

## **Part 1 – Agency Profile**

### **Agency Overview**

The Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors was created by the Legislature in 1939, prior to which the Department of Law Enforcement was responsible for licensing and enforcement. The Board consists of four professional engineers and one professional land surveyor appointed by the Governor from among nominees submitted by statewide engineer and land surveyor societies. The Board hires an Executive Director, David L. Curtis, P.E. who manages the Board office and supervises three additional office staff in the office in Boise. In FY 2007 the legislature approved the additional position of Deputy Director. The position was unfilled in FY 2007 even though it had been advertised for several months. The Board sought additional funding for the position for FY 2008 in order to attract qualified candidates, and the position was filled in late July of 2007.

Prior to 1978 an individual could be licensed separately as a land surveyor, but all persons licensed as engineers were allowed to practice land surveying. For a one year time period beginning in 1978 those persons then licensed as engineers were required to demonstrate competency in land surveying in order to retain their license as a land surveyor. After that time separate credentials were required to qualify as a land surveyor. The Board exists to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public by assuring that those offering their services to the public as engineers and land surveyors are properly qualified.

Recent developments which have affected the operation of the Board include the globalization of commerce. A large percentage of license holders are not residents of Idaho and we rely to a great extent on the revenue from their application and renewal fees to fund the agency. Passage of the GARVEE bill to allow the expenditure of anticipated federal funds on transportation projects has created the need for additional engineering and surveying services to make those projects become realities. The Boards function in this matter is to assure that those who wish to offer their services are qualified to do so.

An increase in the complexity of complaints and the manner in which they must be investigated and resolved has resulted in an increase in the number of complaints that are difficult to resolve in a timely manner. The Board filled the position of Deputy Director whose primary responsibility has been to investigate complaints and the timeliness of those investigations has improved.

Until recently the Board operation has been quite “paper intensive.” The Board has recently obtained an imaging system to reduce the retention of hard copies of documents as well as to better maintain the database of license and certificate holders. Implementation of this project was stalled due to the inability to hire a Deputy Director, but has now been completed and is working well.

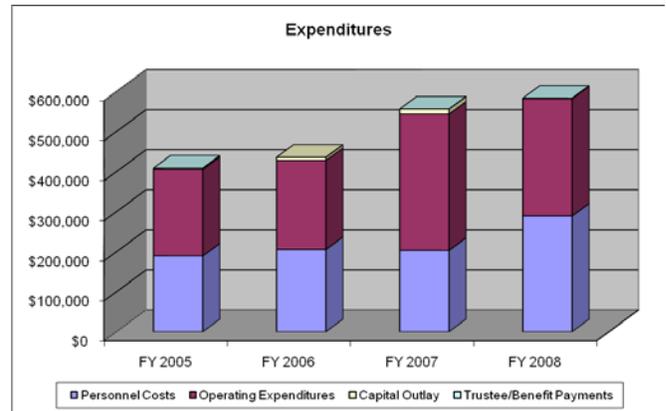
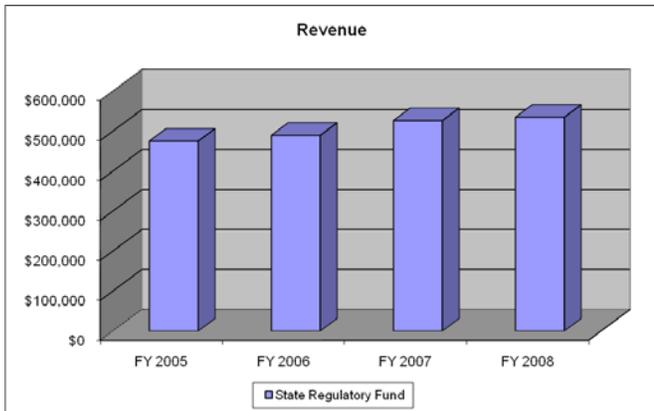
### **Core Functions/Idaho Code**

The Board’s Core Functions include information sharing and liaison with other agencies and licensing boards in other jurisdictions; enforcement of the laws and rules of the State of Idaho; maintenance of professional relations with other groups and stakeholders; issuance of licenses and certificates as authorized by Idaho Code; interface with the legislature to assure that the licensing laws remain relevant and current; and effectively perform the administrative activities required to accomplish the Board mission.

