

**PERFORMANCE BASED BUDGET  
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2007**

**MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION, AND COUNSEL**

<b>Performance Goal</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Achieve 100% participation in the Leadership Training Program. This program is designed for mid- and high-level departmental managers to enhance skills and plan for succession and knowledge transfer in the face of heavy attrition and rapid technological changes.</b>	For the fourth month of the Leadership Academy year, which runs from June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008, 19% of managers and leaders have participated in the Leadership Academy Program.
<b>Respond to 95% of Disclosure and Government Exchange requests for information within targeted deadlines.</b>	Requests for information were answered 98.5% of the time within targeted deadlines through September.
<b>Process 99% of travel vouchers within two weeks of receipt.</b>	Travel vouchers were processed within two weeks 100% of the time through September.
<b>Process 98% of accounts payable invoices within 30 days of merchandise invoice receipt date.</b>	Accounts payable invoices were processed within 30 days 99% of the time through September.
<b>Identify method of procurement for 98% of requisitions within two weeks of Budget Unit approval.</b>	A method of procurement was identified within two weeks of Budget Unit approval 96.9% of the time through September.
<b>Submit 85% of responses for internal and external requests for legal advice and guidance to Deputy Commissioner and Counsel within 60 days.</b>	Internal and external requests for legal advice were forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner and Counsel within 60 days 72.2% of the time through September.
<b>Prepare tax-related budget bills and amendments accurately and on time.</b>	Tax related budget bills and amendments were prepared accurately and timely 100% of the time through September.
<b>Resolve 95% of legislatively referred constituent problems within 15 days.</b>	Legislatively referred constituent problems were resolved within 15 days 78.2% of the time through September.

## AUDIT, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT

Performance Goal	Status
<b>Collect 100% of the Audit Plan collection target.</b>	Audit collected 138% of the fiscal year-to-date Audit Plan collection target through September.
<b>Complete 100% of planned desk audits.</b>	Through September 2007, 66% of planned fiscal year-to-date desk audits were completed.
<b>Complete 100% of planned corporation tax and income tax field audits.</b>	Audit completed 101% of planned fiscal year-to-date corporation and income tax field audits through September.
<b>Complete 100% of planned sales tax field audits.</b>	Through September 2007, 74% of planned fiscal year-to-date sales tax field audits were completed.
<b>Complete 100% of planned transaction and transfer tax field audits.</b>	Audit completed 68% of planned fiscal year-to-date transaction and transfer tax field audits through September.
<b>Open 100% of planned multi-tax audits.</b>	Through September 2007, 52% of planned fiscal year-to-date multi-tax audits were opened.
<b>Meet or exceed Collection Plan target in total cash collections.</b>	The fiscal year-to-date target for total cash collections was exceeded by 3%.
<b>Increase the collections recovery rate by 3% over a 5-year period from 2006-07 baseline levels. The recovery rate is the percentage of average inventory collected on an annual basis.</b>	The 12 month rolling recovery rate for September collections was 26.65% compared to 25.14% baseline level for the same period last year.
<b>Tax Collections Operations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete 100% of case contacts as projected in the Tax Collections Plan (Call Center and district office incoming and outgoing telephone contacts and public counter).</li> <li>• File 100% of warrants as projected in the Tax Collections Plan.</li> <li>• Complete 100% of other enforcement actions (levies served, income executions, and business seizures) as projected in the Tax Collections Plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through September, Collections and Civil Enforcement completed 101.5% of its fiscal year-to-date case contact target.</li> <li>• Tax Collections Operations filed 89.3% of the fiscal year-to-date warrant target.</li> <li>• For other enforcement activities, 126.9% of the fiscal year-to-date target was met.</li> </ul>
<b>Child Support Enforcement Operations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• File 100% of warrants as projected in the Child Support Operations Plan.</li> <li>• Complete 100% of other enforcement actions (levies served, income executions, and business seizures) as projected in the Child Support Operations Plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child Support Enforcement Operations filed 106.1% of the fiscal year-to-date warrant target through September.</li> <li>• For other enforcement activities, 147.4% of the fiscal year-to-date target was met.</li> </ul>
<b>Achieve an average quality score of more than 90% in annual Call Center Quality Review, an annual customer service/quality review of recorded calls.</b>	The 2007-2008 annual Call Center Quality Review has not been started.

