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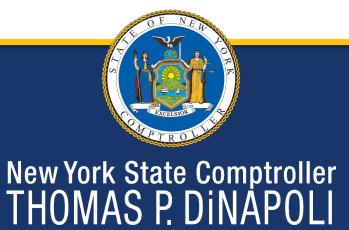
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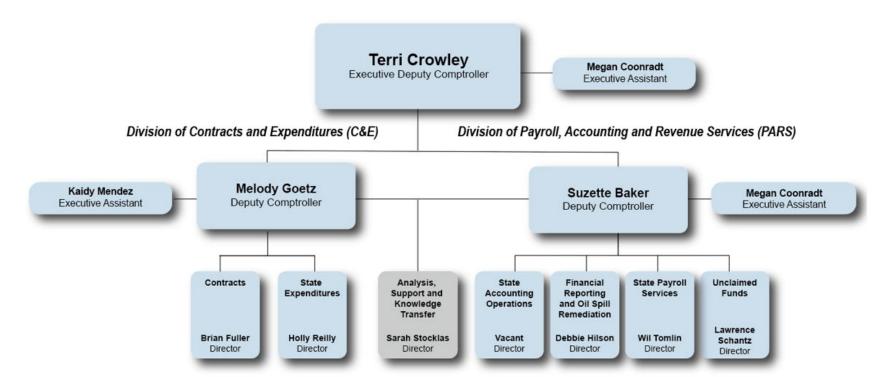
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The Office of Operations





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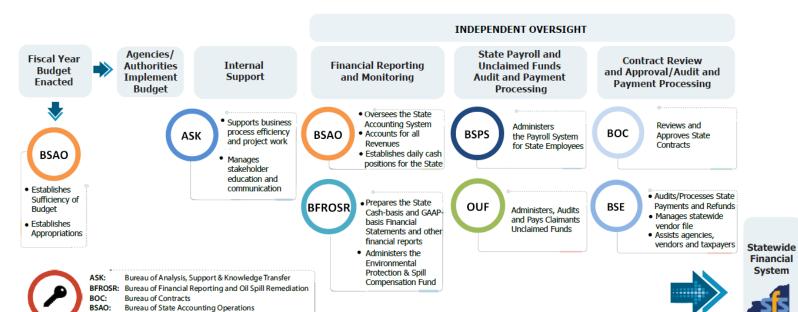
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OFFICE OF OPERATIONS (OOO) Maintaining Financial Management and Fiscal Accountability of New York State



Fiscal Year Budget Enacted



Overview

The Bureau of State Accounting Operations is responsible for:

- Executing State Laws and annual legislation that supports the State's financial plans
- Cash availability and banking under the management of the State

Goals

- Budget execution through appropriation control
- Daily cash position for investment and General Checking Account banking services
- Accounting for all revenues of the State
- Daily Federal draw for State administered Federal programs
- Authorize daily payments and files for release

Bureau of State Accounting Operations (BSAO) Focus Areas

Budgets and Spending Accounting

Legislative Budget Process for the State Fiscal Year – April thru March

- June September/October: Agency Budget Preparation
- September/October December: Division of Budget Review
- November January:
 The Governor's Decisions
- January March: Legislative Action
- April March: Budget Execution



Bureau of State Accounting Operations (BSAO) Focus Areas (cont'd)

Budgets and Spending Accounting Goals

- Accurate and timely establishment and maintenance (movement) of appropriation control records
- Expenditures/disbursements properly recorded, classified, summarized & reported
- Lapse dates and appropriation attributes are accurately recorded to facilitate proper lapsing and budget execution

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Contract Review and Approval/Audit and Payment Processing



Overview

The Bureau of Contracts reviews and approves many contracts for State agencies and certain contracts for public authorities. BOC provides an independent pre-review of contracts to achieve open, fair and honest procurements that produce contracts in the best interest of New York State.

Goals

- Carry out the Comptroller's contract approval responsibilities by providing professional services that are timely and responsive to our customers
- Conduct our business with utmost transparency and independence and communicate the results of our contract reviews to all stakeholders

Contract Review Focus Areas

- Good and Services
- Construction
- Real Property and Negotiated
- Grants
- Vendor Responsibility

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Albany, NY 12236	Helpdesk)	
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	System (OSC Helpdesk)	
	Requests related to receipt of	HelpDesk@SFS.NY.GOV
	contract transactions	

Contract Review and Approval/Audit and Payment Processing (cont'd)



Overview

The Bureau of State Expenditures carries out the State Comptroller's constitutional and statutory authority to audit State vouchers prior to payment.

