our brief survey under "Enhancements."

## Tips & Tricks

If you add a new company, or entity, into OPT*ins,* you must also add the UNID in order to submit filings on behalf of the company. Contact the OPT*ins* Help Desk if you need assistance.

#### State Update

Here is a current list of states accepting OPT*ins,* and the filing types accepted:

- Alabama Premium Tax and Surplus Lines
- Alaska Premium Tax
- Arizona Premium Tax, Surplus Lines, Assessments, and AHCCCS Contractor
- Delaware Premium Tax and Surplus Lines
- Montana Premium Tax
- North Dakota Premium Tax and Surplus Lines
- Rhode Island Annual Contracted Producer Reports
- West Virginia Premium Tax, Surplus Lines and Assessments

The OPT*ins* Help Desk is available 8am - 5pm Central Time, Monday through Friday. Reach the Help Desk at 816-783-8990 or via email, <u>optinshelp@naic.org</u>.