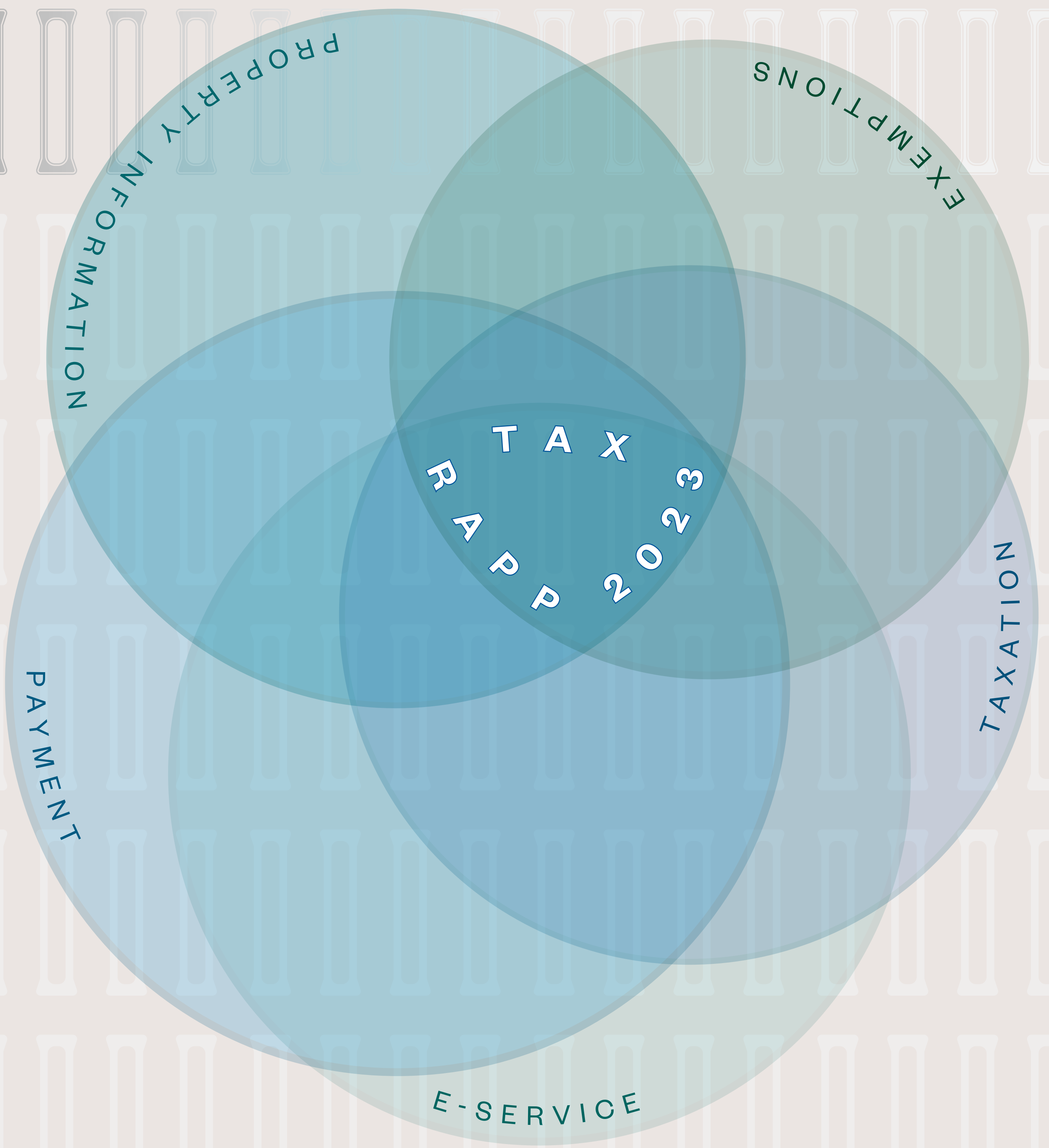


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LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Dear Tax RAPP Guests,

On behalf of the New York City Department of Finance, welcome (back) to TaxRAPP!

