

Part 1 – 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 152 employees across the state. Five bureaus – 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 the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) manufactured home in-plant inspection program. The industrial safety and logging safety programs provide safety and consultation services to the public.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

Electrical Bureau: Per Title 54, Chapter 10, the Electrical Bureau safeguards life and property for the citizens of Idaho from the 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 Bureau provides the public with highly trained and qualified electrical inspectors having the most up-to-date knowledge and having the skills necessary to minimize electrical fires, injuries and loss of life.

Building Bureau: Per Title 39, Chapter 41, the Building Bureau 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 Bureau 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 Bureau: Per Title 54, Chapter 26, the Plumbing Bureau 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 Uniform 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) Bureau: Per Title 54, Chapter 50, the HVAC Bureau 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.

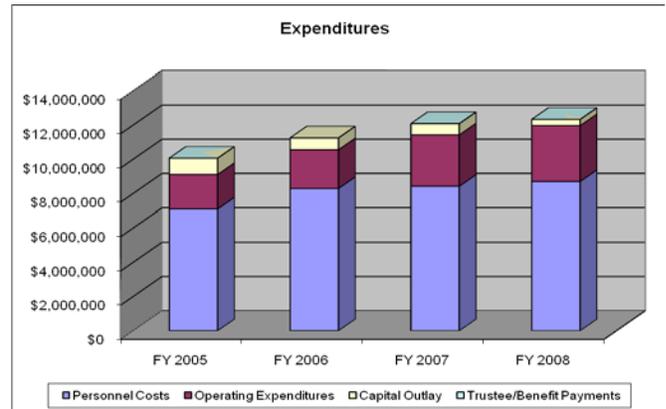
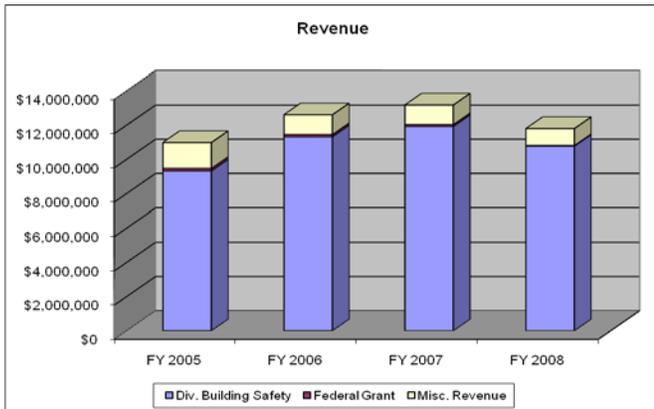
Industrial Safety Program: Per Title 39, Chapter 80, the Industrial Safety Program inspects state and school district facilities, upon written request, in an effort to ensure safe working conditions and reduce occupational accidents and fatalities, thereby reducing the costs of worker's compensation insurance. The Industrial Safety Program administers to, and obtains voluntary compliance with, health and safety standards as they apply to public employees' 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. Per Title 72, Chapter 7, a statewide boiler safety program is also 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 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Div. Building Safety	\$9,317,600	\$11,320,700	\$11,927,400	\$10,771,100
Federal Grant	\$151,900	\$129,300	\$111,100	\$37,900
Misc. Revenue	\$1,508,400	\$1,153,400	\$1,139,500	\$989,200
Total	\$10,977,900	\$12,603,400	\$13,178,000	\$11,798,200

Expenditure	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personnel Costs	\$7,102,200	\$8,295,000	\$8,428,800	\$8,706,300
Operating Expenditures	\$2,011,100	\$2,266,800	\$3,006,500	\$3,266,000
Capital Outlay	\$949,400	\$688,300	\$651,800	\$362,000
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$10,062,700	\$11,250,100	\$12,087,100	\$12,334,300



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Electrical Licenses Issued	10,200	10,600	10,400	8,700
Electrical Apprenticeship Registrations Issued	3,000	3,600	3,300	2,900
Electrical Permits Issued	42,400	42,800	38,900	31,200
Electrical Inspections Completed	74,100	80,600	69,400	60,100
Building Plans Checked	400	400	400	400
Building Inspections for Building and Energy Code Compliance	1200	3000	1800	1,600
HUD/State Administrative Agency Manufactured Home Inspections	500	600	500	500
HUD/IPIA In-plant Inspections of Manufactured Homes	6,500	6,700	3,600	2,600
Manufactured Housing Dealer Licenses Issued	400	400	400	400
Plumbing Licenses Issued	3,900	4,400	4,300	2,600
Plumbing Apprentices Registered	900	1,500	1,300	1,000
Plumbing Inspections Conducted	61,600	63,000	54,600	45,700
Public Works Contractor Licenses Issued	1,900	2,500	2,800	3,600
HVAC Permits Issued	3,300	9,000	9,100	7,400
HVAC Inspections Completed	3,600	20,800	20,100	15,700
HVAC Licenses Issued	4,900	5,300	5,700	3,200
HVAC Apprentices Registered	400	1,100	900	900
Public Building Safety Inspections Completed	6,700	6,600	6,500	6,700
Elevator Inspections	300	500	600	700
Logging Operations Inspections	800	800	900	1,000
Logging First-aid Class Attendees	2,000	1,700	2,000	2,100

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2005	2006	2007	2008	Benchmark
1. % of licenses processed through online application	N/A	N/A	N/A	New	50%
2. % of permits processed through online application	N/A	N/A	N/A	New	75%
3. % of inspection requests processed through online application	N/A	N/A	N/A	New	80%
4. % of building plans submitted electronically	N/A	N/A	N/A	New	85%
5. Customer outreach, consulting, and education activities outside of the formal inspection and licensing process	N/A	N/A	8,500	6,500	5,000 man-hours

Performance Measure Explanatory Note:

Expansion and contraction in the construction industry is obviously beyond the control of the Division, but has a profound impact on Division productivity. The Division will strive to use resources wisely while doing its utmost to protect the health and safety of Idaho citizens. The development and implementation of the new software system, along with enhanced training efforts and more efficient inspection will increase DBS's ability to efficiently deliver services. Raising the skill levels of managers and supervisors is essential to achieving our goals.

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