Overview (cont'd)

BSE's mission is to improve State government's fiscal operations and identify fraudulent, wasteful and improper disbursements from State funds.

Overview (cont'd)

The payment audit function is one critical aspect of the Office of the State Comptroller's responsibility to ensure accountability in the use of public resources.

Goals

- Ensure all transactions are processed efficiently and in a timely manner
- Ensure payments and refunds are appropriate by identifying fraudulent, wasteful and improper transactions

Goals (cont'd)

- Improve agency operations by providing:
 - valuable, comprehensive, and timely customer service to government entities, vendors, and constituents
 - timely and continuous fiscal training to our stakeholders

Goals (cont'd)

- Improve State operations and save taxpayer dollars through technology advancements and business process improvements
- Partner with New York State vendors and constituents to transition to electronic financial transactions

Focus Areas

- Payment Audit
- Payment Processing
- Vendor Management
- Liens and Offsets
- Policy and Guidance
- Customer Service

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Revenues and Cash Management



Focus Areas

- Revenue Accounting
- Financial Plan Implementation
- Federal Billing
- Federal Grant Projects
- Payment Release
- Refunds
- Cash Management

Goals

- Ensure accurate and timely recording, classification and reporting of tax receipts, miscellaneous receipts and Federal grants
- Maintain proper chart of accounts to support the State's financial plan
- Execute Article VII language as directed by Law
- Establish effective procedures and controls over Federal grant awards to ensure compliance with Federal and State laws and regulations
- Execute the daily reimbursement of spending for State-administered Federal programs
- Authorize all State payments and payment files released to the banks

Goals (cont'd)

- Manage payments issued from the Comptroller's Refund Account
- Efficiently manage the daily concentration and disbursement of State funds to arrive at a daily cash position for investment, while meeting our liquidity needs for operations
- Obtain high quality and efficient banking services at a reasonable cost

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Audit/Processing State Spending



Overview

The Bureau of State Payroll Services is responsible for ensuring that New York State government employees are paid timely and accurately in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws, rules, regulations and collective bargaining agreements.

Bureau Responsibilities

- Two weekly pay cycles
- Processing biweekly payments for more than 250,000 employees
- 6.4 million checks for an annual \$18.3 billion payroll
- \$4.3 billion in annual tax withholding
- \$2.1 billion in annual vendor payments
- \$49 million annually in garnishments
- 300 State agencies 559 payrolls

- 315,000 W-2s and 6,200 W-2Cs distributed annually
- More than 2,600 users of the Payroll System (PayServ)
- 46 unions 126 negotiating units
- 7 retirement systems
- 8 salary grade schedules
- Maintaining PayServ, batch & program development and scheduling, and security
- NYSPO

Bureau Organization

- The Bureau is made up of approximately 100 employees in Payroll Specialist, Payroll Analyst and Business Systems Analyst titles divided into four sections:
 - Earnings Operations
 - Deductions and Tax Administration
 - Earnings and PayCalc Systems
 - Deductions and Tax Administration Systems Support

Bureau Organization (cont'd)

Earnings Operations

- Payroll Earnings pays approximately 250,000 employees in:
 - Executive Agencies, NYS Legislature, Unified Court System, SUNY and CUNY
- Comprised of:
 - Executive Salary Determination Unit
 - Executive Special Salary Treatments and Traineeships Unit
 - Executive Agency Audit Unit
 - Non-Executive Audit and Salary Determinations Unit

Bureau Organization (cont'd)

Payroll Deductions and Tax Administration (DTA)

- DTA audits and processes deductions such as:
 - Taxes for over 30 taxing authorities, Child Support Garnishments, Union Dues, Pension Contributions and Health Insurance
- Comprised of:
 - Garnishments & Customer Service, Retirements, General Deductions, AC230s and Direct Deposit Units
 - Tax & Research Analysis, Worker's Compensation, Tax Payments, and Tax Audit & Compliance Units

Bureau Organization (cont'd)

Systems Support Groups

- SSG maintains the State payroll system (PayServ)
 - Performs a variety of analysis and testing to implement system changes, maintenance patches, new functionality, troubleshooting, and assistance with PayServ data requests
- SSG maintains the New York State Payroll Online (NYSPO) application
 - With NYSPO, employees can access check stubs and W-2s and opt out of receiving paper copies
- SSG supports the Bureau and agencies
 - Through Payroll bulletin and newsletter communications, Help Desk operations, Web page upkeep, processing employment verifications and providing Query assistance

Bureau of State Payroll Services (BSPS)

Bureau Organization (cont'd)