With the return of TaxRAPP after a four-year hiatus, we look forward to providing you with information and resources to help you serve your clients. You are the bridge between our tax system and the individuals and businesses that make our city thrive, and your dedication to ensuring the fair and accurate collection of taxes is essential to maintaining the financial health of New York City.

As at past TaxRAPP events, we have developed informative presentations on the subject of business and excise taxes, including NYC's expanded business corporation nexus standards, updates to DOF's business tax system, and more.

And this year, for the first time, we are also devoting a significant portion of the day to property tax matters, including DOF's new Property Information Portal and important information about payment plans.

Whatever your area of practice, we hope that today you will learn something new, establish a relationship, or discover a resource that will be of use to you and your clients in the year ahead. Please take advantage of the opportunity to meet key Department of Finance staff, network with your colleagues, and benefit from the wisdom of tax professionals and experts from the public and private sectors.

Most of all, please continue to share your feedback, so that we can better serve you. Throughout the day, you will be learning about new Department of Finance programs and initiatives designed to make life easier for tax practitioners and their clients. If there is more that we can do to help, please do not hesitate to share your thoughts.

I hope you find today's program helpful and informative. Have a great day, and we'll see you next year!

Sincerely,

Preston Niblack
Commissioner

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AGENDA

PROPERTY TAX UPDATES

MORNING SESSION

CHECK-IN AND BREAKFAST (EVENT CENTER) 9:00–9:45

OPENING REMARKS (EVENT CENTER) 9:45-10:00

**Department of Finance First Deputy Commissioner
Jeffrey Shear**

OPTION A:

IMPROVED DIGITAL TAX MAP / INTRODUCING THE 10:15-11:15

PROPERTY INFORMATION PORTAL (DOWNSTAIRS AUDITORIUM)

A sneak peak of the new Property Information Portal

OPTION B:

COMMERCIAL AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT EXEMPTIONS (EVENT CENTER) 10:15-11:15

**Tips for practitioners and real estate professionals to ensure that their
clients receive the benefits they are entitled to**

COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS 11:30-12:00

Department of Finance Commissioner Preston Niblack

NEW YORK CITY TAX AUDIT, PAYMENTS, BILLING, AND REFUNDS, AND COLLECTIONS UPDATES

AFTERNOON SESSION

CHECK-IN AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS (EVENT CENTER) 12:15-12:45

OPENING REMARKS (EVENT CENTER) 12:45-1:00

Department of Finance First Deputy Commissioner Jeffrey Shear

OPTION A:

NEW YORK STATE AND CITY BUSINESS CORPORATION 1:15-2:15

TAX UPDATES (DOWNSTAIRS AUDITORIUM)

Emerging issues in state and city taxation

OPTION B:

TAXPAYER PAYMENT ASSISTANCE, (EVENT CENTER) 1:15-2:15

PAYMENT PLANS, AND COLLECTIONS

Updates on Department of Finance payment plans and more

OPTION A:

BTS E-SERVICES UPDATE (DOWNSTAIRS AUDITORIUM) 2:30-3:20

Updates to DOF's business tax system (BTS) and e-Service platform

OPTION B:

TAXPAYER ADVOCATE PROBLEM SOLVING (EVENT CENTER) 2:30-3:20

**IRS Local Taxpayer Advocate, NYS Office of the Taxpayer Rights
Advocate, and the NYC Taxpayer Advocate**

KEYNOTE ADDRESS (EVENT CENTER) 3:30-4:00

**Deputy Mayor for Housing, Economic Development, and Workforce
Maria Torres-Springer**



COMMISSIONER'S KEYNOTE ADDRESS



PRESTON NIBLACK
Commissioner

Preston Niblack was appointed commissioner of the Department of Finance by Mayor Eric Adams in December 2021.

Mr. Niblack served as deputy city comptroller for budget from 2016 through 2021, responsible for monitoring New York City's budget and fiscal condition, analyzing and reporting on the City budget, and issuing reports on various budgetary and economic issues.

Prior to joining the Comptroller's Office, Mr. Niblack was a senior advisor in the New York City Government Affairs Division of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, and served as a trustee of the Citizens Budget Commission.

