Agency 59 - Geologists Board

Statutory Authority:

Statutory Authority: Nebraska Statutes Sections 81-3501 to 81-3541. The Geologists Regulation Act.

Vision Statement:

The Nebraska Board of Geologists will continue to apply the highest standards of Board and professional oversight to process registering professional geologists and qualified organizations. At the same time, we envision activities in which we will collaborate with other geological organizations to: 1) Develop public understanding of the value and practice of geology; 2) Enhance communication about the ethical practice of geology among those members of the profession residing in Nebraska or working here on temporary projects; and, 3) Continue to review the current law and amend it, as needed.

Mission Statement:

The Nebraska Board of Geologists oversees the registration and licensing of professional geologists for the State of Nebraska, and ensures the enforcement and implementation of the Geologists Regulation Act [81-3534]. The Board ensures that all registered organizations and professional geologists meet the required standards and also, through the powers and duties granted by the legislation, comments on, interprets and develops public understanding of the practice of geology.

Goals:

The Board will continue their regulatory functions, ensuring enforcement and implementation of registration and licensing of Professional Geologists in the State of Nebraska. Goals to be completed during the 2006-2007 biennium:

1) Finalize the Rules and Regulations;
2) Continue to maintain a roster of registered Professional Geologists;
3) Update the agencies existing website design and data to provide information to registrants and the public;
4) Introduce electronic submission of applications;
5) Continue and improve the yearly newsletter;
6) Begin an education and information program for industry, state agencies, and the public about who should be registered and why;
7) Educate students and faculty about professional registration and help prepare students for careers;
8) Explore changes needed to align the Geologists law with the Engineers and Architects law; and,
9) Implement enrollment of geologist-interns as amended in the Geologists Regulation Act by LB890.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY04	Approp FY05	Request FY06	Recom FY06	Request FY07	Recom FY07
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	18,036	25,911	25,425	25,432	26,095	26,102
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	18,036	25,911	25,425	25,432	26,095	26,102

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Program 159 - Enforcement Of Standards

Program Objectives:

The Board of Geologists was created by the 1998 Legislature to become operative January 1, 1999.

The Board of Geologists will pursue completion of the following objectives during the 2006-2007 biennium: 1) Introduction of new legislation to remove the exemption added after the bill was passed for state-approved work which eliminates the need for registered geologists in much of the environmental work being conducted in Nebraska. 2) Finalize corrections to the Rules and Regulations for the Nebraska State Board of Geologists; 171 NAC 1-6. 3) Education of industry, state agencies, students and public about professional registration and public protection.

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Performance Measures:

The Board had not yet commenced to develop performance measures.