

# Agency 58 - State Board Of Examiners Engineers & Arc

## Statutory Authority:

Statutory Authority: Nebraska Statutes Sections 81-3401 to 81-3455, The Engineers and Architects Regulation Act.

## Vision Statement:

The Board of Engineers and Architects will assume a leadership role in safeguarding the life, health, and property of the people of Nebraska with respect to the practice of engineering and architecture. The Board envisions a unified design profession to serve and protect the public, and will strive to create a legal climate in which the professions can excel and which is consonant with the laws of other states and nations. The Board recognizes that the professions of engineering and architecture are an essential factor in economic development, as an incentive for technological organizations to locate in Nebraska.

## Mission Statement:

The Board's mission is to safeguard life, health, and property where the practice of engineering and architecture is involved. This is accomplished, in large part, by assuring that the education, experience, and examination of those who practice qualifies them to serve the public. In addition, the agency exists in order to ensure the enforcement of Nebraska Statute Sections 81-3401 through 81-3455, which apply to the licensure and practice of architects and professional engineers.

## Goals:

A strategic planning retreat was held on October 29 & 30, 2001. The first session dealt with future directions of the professions. The second session included discussion of exemption revisions to the law, term limits, board autonomy, educating the public on the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act, use of information technology, and documents and procedures used by the board staff. There was concern for the inability of the board to use financial reserves, within the appropriations process, to educate the public on the law and to solidify the professions.

## Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	382,313	468,729	507,983	498,147	505,834	495,452
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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## Program 082 - Enforcement Of Standards

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### Program Objectives:

Desired Results:

1. Minimal practice complaints; 2. No unlicensed practice; 3. No license suspensions or revocations; 4. No more staff than is necessary; 5. Maintenance of a strong law; 6. Deterrence rather than prosecution; 7. A simple and meaningful continuing education program for Engineers and Architects; 8. Increased automation of renewals and payments.

Strategies:

1. Maximum use of informal hearings as education; 2. Heightened awareness of a strong law; 3. Use of the newsletter and the web; 4. Increased use of office technology; 5. Continued retainage of legislative liaison; 6. Recognition of continuing education programs in other States; 7. Education of the public as a priority.

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### Performance Measures:

License Units include Engineers (5,354), Architects (1,567), Certificates of Authorization (974), Temporary Permits (44), and Emeritus Engineers and Architects (227) for a total of 8,166 as of 7/1/00. In FY92/93 the unit cost of services was \$43; In FY94/95, \$40; In FY98/99, \$40.