Mr. Niblack served as director of the Finance Division for the New York City Council under Speaker Christine Quinn from 2008 to 2014, leading negotiations on the City budget on behalf of the City Council and developing legislative and policy initiatives in budget and tax policy, housing, economic development, and other areas.

Prior to this role, Mr. Niblack was deputy director at the New York City Independent Budget Office for eight years, and a senior analyst for two years. He also worked as an economist in the District of Columbia Office of Tax and Revenue and was employed from 1986 to 1995 as an associate social scientist at the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, California, and Washington, DC.

Commissioner Niblack has a Ph.D. (1994) and MPA (1986) in Policy Sciences from the University of Maryland School of Public Policy and a B.A. from Middlebury College.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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MARIA TORRES-SPRINGER

Deputy Mayor for Housing, Economic Development, and Workforce

Maria Torres-Springer is the NYC Deputy Mayor for Housing, Economic Development and Workforce, charged with spearheading the administration's efforts to strengthen and diversify its economy, advance Mayor Adams' moonshot goal of creating 500,000 new homes for New Yorkers over the next decade, preserve and improve the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), bolster small business, connect New Yorkers to family-sustaining jobs, and expand access to arts and culture.

She previously was Vice President of US Programs at the Ford Foundation where she oversaw the foundation's domestic grant making and made historic investments to support racial equity, workers' rights, voting rights, and arts and culture across the country.

As commissioner of the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development, Maria focused on the production of housing for the city's most vulnerable communities, while also launching several new programs to protect tenants' rights. She led the implementation of Housing New York, a five-borough, 12-year plan to create or preserve 300,000 affordable homes; and she steered the financing of approximately 60,000 affordable homes.

Earlier, as president and CEO of New York City Economic Development Corporation, Maria led the implementation of the new citywide ferry service and made major investments in key sectors of the city's economy. She also spearheaded several neighborhood revitalization plans. Prior to that, as commissioner of the NYC Department of Small Business Services, Maria prioritized efforts to raise wages and support women and immigrant-owned businesses and worked to prepare New Yorkers for 21st-century jobs.

Maria earned her bachelor's degree in ethics, politics, and economics from Yale University and a master's in public policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She lives in Brooklyn with her husband and two daughters.

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MORNING SESSION

10:15 TO 11:15 A.M. DOWNSTAIRS AUDITORIUM

OPTION A

IMPROVED DIGITAL TAX MAP/

INTRODUCING THE PROPERTY INFORMATION PORTAL

Get a sneak peak of the new Property Information Portal. Fifteen years after the city's paper tax maps were digitized, an upgraded version of the tax map will go live this year. The new tax map will be part of the Property Information Portal, a one-stop shop for taxpayers to access their property card, manipulate data by selecting geographic boundaries, and view three-dimensional depictions of condominium lots, air lots, and subterranean lots.

PANELISTS:

▶ **CARMELA QUINTOS**

Assistant Commissioner, Property Valuation and Mapping

▶ **HOWARD WONG**

Senior Director, Property Assessment Technology

▶ **AMANDA CRUZ**

Director, Tax Map Projects and Client Services

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MORNING SESSION

10:15 TO 11:15 A.M. EVENT CENTER

OPTION B

COMMERCIAL AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT EXEMPTIONS

The Department of Finance administers tax exemptions and abatements to properties owned by commercial and not-for-profit organizations. This panel will provide tips for practitioners and real estate professionals to ensure that their clients receive the benefits to which they are entitled. (1 CLE credit)

PANELISTS:

▶ **THEODORE OBERMAN**

Director, Commercial Exemptions and Abatements

▶ **PIERRE DEJEAN**

Assistant Commissioner, Property Exemptions and Administration

▶ **JAMIE LANGER**

Deputy Director, Not-for-Profit Exemptions

▶ **TASHA GRANT**

Deputy Director, Residential & Commercial Renovation Benefits

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AFTERNOON SESSION

1:15 TO 2:15 P.M. DOWNSTAIRS AUDITORIUM

OPTION A

NEW YORK STATE AND CITY BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX UPDATES

