

The Agency

Boards for Design Professionals

Agency Operations

In the 1998 enacted budget, the Boards for Design Professionals was created as a consolidated program consisting of the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, the Board of Registration for Professional Land Surveyors, the Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects and the Board of Examination and Registration of Architects.

Each Board is responsible for: examining and registering qualified candidates; issuing license renewals when appropriate; proctoring exams when appropriate; maintaining records of all applicants and licensees; implementing rules and regulations; and hearing and acting upon complaints.

Agency Objectives

To examine, license, register and act upon complaints brought before the boards for professional engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects and architects for the purpose of safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Statutory History

The Boards of Land Surveyors and Engineers were established by Title 5, Chapter 8 of the Rhode Island General Laws in 1938. In 1990, Chapter 8 was amended and Chapter 8.1 was enacted, creating two Boards – the Board of Engineers and the Board of Land Surveyors, both within the Department of Business Regulation. In 1991, the law was further amended to allow the Boards to become autonomous.

The Board of Architects was established by Chapters 23-27 of the Rhode Island Public Laws in 1936. This law was repealed in its entirety in 1977, and was replaced by Title 5, Chapter 1 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The Board of Landscape Architects was established by Title 5, Chapter 51 of the Rhode Island General Laws in 1975.

The Budget

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	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Revised	FY 2008 Recommended
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	291,534	282,411	295,189	318,722
Operating Supplies and Expenses	87,738	94,870	83,251	85,664
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$379,272	\$377,281	\$378,440	\$404,386
Capital Purchases and Equipment	-	3,916	1,800	1,800
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$379,272	\$381,197	\$380,240	\$406,186
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	379,272	381,197	380,240	406,186
Total Expenditures	\$379,272	\$381,197	\$380,240	\$406,186
FTE Authorization	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Agency Measures				
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	-	-
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	-	-
Program Measures				
Ratio of Complaint Cases Successfully Resolved to Cases Filed	0.80	1.52	0.80	0.80