

Agency 059 - BOARD OF GEOLOGISTS

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

The Board of Geologists was established by the Geologists Regulation Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 81-3501 to 81-3541) in 1998 to govern the practice of geology in the State of Nebraska. The Act was last updated on September 6, 2013.

VISION:

The Board of Geologists is 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 assures geological practices in Nebraska are carried out by qualified individuals to safeguard life, health, property, and to promote the public welfare. The Mission is carried out by:

- Assuring that those who serve the public through the practice of 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 mission statement is reviewed by the Board annually.

GOALS:

The Board identified its goals for the 2017-2019 biennium:

- Monitor cash fund and fee structure to determine needed changes.
- Fund two members and an administrative assistant to the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG®) Annual Meeting and two Subject Matter Experts (SME) to ASBOG®'s Council of Examiners (COE) held twice a year.
- Create a list of common practice areas in geology and enter into cooperative agreements with other agencies to discover compliance issues.
- Increase outreach to students, emerging professionals, licensees, and the public.
- Redesign and update the Board's website.
- Conduct an annual strategic planning session.
- Monitor statutes for needed revisions and other legislation that could affect the practice of geology.

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Financial Data

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Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	28,954	29,529	32,783	29,720	31,843	30,220
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 public welfare is the basis for applicant review and compliance of licensees and non-licensees conducting unlawful practice. It is essential that statutes, rules and regulations, and policies governing the practice of geology adjust to an ever changing environment.

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 will be changing to another platform during the next year and will require additional staff time to implement application processes. The new database will possibly offer ways to update and improve licensing processes for better efficiency.

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