



# GRC Journey at State Street

## Audit and Compliance in a Global Enterprise

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# State Street Corporation

- State Street Corporation is a US-based international financial services holding company.
- Founded in 1792 and is the second oldest financial institution in the United States.
- Key Business Units
  - State Street Global Advisors
  - State Street Global Markets
  - State Street Global Services
  - State Street Global Exchange
- Key Stakeholder in the GRC Program
  - Corporate Audit – 1st implementation
  - SOX Finance – 2nd implementation



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# Program Objectives & Strategies

- Build a solution that delivers an end to end Audit process
  - Automate risk assessment and audit universe process
  - Allow for reporting on risk and issues within the Audit solution
  - Establish clear accountability and demonstrate transparency through end-to-end process automation for audit
- Build a solution to support SOX Finance
- Select a GRC tool set that could be leveraged by other Risk and Compliance areas
- Provide advice and support in the development and implementation of GRC Strategy
- Role of Technology in Program:
  - GRC Platform provides a common organization, product, people and assets view
  - GRC Libraries provide a basis for common metrics and risk analysis

# State Street Project Goals

- Replace the current tools used to manage the audit and SOX process with a single vendor application
- Improve Efficiency
  - Where possible, house all reference information within the application
  - Formalize and standardize the approval process
  - Increase standardization
- Improve Effectiveness
  - Improve data integrity by importing regular data feeds or files
  - Design with flexibility in mind
  - Provide comprehensive, self-service reporting
- Improved data integrity through the use of automated feeds of referential data
- Ease of reporting to help facilitate greater 'self service' for reports

# Business Challenges

- Challenges related to People
  - Getting Executive Sponsors in place for each solution
  - Governance Model for the GRC program
    - Active PMO managing the platform level releases and administration for all business areas
  - Building strong Stakeholder Relationships (Audit, Legal, Finance, IT, Security)
- Challenges related to Processes
  - Replacing multiple systems in use for Audit process
  - Committed Subject Matter Experts and IT staff able to view end goal
  - Agreement on Risk definition to allow streamlining of GRC reporting in the future
- Challenges related to Resources
  - Building a sustainable team for a multi-year initiative
  - Getting access to SMEs at the right time in the process
  - Defining common infrastructure and data sources

# Technology as an Enabler

- MetricStream Solution Areas:
  - Audit Risk Assessment, Planning, Execution, Issue Management and Time Keeping
  - SOX Controls Testing and Attestation
- Implementation Strategy and Tactics:
  - Stay as close to baseline app functionality as possible
  - Use the app walkthrough to get a glimpse into deliverables and adjust accordingly
  - Pay attention to requirements especially the ones requiring customization
  - Consider need to change a process to fit the solution
  - Data migration needs hands on support

# Successes and Benefits

- **Success Metrics:**
  - Automate a risk based audit planning process
  - Deliver one solution for all Audit processes
  - Automate flow of audit planning to audit execution
  - Define audit execution methodology in tool
  - Improve reporting of issues and risks
  - Automated SOX Control processes
- **Key Process Improvements and Efficiencies Gained:**
  - Audit Planning process has been streamlined and allows for multi –year view
  - Issue management reporting improved for business areas for SOX and Audit
  - Data is consistent and flows to each process within the tool
  - Consistent reporting across all processes in the solution



# Key Learnings and Best Practices

- **Key Learnings:**
  - Governance – Get the right executive sponsors and stakeholders involved and onboard early on
  - People – Make sure you have the right people involved at the right time in the process and change them if needed
  - Speak the same language across solution sets in the GRC -define what is common in taxonomy, what is unique within business units
  - Technology – it is a GRC solution and the end goal needs to be defined
- **Best Practices:**
  - Get buy in from stakeholders – it is their system
  - Understand tool to minimize changes - Limit customization
  - Train end user so they understand goal
  - Be thoughtful of workflow complexity
  - Implement in a phased approach to deliver value sooner
  - Streamline processes to fit solution if possible
- **The Road Ahead**
  - Enhance reporting capabilities for business
  - Streamline process and simplify where ever possible
  - Define new roles to allow better reporting and continue to adjust to new reporting needs
  - Adjustments need to be made to support changing Risk focus in corporation

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## QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

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