

# Agency 059 - BOARD OF GEOLOGISTS

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## **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Nebraska Revised Statutes Sections 81-3501 to 81-3541, The Geologists Regulation Act was established to govern the practice of geology in the State of Nebraska.

## **VISION:**

The Nebraska Board of Geologists is the leader in safeguarding the life, health and property of the citizens of Nebraska with respect to the practice 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; and
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 issues for the 11-13 Biennium.

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. Educate students and faculty and prepare students for careers in geology
5. Improve high quality record-keeping system
6. Implement on-line renewals; and
7. Conduct an annual review to refine the Board's vision, mission, principles, and goals

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## Financial Data

	FY10 Actual	FY11 Approp	FY12 Request	FY12 Recomm	FY13 Request	FY13 Recomm
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General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	24,801	31,352	45,402	43,852	46,452	44,902
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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Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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## **Program 159 - ENFORCEMENT OF STANDARDS**

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### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The program for the 2011 - 2013 biennium includes:

1. Finding an avenue to ensure the Board can remain solvent in the next few years and continue its Enforcement Standards program for geologists in Nebraska.
2. Assuring the education, experience, and examination of those who practice geology qualify them to serve the public
3. Ensuring the enforcement of Nebraska statutes through education and compliance; and
4. Providing quality and responsive regulatory services.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

#### **Desired Results:**

1. Remain an active participant with the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG).
2. Adequate revenue to cover operating expenses
3. Updated legislation and rules
4. Educate public and professionals about new law, registration and public protection
5. Enforce the Act; and
6. Improve licensing processes.

#### **Strategies:**

1. Participate in National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) Annual Meeting and Council of Examiners' Workshop
2. Study administrative costs to ensure adequate revenue; conduct a strategic planning meeting on September 21, 2010
3. Develop statutory and rule language
4. Utilize Board of Engineers and Architects staff for compliance, and 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 contract for administrative support and national dues are major expenditures of the Board but are essential to carry out operations. The unit cost with the contract for administrative services rose to \$23,000 for FY 10/11, and is anticipated to rise to \$35,000 for FY 11/12 to more accurately reflect the cost of the services and facilities shared.

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