

Agency 073 - BD OF EXAMINERS - LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Nebraska Revised Statutes Sections 81-8,184 to 81-8,208, The Professional Landscape Architects Act.

In 1967, legislation was passed to require the registration of the profession and practice of landscape architecture in the State of Nebraska. The Professional Landscape Architects Act, Sections 81-8,184 to 81-8,208 created the Nebraska State Board of Landscape Architects.

VISION:

The Nebraska State Board of Landscape Architects is the leader in safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of the public of the people of Nebraska with respect to the practice of landscape architecture.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

The mission of the Nebraska State Board of Landscape Architects is:

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

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

GOALS:

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

1. Introduction of new legislation to revise Board statutes;
2. Continue to update the Board's existing website and public information;
3. Educate and inform other Nebraska agencies and citizens regarding public protection and the benefits of professional registration for landscape architects;
4. Monitor existing continuing education requirements to determine if adequate;
5. Continue to improve a high quality record-keeping system;
6. Study cost effectiveness of online renewals;
7. Conduct an annual review to monitor progress and changing needs.

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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	18,555	22,050	22,861	22,050	22,865	22,050
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	18,555	22,050	22,861	22,050	22,865	22,050
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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 Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Objectives for the 2009-2011 biennium include:

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2. Ensuring the enforcement of Nebraska statutes through education and compliance; and
3. Providing quality and responsive regulatory services.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Desired Results:

1. The Board will remain active in Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards decision making;
2. Revenue will be adequate to cover expenditures;
3. New legislation will reflect model law;
4. Passage of new statutes and Rules and Regulations updated;
5. Educate the public and professionals about the new law;
6. Enforce the Professional Landscape Architects Act;
7. Improve licensing processes.

Strategies:

1. Board members will attend and participate in Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards meetings;
2. Study administrative costs;
3. Develop statutory and rule language that reflects model law;
4. Publish changes to statute and rules;
5. Utilize National Association of State Boards of Geology staff for compliance issues;
6. Utilize National Association of State Boards of Geology database for high-quality record processing.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

The Nebraska State Board of Landscape Architects utilizes performance measures by reviewing the number of licensee registered in the state and the rates the efficiency by dividing the operating budget by the number of licensees. Uncontrollable costs such as the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for administrative support and Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (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.

Statutes enacted in 2007 allow a maximum fee of \$300. Rules and Regulations were approved and set the license/renewal fee at \$170, reciprocal license application fee at \$200 and the exam application fee at \$300.

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