## CONCILIATION AND MEDIATION

Performance Goal	Status
<b>Acknowledge 95% of:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>accepted cases within 14 days</b></li><li>• <b>rejected cases within 14 days</b></li><li>• <b>dismissed cases within 22 days</b></li></ul>	In the Bureau of Conciliation and Mediation Services (BCMS) through September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• accepted cases were acknowledged within 14 days 99.7% of the time</li><li>• rejected cases were acknowledged within 14 days 99.5% of the time</li><li>• dismissed cases were acknowledged within 22 days 100% of the time</li></ul>
<b>Schedule 90% of cases for conference within 180 days.</b>	BCMS scheduled 99% of the cases for conference within 180 days through September.
<b>Issue 85% of decisions within three months of conference date.</b>	Decisions were issued within three months of the conference date 85.5% of the time through September.

## TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

Performance Goal	Status
<p><b>Continue the development, construction, and implementation of the e-MPIRE integrated tax system, thereby allowing complete migration off the existing, antiquated UNISYS platform.</b></p>	<p><b>Release 3</b></p> <p>The migration of the core components of the application for Returns Processing (RP) Taxpayer Accounting (TA) and Revenue Accounting (RA) to the User Test environment was completed, as scheduled, on September 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>User Acceptance Testing began on schedule on the core processing systems. First tests of the payment processing have gone very well.</p> <p>Construction of Tax and Revenue Accounting Reports are nearing completion, and are ahead of schedule.</p> <p>OITS and e-MPIRE staff are working very closely with additional Level 3 support from IBM with deep experience in the Web Sphere/SOA environment to focus on the various challenges being confronted in integration of the application with the new architecture. Good progress has been made on key issues, but resolution of open issues are essential to support detailed User Testing and full scale Performance Testing in preparation for deployment of the systems into production.</p> <p>Due to pressing issues in other areas, progress on the newest version of Webshpere Business Integration (WBI) Monitor from IBM has been limited. Early indicators are positive, but much work remains in this area.</p> <p>We are expecting a report from IBM during the next reporting period on the results from its performance testing at the High Performance On Demand Solutions (HIPODS) facilities.</p> <p>Business Rule testing as part of integration testing continues, allowing us to resolve issues that are more significant prior to user testing.</p> <p>A full test of the Estimated Tax Conversion including the load of new taxpayers in support of the conversion was successfully concluded in early September, in the Mock environment. Taxpayer Information (TI) conversion testing has begun in the same environment.</p> <p><b>Resources</b></p> <p>Turnover of contractor staff continues to be closely monitored.</p>
<p><b>Ensure access to major online systems during 99% of normal work hours.</b></p>	<p>Through September, major online systems were available 99% of the time during normal work hours.</p>

<b>Ensure availability of network resources during 99% of normal work hours.</b>	Through September, network resources were available 99% of the time during normal work hours.
<b>Complete and/or advance the portfolio of discrete technology projects within 10% of its final schedule baseline and 10% of its final non-personal service budget.</b>	Through September, nine projects were completed. Seven projects (78%) finished within 10% of the final schedule baseline. Seven projects did not have any non-personal service costs. The other two projects finished within 10% of the final non-personal service budget.

## TAX POLICY, REVENUE ACCOUNTING, AND TAXPAYER GUIDANCE

<b>Performance Goal</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Issue all tax forms and instructions on time with 100% accuracy.</b>	Through September, all tax forms and instructions were issued timely and accurately 100% of the time.
<b>Issue taxpayer guidance on Tax Law and Department policy changes (publications, regulations, notices, TSB-Ms and NYT-Gs) at least 30 days prior to effective date, if applicable, or within six weeks of the Department becoming aware of need.</b>	Publications issued for taxpayer guidance on Tax Law changes were issued timely 100% of the time through September.
<b>Issue advisory opinions within 90 days of receiving a completed petition.</b>	Advisory opinions were issued within 90 days of receiving a completed petition 11.5% of the time through September 2007.
<b>Prepare 100% of fiscal notes within four weeks of request.</b>	Through September 2007, fiscal notes were prepared 97.2% of the time within four weeks of receiving a request.
<b>Continue a multi-year phased program of forms and instructions redesign and simplification.</b>	Through September, there were no forms or instructions redesign projects.

