

Agency 030 - NEBRASKA ELECTRICAL BOARD

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

The Nebraska State Electrical Division was created by LB765 of the 1969 session of the Legislature. The Statute was amended by LB130, 490, 605, 1972; LB841, 1974; LB575, 1975; LB906, 833,, 1978; LB957, 1980; LB379, 1986; LB507, 1990; LB192, 193, 1993; LB933, 1996; LB91, 1999; LB873, 2002; LB126, 2003; and LB914, 2004. Duties and organization are outlined in Chapter 81, Sections 2101 to 2143 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska. The agency also has filed a set of operating rules and regulations with the Revisor of Regulations.

VISION:

The State Electrical Division is dedicated to public protection by ensuring electrical safety for the citizens of Nebraska. The Division's mission is achieved through continuing education, licensing and inspection of electrical systems, to ensure their mechanical integrity and electrical safety in accordance with the National Electrical Code. Through diligent and effective enforcement of licensing and inspection laws, all Nebraska citizens are assured safe electrical installations in their homes, in their workplace, and in all public-use facilities they use.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

The mission of the Nebraska State Electrical Division is to protect the public from hazardous electrical installations by enforcing the electrical licensing and inspection laws created by the Nebraska Legislature.

The Agency operates with principles that include fair but firm enforcement of the law by licensed, certified, and professional electrical inspectors, respect for consumers and property owners, respect to licensees and their employees, and dedication to providing effective and efficient government services.

GOALS:

The agency is in the process of getting a quote for updating its current licensing software system. The original developer has been a great asset in modifying the current system, however to expand on-line accessibility for licensees and the public, replacement is necessary. Due to the 2015 legislative bill (LB 179) the current system is not able to store those CEU Hours for apprentices.

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Financial Data

	FY16 Actual	FY17 Approp	FY18 Request	FY18 Recomm	FY19 Request	FY19 Recomm
Operations Funding						
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Cash Fund	1,587,520	1,736,213	1,776,557	1,706,812	1,818,716	1,728,638
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	1,587,520	1,736,213	1,776,557	1,706,812	1,818,716	1,728,638
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Program 197 - PUBLIC PROTECTION

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Nebraska State Electrical Division has a staff of 19, 5 in the Lincoln office and 14 inspectors located across the state. The division is charged with electrical safety, electrical licensing, and electrical permit issuance. This is accomplished through 14 electrical inspectors located across the state, and an office in Lincoln that issues licenses, permits, and handles all administrative and legal issues the division may be involved in.

The division also monitors municipal electrical inspection programs throughout the state, and works with a 17 member National Electrical Reciprocal Alliance (NERA) a

licensing group which aids journeyman electricians in crossing state lines for employment opportunities.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The electrical division performs electrical inspections on all new electrical installations throughout the state. Every new home and all existing homes that install new electrical service equipment are required to be inspected no matter where they are located. All electrical installed in commercial, industrial, and public use buildings in the state is required to be inspected. There are many municipal electrical inspection programs across the state, and the state electrical division oversees these programs for compliance with state law.

The division licenses Electrical Contractors, Journeyman Electricians, Residential Wireman, Fire Alarm Installers, and registers Apprentice Electricians.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

The division records inspections, travel, and field contacts of the electrical inspectors through an electronic reporting system. Number of inspections completed, total miles traveled, and hours worked are used to track the cost of permits. No two electrical permits are the same since location and size play a big factor in the total cost. Electrical exams and continuing education classes are monitored through an excel spreadsheet that breaks down type, location, and number of examinees present. We then record cost of the facilities for the examination and review to get an average per exam cost.

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