

# Agency 059 - BOARD OF GEOLOGISTS

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## **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

The Board of Geologists was established by the Geologists Regulation Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 81-3501 to 81-3541) 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 Board oversees the mission by:

- Assuring those who serve the public by practicing geology have the education and experience needed to be competent in the field
- 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 and prioritized the top issues for the 2013-2015 biennium.

- Monitor legislative bills affecting practice of geology and review statute and rules for needed changes
- Review fee structure to ensure adequate Cash Fund balance
- Fund at least one member to attend the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG®) Counsel of Examiners (COE) and Annual Meeting
- Improve the quantity and quality of information provided to registrants and public
- Implement online renewals for licensees
- Reconstruction of the Board's website
- Conduct annual strategic session to define a course of action to carry out the Board's vision, mission, principles, and goals
- Encourage and prepare students for careers in geology through outreach

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## Financial Data

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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

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### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The program for the biennium includes:

- Strengthening licensure and enforcement standards for professional geologists in the State of Nebraska.
- Assuring the education, experience, and examination of those who practice geology qualify them to serve the public
- Ensuring the enforcement of Nebraska statutes through education and compliance; and
- Providing quality and responsive regulatory services.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

#### **Desired Results:**

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

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

Under the Administrative Contract, the Board of Geologists utilizes the Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA) Compliance Officer to assist with the complaint process. This agreement allows efficient and timely handling of complaints by a trained professional. Since the Board of Geologists does not have the financial means to hire its own staff, the administrative contract allows the Board to utilize NBEA staff expertise for all areas of operation.

Performance measures are analyzed by reviewing the number of licensees registered in the State and rates the efficiency by dividing the operating budget by the number of licensees.

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