

Part 1 – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

The Idaho Board of Registration for Professional Geologists (“The Board”) is a self-governing Board authorized under Chapter 28, Title 54, Idaho Code. The Board is also self-funded, with expenditures balanced by income from Geologist license renewal fees, application fees, examination fees, and associated late fees.

The Board consists of five (5) members appointed by the Governor and meeting the qualifications required by section 54-2803, Idaho Code. “The board shall be comprised of members representing at least three (3) of the following categories: academic geologists, government geologists, salaried company geologists and independent or consultant geologists. Each member of the board takes an oath required by chapter 4, title 59, Idaho Code, before entering upon the duties of his office. On the expiration of the term of any member his successor is appointed in like manner by the governor for a term of five (5) years. Members of the board hold office until the expiration of the term for which they were appointed and until their successors have been appointed and qualified”. All nominations are sent to the Governor for review and final appointment. In addition to the appointed Board members, the Idaho Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is staffed by one Administrative Assistant at a .62 FTP. The Board is located at 3350 Americana Terrace, Suite 243, Boise, Idaho 83706. Chairman of the Board is Paul Spillers.

Issues concerning the Board are:

- Health and safety of Idaho citizens in geologic matters;
- Unlicensed practice of geology;
- Unethical conduct by registrants; and,
- Prompt response to public complaints.

How does our agency continue to be successful?

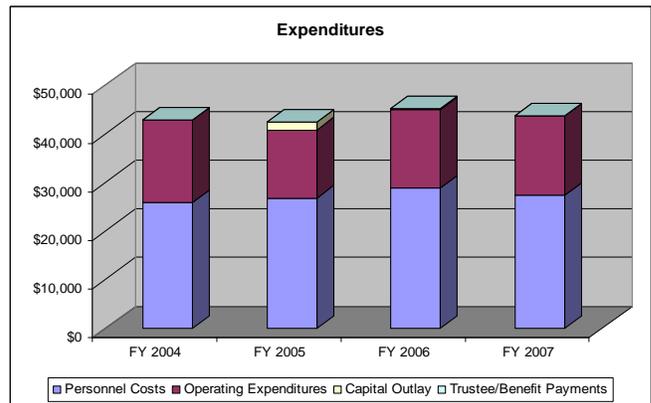
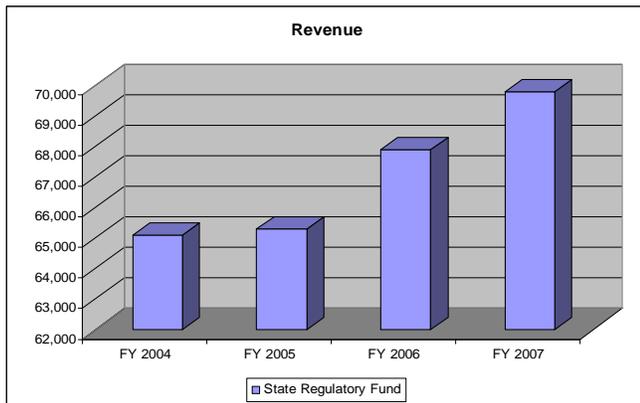
- Regular review of statutes and rules;
- Investigation and validation of complaints;
- Enforcement of Idaho law through notification to unlicensed individuals that they have violated the statutes within the provisions set forth and follow-up with the county prosecutors; and,
- Public information through written and electronic media.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

- To safeguard life, health, and property, and to promote the public welfare, the practice of geology in this state as prescribed by Idaho Code, Chapter 28, Title 54;
- To determine the qualifications of persons applying for registration as a Professional Geologist;
- To prescribe, administer, and maintain security of examination of applicants applying for registration as a Professional Geologist;
- To execute and issue Geologist-in-Training (GIT) and Professional Geologist (PG) registration upon the grounds and in the manner prescribed by Idaho Code, Chapter 28, Title 54;
- To make rules and regulations to carry out the intent and purposes of the Idaho Code, Chapter 28, Title 54;
- To conduct investigations and hearings; and,
- To administer other provisions of Idaho Code Chapter 28, Title 54.

Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
State Regulatory Fund	65,100	65,300	67,900	69,800
Total	65,100	65,300	67,900	69,800
Expenditure	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personnel Costs	\$25,800	\$26,800	\$28,800	\$27,300
Operating Expenditures	\$17,000	\$14,000	\$16,100	\$16,300
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$1,600	\$300	\$0
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$42,800	\$42,400	\$45,200	\$43,600



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
# Registered geologists in Idaho	628	603	524	613
# PG Applicants tested	10	6	10	6
# PG Certificates issued via reciprocity	5	5	10	10
# GIT Applicants tested	13	5	14	5
# Applicants denied	N/A	N/A	2	1
# Of Complaints Investigated	6	8	3	9
Fees Received	\$43,300	\$40,290	\$44,800.00	\$42,100
Free Fund Balance (Annual Carryover)	\$52,900	\$50,800	\$50,300.00	\$48,900

* Note: Renewals are due on June 30th of each year. This figure represents an incomplete number for FY2007 due to a change in accounting for the Performance Measurement Report.

Performance Highlights

The Board's purpose is to safeguard life, health, and property, and to promote the public welfare, in the practice of geology as prescribed by Idaho Code, Chapter 28, Title 54. The Board is self-governing and self-funded. There is an average of just over 600 Professional Geologists in Idaho, a number that fluctuates slightly based on the normal cyclic nature of the geologic profession. In 2007, a total of 16 new Professional Geologists were registered in Idaho, a number roughly similar to recent previous years.

The Board is a member state of the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG®), a national organization representing 29 states. As a member of ASBOG®, Idaho's Board is in communication with geologic professionals from across the nation. The Fundamentals of Geology and Professional Practice examinations administered in Idaho are prepared by national geologic experts associated with ASBOG®. Membership in ASBOG® more readily allows the transfer of professional registration and geologic information between ASBOG® member states.

The Board works to increase the profile of the geologic profession in Idaho and to promote the registration of Idaho geologists. Beginning in 2005, we began contacting the Universities to promote graduating seniors to take the GIT exam. The geo-sciences department at Boise State University is considering using the GIT examination as a self-evaluation tool to assist in measuring the effectiveness of their geo-science programs. We expect our contacts with universities will increase the number of GIT applicants in the future. The Board also publishes an annual newsletter, which is distributed to registrants, and other selected institutions and agencies. The newsletter provides discussion about Board issues and discusses issues of interest to the practice of geology.

In the past few years, the Board has seen an increase in complaints regarding the practice of geology in Idaho. The biggest issue appears to be individuals practicing geology without appropriate registration. In response, the Board continues to clarify policies and procedures to address complaints and violations. The Board also reviews the Statutes and Rules relating to complaints and violations. The Board is also undertaking increased public education as opportunities arise.

The Board maintains a Free Fund Balance of just over \$50,000.00. We believe that to be sufficient to ensure that we continue to be self-supported despite fluctuations of registrants or unanticipated costs.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2004	2005	2006	2007	Benchmark
1. Total applicants processed	28	16	34	22	Uniform procedures are followed.
2. Total number of examinees	23	11	24	11	Administer examination in manner that meets all Idaho Code.
3. Expenditure and income in balance	100%	100%	100%	100%	Maintain self-funded agency while complying with laws.
4. Number of outreach activities	N/A	5	2	2	Increase awareness of Geologic profession
5. a. Total complaints filed	7	9	7	9	Protection of public from non-license
b. Pending	1	1	4	3	
c. Completed	6	8	3	6	
6. Hold open public meetings for input	100%	100%	100%	100%	Ensure that all open public meetings laws are followed

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