

# The Agency

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## **Boards for Design Professionals**

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### **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 This law was repealed in its entirety in 1977, and was replaced by Title 5, Chapter 1 of the Rhode Island General Laws.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 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Revised	FY 2007 Recommended
<b>Expenditures By Object</b>				
Personnel	336,837	291,534	283,714	301,694
Other State Operations	82,064	87,738	91,959	92,459
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal: Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>\$418,901</b>	<b>\$379,272</b>	<b>\$375,673</b>	<b>\$394,153</b>
Capital Improvements	-	-	5,000	-
Capital Debt Service	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$418,901</b>	<b>\$379,272</b>	<b>\$380,673</b>	<b>\$394,153</b>
<b>Expenditures By Funds</b>				
General Revenue	418,901	379,272	380,673	394,153
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$418,901</b>	<b>\$379,272</b>	<b>\$380,673</b>	<b>\$394,153</b>
<b>FTE Authorization</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>Agency Measures</b>				
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	-	-	-	-
<b>Program Measures</b>				
Ratio of Complaint Cases Successfully Resolved to Cases Filed	0.75	0.80	0.75	0.75