Idaho Code Section 54-1208 is entitled “Board—Powers” and lists those authorities vested in the Board. The Board is empowered to adopt Administrative Rules, and has adopted four chapters including Rules of Procedure, Professional Responsibility, Corner Perpetuation and Filing, and Continuing Professional Development. The Board is in the process of promulgating rules to include engineers, in addition to land surveyors, in the requirement for continuing professional development as a condition of renewal. The Board may subpoena witnesses and require the submission of evidence in disciplinary matters. It may seek injunctive relief in District Court to enforce the provisions of the enabling legislation or to restrain violation of it. The board may subject applicants for certification and license to examinations in order to determine minimum competency. The board maintains a current roster of license and certificate holders on the internet as provided in Idaho Code Section 54-1211. The Board requires biennial renewal of licenses and certificates as provided in Idaho Code Section 54-1216 and issues licenses to persons who are licensed in other jurisdictions as allowed in Idaho Code Section 54-1219. Idaho Code Section 54-1220 allows the Board to investigate and adjudicate allegations of violation of the Idaho Code and Administrative Rules.

**Revenue and Expenditures:**

Revenue	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
State Regulatory Fund	\$475,200	\$489,700	\$526,600	\$535,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$475,200</b>	<b>\$489,700</b>	<b>\$526,600</b>	<b>\$535,100</b>
Expenditure	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personnel Costs	\$189,200	\$205,300	\$203,200	\$288,800
Operating Expenditures	\$216,200	\$222,400	\$340,300	\$293,000
Capital Outlay	\$2,900	\$7,800	\$12,400	\$1,000
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$408,300</b>	<b>\$435,500</b>	<b>\$555,900</b>	<b>\$582,800</b>



**Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided**

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Staff and Board Member presentations to general stakeholders	51	47	31	52
Publish and distribute a quality NEWS BULLETIN	1	2	1	2
Issue licenses and certificates to the satisfaction of applicants	98.1%	97.5%	98.1%	98.5%
Conduct workshops for license and certificate holders	1	6	0	2

**Performance Highlights**

The Board recently began sponsoring workshops for license and certificate holders to discuss and explain matters of interest. In FY 2008 the Board made presentations at the annual meeting of the Idaho Society of Professional Land Surveyors as well as the Idaho Society of Professional Engineers.

Board Members and staff are active in the regional and national organizations which prepare the licensing examinations and otherwise influence the trends of licensing in the professions of engineering and surveying. James H. Milligan, P.E. is Vice-Chair of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying Committee on Examinations for Professional Engineers. David L. Curtis, P.E., is Chair of the NCEES Computer-Based Task Force. John Howe, P.L.S. serves as a Member of the NCEES Committee on Examinations for Professional Surveyors.

**Part II – Performance Measures**

Performance Measure	2005	2006	2007	2008	Benchmark
1. Presentations made to organizations	51	47	31	52	30
2. Publish a quality News Bulletin	1	2	1	2	2
3. Meet at diverse locations	4 Boise 2 other	6 Boise 1 other	4 Boise 2 other	4 Boise 5 other	4 in Boise and 3 in Idaho outside Boise
4. Conduct a survey regarding Board law enforcement practices	New Measure	New Measure	Pending Funding in FY 09	Not Funded	Complete by January 2009
5. Prepare a report on applicant satisfaction with recommendations for improvement	New Measure	New Measure	Completed	Completed	Complete Annually
6. Establish a standard for consistently evaluating experience.	New Measure	New Measure	Subcommittee Work in Progress	Completed	Complete by January 2008
7. Submit legislation to modernize the licensing law	New Measure	New Measure	Submit to Legislature in 2008	Passed HB 380	Present to Legislature in 2008
8. Submit legislation to increase the time allowed to resolve complaints.	New Measure	New Measure	Discontinued Effort	Discontinued Effort	Submit to Legislature in 2007
9. Reduce average time to resolve complaints to 6 months.	New Measure	New Measure	Accomplished	Accomplished	June 30, 2008
10. Prepare desk manuals for each staff position.	New Measure	New Measure	Outlines Completed	Outlines Completed	June 30, 2007
11. Train new staff employee in investigations and digital records	New Measure	New Measure	In Progress	Completed	Assessment by Director

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