

Agency 32 - Board Of Educational Lands & Funds

Statutory Authority:

Nebraska Revised Statutes §84-401 through §84-415 inclusive.

Vision Statement:

The State Surveyors Office is moving into a new era in services. As Geographic Information Systems (GIS) become prevalent, the need for assistance in geo-referencing is increasing dramatically. As the cadastral office for the State of Nebraska, we are the only logical source of assistance in surveying, geodesy, and geo-referencing. The demand for these services will quickly exhaust the resources of the Office unless we can find new ways to meet these demands with limited resources. The Office has relied heavily on digital technology to improve its operations and will continue this trend into the foreseeable future.

Mission Statement:

The missions are directly related to the underlying principle that the division is the authority for cadastral, geodesy and geo-referencing for the State of Nebraska. The division intends to maintain its leadership in surveying by continually investing in training and educational opportunities for its staff. Most of the goals of the Division are consultant in nature and require a firm knowledge and understanding of current technology to be effective. This same knowledge can be applied to service-based goals to make them more cost effective.

Goals:

The goals of the division are quite simple in nature. Some of the missions are operational in nature with well-defined objectives. In these cases we will maintain adequate gages to assure that the tasks are accomplished. On other missions the objectives are not as well defined. In these cases the division must respond and provide assistance. In support for surveyors the clients are well aware of the services provided and the goal is to meet their expectations. In support for GIS the clients, in most cases, are not yet aware of the services available. In this case we must develop methods to reach these clients even in cases where their operations are not known to us. We must develop new methodology, which applies our expertise in geo-referencing to their needs. Finally, we must develop methods of delivering this knowledge to them in an expeditious manner.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	264,277	380,097	362,750	377,137	362,764	392,931
Cash Fund	2,363,297	2,671,476	145,635	125,716	145,639	126,331
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	2,627,574	3,051,573	508,385	502,853	508,403	519,262

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Program 529 - Land Surveys

Program Objectives:

1. Take charge of the field notes, maps, charts, records of the US surveys.
2. Provide technical assistance, support, advice to the various counties, cities, and other governmental bodies in NE in their endeavors to produce and maintain cadastral or other geo-referenced maps.
3. Prepare and issue, under the authority and direction of the board, a circular of instructions to the county surveyors of the state.
4. Establish and maintain a survey record repository.
5. Maintain, operate and provide data from three global positioning base stations for the use of the general public.
6. Maintain the abstract of trust lands controlled by BELF.
7. Provide legal descriptions for land sales by BELF.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	264,277	380,097	362,750	377,137	362,764	392,931
Cash Fund	18,996	98,873	119,188	99,273	119,190	99,888
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	283,273	478,970	481,938	476,410	481,954	492,819

Performance Measures:

Inputs: The input necessary to achieve objectives are often difficult to quantify because the division operates with a small staff, 5 FTE, and each person is required to perform duties in several of the objectives. To that end the only quantifiable input is the total FTE of the division which has remained constant at 5 until FY98-99.

Efficiency: The efficiency of the division has been forced to increase because BELF has began selling trust property which requires development of legal descriptions and approval of the deed documents. Trust land sales began in FY97-98 and we have been able to provide this service without additional funding.

Outcomes: The division has been able to maintain most of the required objectives. Objective 3, issue instructions to county surveyors, has not been fully addressed.

Quality: Quality control is achieved by interaction with the clients. The division maintains an active role in professional organizations and other contacts with our clients to assure quality.

Description	FY98 Actual	FY99 Current	FY00 Request	FY01 Request
Pages of Gov't notes	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Contacts for Geo. Mapping Assist.	0	10	50	100
Instructions Issued	0	1	1	1
Surveys in repository	158,000	165,000	172,000	179,000
Tracts in abstract	5,500	5,500	5,400	5,300
Legal descriptions provided	120	240	500	500

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Program 554 - Dispute Survey Settlements

Program Objectives:

Make such surveys as may be assigned.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	50	26,443	26,447	26,443	26,449	26,443
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	50	26,443	26,447	26,443	26,449	26,443

Performance Measures:

The activity of this program is determined by the number of requests due to disputed surveys and the magnitude of the individual surveys in dispute. Expenditures for these surveys are paid directly by the party involved.

Disputed Survey Totals:

Actual 95-96	0	Estimated 98-99	1
Actual 96-97	0	Estimated 99-00	1
Actual 97-98	0	Estimated 00-01	1

(a) The input is tracked when a request is received because the entity requesting the service is required by statute to pay actual costs.

(b) The output is the record of survey, which is provided to the client.

(c) Efficiency can only be gaged by the unit costs which are assigned to the client when the project is completed.

(d) The goal for each project is achieved when the record of survey is filed.

(e) The quality control for the program is tested by litigation in the courts of NE. If the projects are carefully executed, the results will be verified by the courts.

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Program 582 - School Land Trust

Program Objectives:

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	2,344,251	2,546,160	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 Agency	2,344,251	2,546,160	0	0	0	0

Performance Measures: