

Agency 059 - BOARD OF GEOLOGISTS

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Nebraska Revised Statutes Sections 81-3501 to 81-3541, The Geologists Regulation Act.

VISION:

The Nebraska Board of Geologists is the leader in safeguarding the life, health and property of the citizens of Nebraska and promotes the public welfare and the profession of geology.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

The mission of the Board of Geologists is to assure geological practice is carried out in Nebraska by qualified individuals. The mission is carried out by:

1. Assuring those who serve the public by practicing geology have the education and experience needed to be competent in the field
2. Enforcing the Geologists Regulation Act through education and compliance oversight;
3. Providing quality and responsive regulatory services.

The Vision and Mission statements are reviewed by the Board annually.

GOALS:

The Board identified and prioritized the top goals for the Biennium 2009-2011 as:

1. Review the statutes for changes
2. Review fee structure for efficiency
3. Improve the quantity and quality of information provided to registrants and the public
4. Implement a specialized list of geologists
5. Educate students and faculty and prepare students for careers in geology
6. Improve high quality record-keeping system
7. Implement on-line renewals; and
8. Conduct an annual review to refine the Board's vision.

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Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	32,045	33,850	32,461	32,480	33,002	33,016
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 Operations	32,045	33,850	32,461	32,480	33,002	33,016
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Program 159 - ENFORCEMENT OF STANDARDS

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Objectives for the 2009-2011 biennium include:

1. Assuring the education, experience, and examination of those who practice geology qualify them to serve the public;
2. Ensuring the enforcement of Nebraska statutes through education and compliance;
3. Providing quality and responsive regulatory services.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The Board of Geologists will pursue the following during the 2009-2011 biennium:

Desired Results:

1. Remain an active participant with Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects ;
2. Adequate revenue to cover costs;
3. Updated legislation;
4. Updated Rules;
5. Educate public and professionals about new law;
6. Educate public and professionals about registration and public protection;
7. Enforce the Act;
8. Improve licensing processes.

Strategies:

1. Board members attend Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects meetings;
2. Study administrative costs to ensure adequate revenue;
3. Develop statutory and Rule language;
4. Utilize National Association of State Boards of Geology staff for compliance; and
5. Utilize National Association of State Boards of Geology database for record processing.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

The Nebraska Board of Geologists utilizes performance measures by reviewing the number of licensee registered in the State and rates the efficiency by dividing the operating budget by the number of licensees. Uncontrollable costs such as the MOU for administrative support and CLARB dues are major expenditures of the Board but are essential to carry out operations. The unit cost with the MOU for administrative support will continue to rise at approximately 3% per year. Initial Rules and Regulations were implemented and renewal fees were set in FY2007-08 to \$75. Late payment fees were adjusted accordingly. All other fees remained unchanged.

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