## CENTRALIZED OPERATIONS SUPPORT

Performance Goal	Status
<b>One hundred percent (100%) of under-utilized or overlapping telecommunication services will have orders written for disconnection within two weeks of identification.</b>	Under-utilized or overlapping telecommunication services had orders written for disconnection within two weeks of identification 100% of the time through September.
<b>One hundred percent (100%) of new service requests will have division level executive management sign-off prior to processing.</b>	Through September, new service requests had division level executive management sign-off 100% of the time prior to processing.
<b>Achieve a 5% savings in department telecommunications costs by 3/31/2009, assuming agency-wide implementation of Voice over IP (VoIP) is in place.</b>	The agency has not converted to Voice over IP (VoIP) at this time.
<b>Prior to processing, provide a cost analysis to the Office of Budget and Management Analysis and executive management for 100% of any unscheduled print and mail workload (where Tax is asked to absorb related charges) and receive their approval.</b>	Operations Support Bureau did not have any unscheduled print or mail workload for approval this month.
<b>Mail 100% of all timely received documents by requested deadlines.</b>	All timely received documents were mailed within deadlines 98.3% of the time through September 2007.
<b>Maintain 100% error free inventory control of seized alcohol and tobacco products.</b>	Inventory control of seized alcohol and tobacco products was error free 100% of the time through September 2007.

**TREASURY MANAGEMENT**

<b>Performance Goal</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Prepare 99% of monthly reconciliations within 30 days of bank statement receipt.</b>	Through September 2007, Treasury prepared reconciliations within 30 days 96.5% of the time.
<b>Mail 100% of general checking account checks on time.</b>	General checking account checks were mailed on time 100% of the time through September 2007.
<b>Issue 100% of vendor checks requested by paper warrants within two days.</b>	Treasury issued vendor checks requested by paper warrants within two days 100% of the time through September 2007.
<b>Issue 100% of vendor checks requested electronically the same day.</b>	Vendor checks requested electronically were issued timely 100% of the time through September 2007.
<b>Issue 99% of personal income tax replacement checks within a week of receiving affidavit.</b>	Personal income tax replacement checks were issued within one week of receiving the affidavits 98.9% of the time through September 2007.
<b>Complete 99% of daily trades by 1 PM.</b>	Daily trades were completed by 1 PM 99.5% of the time through September 2007.
<b>Deposit and report 99.9% of checks received within 24 hours.</b>	Treasury deposited and reported checks within 24 hours 100% of the time through September 2007.
<b>Input 100% of investment information correctly into EVARE (Portfolio Management &amp; Investment Accounting System).</b>	The percentage of investment trade information that was posted correctly to EVARE, through September 2007 was 99.3%.

