

Agency 30 - State 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; LB192,1993; LB193,1993; 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 Statement:

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 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 Statement:

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 goals of the Nebraska State Electrical Division are as follows;

1. Reduce electrical hazards to life and property by ensuring safe and mechanically secure electrical installations.
2. Ensure competent electricians through licensing and education.
3. Provide quality electrical inspections for all new wiring installations and bring any National Electrical Code violations to a conclusion satisfactory to all parties.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	1,213,641	1,438,469	1,586,087	1,331,044	1,542,094	1,368,145
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	1,213,641	1,438,469	1,586,087	1,331,044	1,542,094	1,368,145

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Program Objectives:

Electrical Inspection Program

The objective of the inspection program is to conduct electrical inspections on new electrical wiring and equipment installed in all residential, commercial, industrial, public school, and public use buildings; to inspect any installation at the request of owner; and to complete all inspections within five days of the installer's request, using nationally established standards to protect people and property, in the interest of public safety.

Electrical Licensing Program

The objective of the electrical licensing program is to ensure only qualified and competent electricians work in the State of Nebraska through examination, licensing, and continuing education requirements.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Performance Measures:

The agency is charged with enforcement of licensing and inspections laws established by the Legislature. Inspection performance measures are based on the number of inspections, investigations, complaints, etc., conducted by inspectors per quarter and annually. Data is weighted by inspection district and size, an types of inspections encountered. Licensing program performance measures are dependent on the numbers of licenses issued, pass/fail rates of examination, the volume of licenses renewed, and the number of correction orders issued by the division. Because both licensing and permitting are dependent on the degree of construction driving the electrical industry, these performance measures may at times be somewhat ambiguous, although typical industry adjustments don't immediately effect division work load.

Electrical Inspection Program

To conduct electrical inspections on new electrical wiring and equipment installed in residential, commercial, industrial and public use buildings; to inspect any installation at the request of the owner.

Goals and Objectives

To provide for life safety, and minimize fire loss from electrical fires; To complete all inspections within five days of the installer's request with certified, licensed inspectors, thereby ensuring compliance with the minimum safety standards set forth in the National Electrical Code published by the National Fire Protection Association.