

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. Section 81-3447 was repealed by Legislative Bill 599 in 2004.

Vision Statement:

The Board is the leader in safeguarding the life, health, property and the public welfare of the people of Nebraska with respect to the practice of engineering and architecture.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects is:

- 1) To assure that the education, experience, and examination of those who practice engineering and architecture qualifies them to serve the public.
- 2) To ensure the enforcement of Nebraska statutes through education and enforcement.
- 3) To provide quality and responsive regulatory services.

Goals:

A strategic planning retreat was held on January 31, 2003 and another on August 20, 2004. The goals that emerged from those sessions, in no order of priority: Keep current with technology; Clarify exemptions; Educate the public with reference to the A&E Regulation Act; Determine the scope of Architectural Engineering practice; Define the future of the Executive Director position; Clarify Structural Engineering nomenclature; Bring Rules and Regulations up to date; Establish an Investigation arm; and Provide leadership for the ASCE Body of Knowledge initiative.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY04	Approp FY05	Request FY06	Recom FY06	Request FY07	Recom FY07
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	454,865	589,728	735,068	722,245	707,793	704,047
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 Agency	454,865	589,728	735,068	722,245	707,793	704,047

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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; and, 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) Public awareness as a priority; and, 8) Professional investigation, inspection and enforcement when and as required.

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Performance Measures:

License Units include Engineers (5,580), Architects (1,585), Certificates of Authorization (1,166), Temporary Permits (57), and Emeritus Engineers and Architects (450) for a total of 8,838 as of 7/1/04. In FY92/93 the unit cost of services was \$43; In FY94/95, \$40; In FY98/99, \$40; In FY03/04, \$51. The unit cost is expected to increase noticeably with the passage in 2004 of LB599 which removed the legal requirement for public officials, charged with the duty of accepting construction documents, to assure compliance with the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act. The Board will be required to assume that duty.