## REVENUE PROCESSING AND RECONCILIATION

Performance Goal	Status
<p>Process approximately 24 million returns (including 8 million coupon returns) and more than \$93 billion in state and local tax payments on time with 100% accuracy.</p>	<p>More than \$43 billion in state and local tax payments and 13,044,360 returns were processed on time with 99.99% accuracy through September 2007.</p>
<p>Reduce exception rates for the four major tax types (income, corporate, sales and withholding) through systems improvements and enhanced taxpayer guidance and assistance provided through written material, telephone support, and the Internet.</p>	<p>The exception rate for the four major tax types was 3.99% through September 2007. This was a decrease of 1.14% compared to the same period last year.</p>
<p>Increase personal income tax electronic return filing (including extensions) 20%.</p>	<p>Through September 2007, personal income tax electronic filing increased 34.36% over the same period last year.</p>
<p>Increase electronic funds payments received for personal income tax (including return, estimated tax and extension payments) by 100%.</p>	<p>The number of personal income tax electronic payments through September 2007 have increased 1.55% over the same period last year.</p>
<p>Receive 10% of corporation tax receipts via electronic funds payments.</p>	<p>Less than 1% of corporation tax payments were received via electronic funds through September 2007.</p>
<p>Send 100% of timely filed personal income tax refund requests to the Office of the State Comptroller no later than 10 days before the interest free period ends.</p>	<p>Through September, personal income tax refund requests were sent timely to the Office of the State Comptroller 99.98% of the time.</p>
<p>Deposit 99.5% of tax receipts within one day of receipt.</p>	<p>Tax receipts were deposited 99.74% of the time within one day of receipt through September 2007.</p>
<p>Maintain average age of protest inventories at or below target levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Income Tax - 60 days</li> <li>• Corporation Tax - 60 days</li> <li>• Sales Tax - 60 days</li> <li>• Withholding Tax - 60 days</li> </ul>	<p>The average age of protest inventories at the end of September is outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Income Tax - 43 days</li> <li>• Corporation Tax - 71 days</li> <li>• Sales Tax - 28 days</li> <li>• Withholding Tax - 46 days</li> </ul>
<p>Maintain average age of exception inventories at or below target levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Income Tax - 45 days</li> <li>• Corporation Tax - 60 days</li> <li>• Sales Tax - 60 days</li> <li>• Withholding Tax - 60 days</li> </ul>	<p>The average age of exception inventories at the end of September is outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Income Tax - 4 days</li> <li>• Corporation Tax - 56 days</li> <li>• Sales Tax - 20 days</li> <li>• Withholding Tax - 63 days</li> </ul>
<p>Answer 85% of personal income tax information telephone inquiries within an average of 5 minutes and limit the average number of call attempts to 1.5 attempts or less.</p>	<p>Through September 2007, 92% of personal income tax information telephone inquiries were answered within 5 minutes. The average number of call attempts was 1.12.</p>

<b>Answer 85% of business tax information telephone inquiries within an average of 2 minutes, and limit the average number of call attempts to 1.1 attempts or less.</b>	Through September 2007, 83.5% of the business tax information telephone inquiries were answered within 2 minutes. The average number of call attempts was 1.07.
<b>Achieve an average quality score of more than 90% on the annual Call Center Quality Review, an annual customer service/quality review of recorded calls.</b>	The Operation Analysis Records Management (OARM) Bureau evaluated 384 personal income tax calls, which resulted in a calculated average quality score of 94.9% using a confidence level of 95%.
<b>Resolve 90% of written inquiries (including protests) within 90 days.</b>	The percentage of written inquiries resolved within 90 days through September for business tax was 78.8% and 95.3% for personal income tax.
<b>Process sales tax registrations within 5 days of receipt.</b>	On average, sales tax registrations were processed within 3 days of receipt through September 2007.
<b>Assist taxpayers in legally dissolving or reinstating corporations within 15 days of receipt.</b>	Taxpayers were assisted in dissolving or reinstating corporations in an average of 8.17 days through September 2007.
<b>Process cigarette retail license applications and renewals within 10 days.</b>	Cigarette retail license applications and renewals were processed on average within 3.17 days through September 2007.
<b>Convert 90% of the "no tax due" sales tax tele-filers to web filers by the end of 2007-08.</b>	Generally sales tax tele-filers file annually in March.
<b>Receive 25% of the wage reporting records via e-file by the end of 2007-08.</b>	E-file for wage reporting is not yet operational.
<b>Reduce the average number of repeat calls from taxpayers inquiring about the status of their refunds by 10%.</b>	The average number of repeat calls from taxpayers inquiring about the status of their refunds was reduced by 8.83% through September, over the same period last year.
<b>Reduce the number of taxpayers who call regarding their refund by 5%.</b>	The number of taxpayers who called regarding their refund increased by 0.87% through September, over the same period last year.