

Agency 059 - BOARD OF GEOLOGISTS

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

The Board of Geologists was created by the Geologists Regulation Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 81-3501 to 81-3541) to govern the practice of geology in the State of Nebraska.

VISION:

The Board of Geologists will be engaged as a leader in safeguarding the life, health, and property of the citizens of Nebraska with respect to the practice of geology.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

The Board of Geologists ensures geological practice is carried out by qualified individuals in Nebraska by:

- Ensuring individuals who serve the public by practicing geology have the education and experience needed to be competent
- Enforcing the Geologists Regulation Act through education and compliance oversight; and
- Providing quality and responsive regulatory services.

The vision and mission statements are reviewed by the Board annually.

GOALS:

The Board identified its goals for the 2015-2017 biennium:

- Revise statutes with needed changes and monitor laws and legislative bills affecting the practice of geology.
- Monitor the cash fund and fee structure to determine if changes need to be made to fees.
- Fund a minimum of one member to attend the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG®) Council of Examiners (COE) workshops and the annual meeting.
- Continue to provide a Subject Matter Expert (SME) for ASBOG®'s Council of Examiners (COE).
- Increase outreach to licensees, public, students, and emerging professionals.
- Reconstruct the Board's website.
- Conduct an annual strategic session to define a course of action for the Board.

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Financial Data

	FY14 Actual	FY15 Approp	FY16 Request	FY16 Recomm	FY17 Request	FY17 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	25,866	28,406	29,095	28,827	29,529	29,261
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Program 159 - ENFORCEMENT OF STANDARDS

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Board of Geologists:

1. Ensures the education, experience, and examination for those who practice geology in Nebraska qualifies them to serve the public
2. Enforces the Geologists Regulation Act through education and compliance measures, and
3. Provides quality and responsive regulatory services.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The Board's primary objectives concern the licensure, education, and regulation of geologists in accordance with Nebraska laws and regulations. Safeguarding life, health, property, and promoting the public welfare is the basis for applicant review and compliance of licensees and non-licensees under the Geologists Regulation Act. It is essential for statutes, rules and regulations, and policies governing the practice of geology to adjust to an ever changing world.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Efficiency is measured by dividing the operating expenditures by the number of professional geologists and organizations licensed or certified to practice geology in Nebraska..

Under the Administrative Contract, the Board of Geologists utilizes staff of the Board of Engineers and Architects to assist in all areas of operation. The database provided by the Board of Engineers and Architects is constantly monitored and updated to provide efficient processing of applications. Applicants approved for licensure by the Board are typically issued professional geologist licenses the same day the fee is received.

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