

Part I – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

The Division of Building Safety is a self-governing agency which primarily operates by using dedicated funds generated by fees for licenses, permits, plan reviews, and apprentice/trainee registrations. The Division oversees multiple programs with 100 employees across the state. Five programs – electrical; building; plumbing; public works contractor licensing; and heating, ventilation and air conditioning - have board oversight. A small amount of federal funding is utilized to underwrite a consumer complaint program for manufactured housing owners and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) manufactured home in-plant inspections within the Building Program. The industrial safety and logging safety programs provide safety and consultation services to the public.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

Electrical Program: Per Title 54, Chapter 10, the Electrical Program safeguards life and property for the citizens of Idaho from hazards arising from the use of electricity to ensure that all electrical installations within the State comply with the most current safety codes and electrical standards. The Electrical Program provides the public with trained and qualified electrical inspectors having the most up-to-date knowledge and skills necessary to minimize electrical fires, injuries and loss of life.

Building Program: Per Title 39, Chapter 41, the Building Program administers numerous building code regulatory programs involving the construction of state facilities, schools, prefabricated structures, manufactured homes, rehabilitation of older manufactured homes and manufactured home industry licensing, as well as providing various other contractual services to local jurisdictions. The Building Program performs plan reviews and/or inspections to determine compliance with adopted building, accessibility, mechanical, fuel gas, energy conservation, and HUD construction safety codes or standards.

Plumbing Program: Per Title 54, Chapter 26, the Plumbing Program provides for the health and safety of the citizens of Idaho in public and private buildings by ensuring that plumbing practices are in compliance with the Idaho State Plumbing Code and that the licensing requirements of Idaho Code and Administrative Rules have been met.

Public Works Contractor Licensing Bureau: Per Title 54, Chapter 19, the Public Works Contractors License Board licenses all contractors and construction managers performing public works construction.

Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Program: Per Title 54, Chapter 50, the HVAC Program provides for the regulation, licensing, testing, and education of installers of heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems to ensure proper installation and compliance with the most current adopted codes applicable to the HVAC industry.

Industrial Safety Program: Per Title 39, Chapter 80, the Industrial Safety Program inspects state and school district facilities in an effort to ensure safe working conditions and reduce occupational accidents and fatalities, thereby reducing the costs of worker's compensation insurance. The Industrial Safety Program administers to, and obtains voluntary compliance with, health and safety standards as they apply to public employee workplaces and, indirectly, to the public. Consultation services and training resources on occupational safety issues are also provided. Per Title 39, Chapter 86, the statewide elevator safety program is managed for the protection of the owners, employees, and the public.

Logging Safety Program: Per Title 72, Chapter 7, the Logging Safety Program works to reduce the frequency and severity of accidents in the logging industry as well as reducing logging industry insurance rates. The Logging Safety Program continually works at gaining the trust and respect of the logging community.

Revenue and Expenditures:

| Revenue | FY 2011 | FY 2012 | FY 2013 | FY 2014 |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Div. Building Safety | \$6,925,100 | \$7,462,400 | \$8,889,400 | \$8,964,000 |
| Federal Grant | \$40,100 | \$41,600 | \$41,000 | \$41,900 |
| Misc. Revenue | \$893,300 | \$952,600 | \$1,129,500 | \$966,700 |
| Total | \$7,858,500 | \$8,456,600 | \$10,059,900 | \$9,972,600 |
| Expenditure | FY 2011 | FY 2012 | FY 2013 | FY 2014 |
| Personnel Costs | \$7,200,500 | \$6,424,700 | \$6,656,600 | \$6,967,400 |
| Operating Expenditures | \$2,178,300 | \$1,921,700 | \$1,815,800 | \$1,809,000 |
| Capital Outlay | \$299,200 | \$84,300 | \$842,600 | \$348,700 |
| Trustee/Benefit Payments | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total | \$9,678,000 | \$8,430,700 | \$9,315,000 | \$9,125,100 |

Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

| Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided | FY 2011 | FY 2012 | FY 2013 | FY 2014 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Electrical Licenses Active | 9200 | 9100 | 9,100 | 9,100 |
| Electrical Permits Issued | 16,600 | 17,500 | 20,700 | 21,600 |
| Electrical Inspections Completed | 30,100 | 28,200 | 34,700 | 37,300 |
| Building Plans Checked | 100 | 200 | 200 | 300 |
| HUD/State Administrative Agency Manufactured Home Inspections | 100 | 200 | 200 | 100 |
| HUD/IPIA In-plant Inspections of Manufactured Homes | 600 | 1200 | 1400 | 1500 |
| Manufactured Housing Dealer Licenses Issued | 200 | 200 | 100 | 100 |
| Plumbing Licenses Active | 4,200 | 4,200 | 4100 | 4200 |
| Plumbing Permits Issued | 8,000 | 8,300 | 9700 | 11,100 |
| Plumbing Inspections Conducted | 15,500 | 14,500 | 16,700 | 19,400 |
| Public Works Contractor Licenses Active | 2,500 | 2,600 | 3,200 | 2,900 |
| HVAC Licenses Active | 4,700 | 4,600 | 4,400 | 4,400 |
| HVAC Permits Issued | 4,300 | 4,300 | 4,600 | 4,900 |
| HVAC Inspections Completed | 7,900 | 6,900 | 11,700 | 15,200 |
| Public Building Safety Inspections Completed | 4,500 | 5,200 | 5,100 | 5,100 |
| Elevator Inspections | 1,100 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,200 |
| Logging Operations Inspections | 900 | 900 | 900 | 1,000 |
| Logging First-aid Class Attendees | 1800 | 2,000 | 2,100 | 2,200 |

Part II – Performance Measures

| Performance Measure | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | Benchmark |
|---|------|------|------|--------|-----------|
| 1. % of permits processed through online application | 57% | 61% | 63% | 68% | 75% |
| 2. % of inspection requests processed through online application | 60% | 49% | 54% | 62% | 80% |
| 3. % of building plans submitted electronically | 80% | 99% | 84% | 76% ** | 85% |
| 4. % of Plan Reviews completed within 10 working days | 80% | 85% | 92% | 96% | 75% |
| 5. % of School and Public Building Facilities inspected each year | 98% | 98% | 97% | 98% | 95% |
| 6. % of Elevators and Escalators with up-to-date inspections | 87% | 88% | 93% | 94% | 95% |

** Decrease in 2014 is due to a higher number of modular plan reviews which are generally submitted manually.

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