This panel will address emerging issues in state and city taxation, including those arising under NYC's expanded business corporation nexus standards, business allocation provisions for corporate partners, sourcing of receipts, and the use of the commissioner's discretionary authority. There will also be an update regarding NYC conformity with proposed state corporate tax regulations. (1 CLE credit)

PANELISTS:

▶ **CESAR BENCOSME**

Deputy Commissioner and Chief Tax Compliance Officer

▶ **STANISLAV TIMERMAN**

Agency Attorney, NYC Department of Finance,
Legal Affairs Division

▶ **IRA ELIAS**

Director, Department of Finance's Audit Division,
Business Income Tax Unit

▶ **MARC LAMARRE**

Supervisor, Tax Audit & Enforcement's Excise Taxes

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AFTERNOON SESSION

1:15 TO 2:15 P.M. EVENT CENTER

OPTION B

TAXPAYER PAYMENT ASSISTANCE, PAYMENT PLANS AND COLLECTIONS

Join us for updates on Department of Finance payment plans, including self-service options for business tax warrants, property taxes, ECB judgments, and parking/camera violations, as well as options to have payments automatically deducted to help prevent defaults. This discussion will also include criteria for hardship payment plans, information about lower payment plan interest rates available for many property owners, and actions DOF may take if a customer misses a payment or defaults on a payment plan. Finally, the panel will also discuss how DOF addresses the issue of City vendors with outstanding taxes. (1 CLE credit)

PANELISTS

▶ PAMELA PARKER-CORTIJO

Assistant Commissioner, Collections Division,
NYC Department of Finance

▶ STEPHANIE GROSS

Senior Director Property Tax Payment Plans &
Business Tax Adjustments

▶ JESSIE GUZMAN

Supervisor, Installment Unit, NYC Department of Finance

▶ JAMES MACRON

Agency Attorney, NYC Department of Finance,
Office of Legal Affairs, Legal Collections

▶ SHENNETH KING

Unit Head, Outside Collection Agency (OCA) and
External Inquiry Unit, NYC Department of Finance

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AFTERNOON SESSION

2:30 TO 3:20 P.M. DOWNSTAIRS AUDITORIUM

OPTION A

BTS E-SERVICES UPDATE

This panel will present on the latest updates to DOF's business tax system (BTS) and e-Service platform, including self-service password and address updates; Fed Wire, ACH credit, or debit payments; uploading powers of attorney; and sending a web message to get your questions answered quickly. (1 CLE credit)

PANELISTS:

- ▶ **GRACE WONG**
Director, Refunds
- ▶ **KUSTAA PANTIN**
Deputy Director, Refunds Processing
- ▶ **ALEC SCHWARTZ**
Agency Attorney, Tax Advocacy
- ▶ **DENNIS TAIRI**
Supervisor, Returns, Reviews and Adjustments
- ▶ **JO-ANN WINTER**
Group Chief - Business Tax Customer Contact Center
- ▶ **ANNETTE MCCLEAN**
City Tax Auditor 2
- ▶ **FREDELINE SYLVESTRE**
City Tax Auditor 1
- ▶ **DOLORES VOYER**
Business Tax System Support
- ▶ **ANDREA PARKER**
Commercial Motor Vehicle Tax Manager

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AFTERNOON SESSION

2:30 TO 3:20 P.M. EVENT CENTER

OPTION B

TAXPAYER ADVOCATE PROBLEM SOLVING

Join the IRS Local Taxpayer Advocate, NYS Office of the Taxpayer Rights Advocate, and the NYC Taxpayer Advocate for important updates to help you and your clients. Learn more about how our offices can help you resolve your cases and questions. (1 CLE credit)

PANELISTS:

- ▶ **GEORGE ADJETEY**
IRS Local Taxpayer Advocate, Brooklyn
- ▶ **BETZAIDA BAILEY**
IRS Local Taxpayer Advocate, Manhattan
- ▶ **TARA KRIEGER**
Special Counsel to the Taxpayer Advocate,
NYC Department of Finance
- ▶ **ROBIN LEE**
NYC Taxpayer Advocate, NYC Department of Finance
- ▶ **ROBERT SMITH**
Director of Community Outreach,
NYS Department of Taxation and Finance