Earnings and Pay Calc Systems Support

- Comprised of:
 - Post Audit PayCalc, & Positions and Earnings Analytics Units
 - Earnings & Payment Processing, and PUM Updates, Enhancements, and Project Enterprise Units

Deductions and Tax Systems Support

- Comprised of:
 - Taxation, NYS Payroll Online, Customer Service, Security, Query and Payroll Administration Units
 - Savings Plans and Retirements, Deductions, Accounting and Garnishment Units

Bureau of State Payroll Services (BSPS)

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Audit/Processing State Spending (cont'd)



Overview

The Office of Unclaimed Funds ensures compliance with the NYS Abandoned Property Law. This Office acts as custodian of abandoned property, seeks the rightful owners to refund the property and transfers any surplus funds to the State's General Fund.

Goals

- Process claims and reports timely and accurately
- Ensure compliance with the NYS Abandoned Property Law
- Provide the public with access to abandoned property information

Focus Areas

Audit Services	Conducts audits of entities to identify abandoned money or securities that should be reported to the NYS Comptroller's Office of Unclaimed Funds
Compliance Services	Supports holders of unclaimed funds in reporting and transferring any due funds to the Office of Unclaimed Funds
Claimant Services	Communicates with customers to assist in finding and recovery of abandoned property; processes customer claims for payment
Systems Modernization and Support	Supports reporting entities and customers through technology development and enhanced communication tools

Focus Areas (cont'd)

- New York State has \$18.4 billion in unclaimed money
- More than 49 million account records remain unclaimed
- Every day we return over \$1.5 million to individuals, companies, non-profit organizations, and municipalities

Fiscal Year 2022-23

- \$1.1 billion received from holders
- \$406 million returned to claimants over 690,000 claims processed
- \$711 million transferred to the State's General Fund

Search for Lost Money

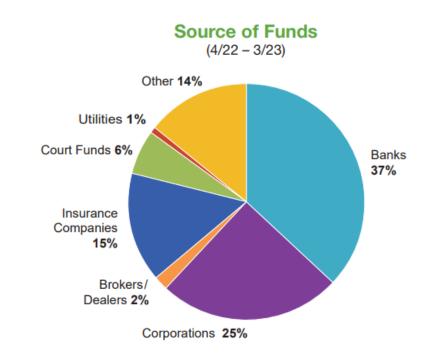
https://www.osc.state.ny.us/unclaimed-funds/



- Most claims can be submitted online
- More than 10 million searches conducted annually
- No fee to reclaim funds
- Interest is paid for five years on interest bearing accounts currently it's 5%

- Heirs to an estate received \$12 million from a stock claim
- Largest amount still unclaimed is approximately \$9.2 million for an estate
- 70% of claims are less than \$100

All entities that do business in New York, or with New Yorkers, are required to submit abandoned property reports.



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	Search for Lost Money or File a Claim	https://www.osc.state.ny.us/unclai med-funds/claimants/contact-us

Financial Reporting and Monitoring



Overview

- Provide financial reports for the State of New York under the Cash and GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles) bases of accounting
- Administer New York State's Oil Spill program by managing its Fund balance and ensuring fiscal accountability

Goals

- Provide the State's citizens, elected officials and all other financial statement users with financial reports and statements that are accurate, timely and comply with appropriate governmental accounting and reporting standards and OSC policies
- Issue accounting policies and procedures that ensure objective, consistent and accurate financial reporting
- Assist State agencies in implementing new accounting and financial reporting standards

Cash Financial Reporting

- Prepares the Comptroller's Monthly and Annual Report on State Funds
 Cash Basis of Accounting to the Legislature and publishes the Fund
 Classification Manual.
- Reconciles Statewide Financial System data and performs various bank reconciliations.
- Prepares the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards used as the basis for the State's Single Audit.

GAAP Financial Reporting

- Prepares the State's annual and interim financial reports on a GAAP basis as well as compiles the Financial Condition Report.
- Reviews and comments on proposed standards and implements accounting and reporting standards for the State.
- Reconciles the payroll escrow funds and Statewide Financial System data.

New York Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund

- Maintains responsibility for the administration of the New York Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund.
- Administers New York State's Oil Spill program by effectively managing the Fund's cash balance to assure its continued availability.
- Ensures fiscal accountability for all monies received and expended relative to petroleum spill remediation for all stakeholders while promoting a cleaner environment.

Goals of the New York Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund

 To process, review and certify all cleanup vouchers and damage claims submitted to the Fund and seek reimbursement of fund expenditures, interest and penalties from spillers of petroleum.

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