

Agency 58 - Board Of Engineers & Architects

Statutory Authority:

Statutory Authority: Nebraska Statutes Sections 81-3401 to 81-3455, The Engineers and Architects Regulation Act (E & A Act).

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 has been held annually to review and confirm the strategic goals of the Board. The most recent strategic planning meeting was March 23, 2006.

The goals that emerged from those sessions, in no order of priority, include:

1. Board sponsor continuing education event per year
2. Clarify Structural Engineering nomenclature
3. Clarify exemptions in new Rules and Regulations
4. Complete the new Rule procedure
5. Complete all processes in FileMaker database
6. Educate the public with reference to the A&E Regulation Act
7. Hire a compliance officer/investigator and initiate a complaint process
8. Keep current with technology
9. Provide leadership for the ASCE Body of Knowledge initiative

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	653,639	738,200	729,235	705,123	741,434	723,333
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	653,639	738,200	729,235	705,123	741,434	723,333

Agency 58 - State Board Of Examiners Engineers & Arc Program 082 - Enforcement Of Standards

Program Objectives:

Desired Results:

1. Protection of the public in the built environment as it is impacted by the practice of architecture and engineering
2. Minimal complaints on licensed practice
3. Minimal complaints on unlicensed practice
4. No license suspensions or revocations
5. No more staff than is necessary
6. Maintenance of a strong law
7. Deterrence rather than prosecution
8. Continuing education for licensees
9. Increased automation of applications, renewals and payments
10. Increased automation of all office processes
11. Awareness by the general public of public safety issues regarding the built environment

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Performance Measures:

- * Licensed Engineers (5,718)
- * Architects (1,637)
- * Certificates of Authorization (1,219)
- * Temporary Permits (45)
- * Emeritus Engineers and Architects (473)
- **For a total of 9,092 as of 7/1/06

The historic unit cost of services is as follows:

- In FY 98/99, \$40
- In FY 03/04, \$51
- In FY 05/06, \$71

The projected unit cost of services is as follows:

- In FY 06/07, \$99
- In FY 07/08, \$96
- In FY 08/09, \$95

The unit cost increased noticeably with the passage in 2004 of LB599 which removed the legal requirement for public officials, charged with permitting construction documents, to assure compliance with the E & A Act. The Board was required to assume that duty, so costs will continue to rise for compliance.