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ONLINE DELINQUENT TAXPAYER LISTS UPDATED

Statewide – February 20, 2013 – Delaware Division of Revenue Director Patrick Carter announced today the posting of another list of top 100 delinquent individual and business taxpayers at www.revenue.delaware.gov/ddt.shtml. In the past year these delinquent taxpayer lists have collected more than \$2.2 million in back taxes from those whose names were published, or who were advised they qualified to have their names published, online. Since its inception in February 2007, the lists have collected more than \$11 million.

Today's Delaware Delinquent Taxpayers lists name individuals and businesses that owe a combined total of over \$2.6 million to the state. Carter says every time a list is posted, the state sees positive results.

"Individuals and businesses tend to pay tax delinquencies if the alternative is having their names posted online," says Carter. "Once the names are published, even more people come forward to resolve their overdue balances."

Delaware began publishing its online Delinquent Taxpayer lists in February 2007 in order to post for public view the names of people and businesses who owe unpaid tax bills to Delaware. By legislative order, larger balances were targeted first for publication. Each quarter the next 100 consecutive business tax and 100 consecutive personal tax unresolved balances over \$1,000 are posted to the site.

Rep. Deborah Hudson proposed the program and sponsored the legislation that established the posting requirements for Delaware's delinquent taxpayers. To meet the criteria for posting to the Delaware Delinquent Taxpayers site, individuals and businesses must have already received a judgment for unpaid taxes. They are then notified by mail that their name may be posted online and given 60 days to respond. The names of those who enter into a payment agreement with the Division of Revenue or pay their balance in full are either not published or will be removed from the Delinquent Taxpayers list, depending on when the agreement takes place. Taxpayers who have filed for bankruptcy protection or have incurred a liability that is being appealed are excluded from the published list until their case has been resolved.

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