

### New York's Tax Shelter Program

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### The New York Tax Shelter Program

- □ Origins □ Technology
- □ Organizational□ PartneringChange□ Results
- ☐ Staff Development ☐ Legislation
- ☐ Case Identification ☐ Lessons Learned

### Origins

- □ Development of Data Warehouse
  - Project Started October 1999
- More Flow Through Filers and Issues

### Organizational Change

- ☐ Flow Through Teams (April 2000)
- ☐ Personal Income and Franchise Tax Audit Bureaus Merged (April 2002)
- □ Abusive Tax Shelter Desk Audit Unit (August 2002)

### Tax Shelter Unit Staffing/Caseload Single Issue Audits More Complex Cases to Field

## Staff Development Cross Training: Business and Income Taxes Flow Through Modules ATAT Specific Modules IRS and Other States

### Case Identification

- Selection Criteria
  - Large capital gains
  - Bulk sales/intangibles
  - High income/low AGI
  - Short periods
  - Preparer runs

# Technology Process/Tools Develop Selection Criteria Data Warehouse (TACS) Report/File Tools Screening Application Business Associations Application In-House Tax Shelter Database Imaging

### **Partnering**

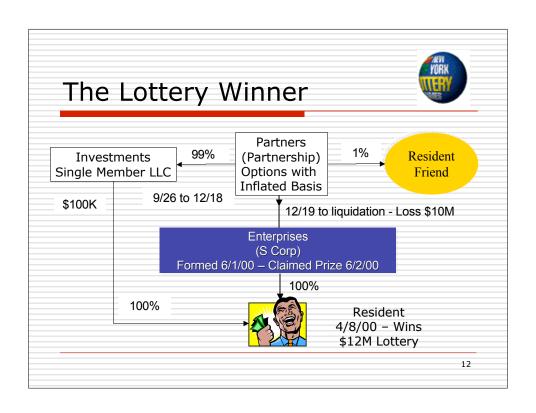
- □ IRS/NYS Off Shore Credit Card Voluntary Compliance Initiative
- ☐ IRS ATAT MOU
- □ California Data Exchange
- ☐ State ATAT MOU
- ☐ IRS
  - Son of Boss Initiative (6/30/04)
  - LMSB ATAT

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### New York State Off Shore Voluntary Compliance Initiative

- □ Deadline October 15, 2003
- ☐ Eligible for IRS OVCI program
- No civil fraud penalties
- □ No criminal prosecution recommendation
- □ NYS has collected \$2.8 million

### SBSE ATAT Experience □ 820 Taxpayers on List □ Assignment Soon



### Results & Progress

- □ \$73 million since April 2000
  - Tax Shelter Unit \$35 million
  - District Offices \$38 million
- ☐ Fiscal 04-05 Plan \$30 million

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### Multi State Tax Shelter Application

- □ Interim Database
- Web-based Application

### Challenges ☐ Single Member LLCs ☐ Grantor Trusts

### Tax Shelter Legislation □ S. 6500 □ Follows Federal Abusive Tax Shelter Registration and Disclosure Rules ■ New York registration ■ Copy of applicable federal forms and documentation □ Keep List of Investors □ Additional Transactions by Notice

# Lessons New York is not California Late start re: 1990s boom New actors End of the Age of Innocence States need to work together Data sharing Training

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