

Agency 073 - BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

The State Board of Landscape Architects was established by the Professional Landscape Architects Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 81-8,184 to 81-8,208) to govern the practice of landscape architecture in the State of Nebraska.

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 State Board of Landscape Architects is to:

- Assure education, experience, and examination of those who practice landscape architecture qualifies them to serve the public
- Ensure the enforcement of Nebraska statutes through education and compliance; and
- Provide quality and responsive regulatory services.

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

GOALS:

Goals identified:

- Explore ways to implement CLARB's definition of public welfare for Landscape Architecture in statute
- Increase awareness of statute established for practice of landscape architecture
- Communicate with other agencies to provide education on the practice of landscape architecture and the Professional Landscape Architects Act relative to the development of planning and design ordinances
- Meet with other licensing boards to coordinate efforts in enforcement and professional practice issues
- Continue to explore the benefits of combining licensing boards to more effectively serve the people of Nebraska
- Develop and update a five-year financial plan, and
- Update Board's strategic plan.

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Financial Data

	FY12 Actual	FY13 Approp	FY14 Request	FY14 Recomm	FY15 Request	FY15 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	21,359	32,711	22,151	22,151	22,586	22,586
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	21,359	32,711	22,151	22,151	22,586	22,586
Aid Funding						
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Objectives for the 2013-2015 biennium include:

- Strengthening licensure and enforcement standards for professional landscape architects in Nebraska
- Ensuring the education, experience, and examination of those who practice landscape architecture qualifies them to serve the public
- Ensuring enforcement of Nebraska statute pertaining to landscape architecture through education and disciplinary procedures; and
- Providing quality and responsive regulatory services.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Desired Results:

1. Active in Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) decision making
2. Revenue sufficient to continue to fund operating expenses for the Board's program of licensure and regulation
3. Statute reviewed and updated to reflect current processes
4. Public and professionals educated on new law and regulations
5. Adequate enforcement of the Professional Landscape Architects Act to protect the public; and
6. Improved licensing processes.

Strategies:

1. Study administrative costs for efficiency
2. Communicate changes to statute and rules to licensees
3. Utilize NBEA staff for compliance issues, and
4. Utilize NBEA database for high-quality record processing and continue to improve licensing processes.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

The Nebraska State Board of Landscape Architects assesses performance measures by reviewing the number of licensees registered in the State and rates the efficiency by dividing the operating budget by the number of licensees.

The Board utilizes the Board of Engineers and Architects Compliance Officer under an administrative contract to assist with complaint processing. This agreement allows efficient and timely handling of complaints by a trained professional. The Board does not have adequate funding to hire its own staff, but the administrative contract offers staff expertise needed for all other areas of operation as well.

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