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**2014-15 Governors Budget - Architecture Engineering Board**

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# Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design, Board of

<http://www.aelslagid.state.mn.us>

## Small Agency Profile

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### Mission:

The Board serves to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by providing reasonable assurance that persons practicing architecture, professional engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture, geoscience, or interior design meet and maintain the qualifications, standards, and professionalism required to competently and ethically practice their profession in Minnesota.

### Statewide Outcome(s):

Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design, Board of supports the following statewide outcome(s).

People in Minnesota are safe.

Efficient and accountable government services.

### Context:

Regulation of architects, engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, geologists, soil scientists and certified interior designers exists to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. The Board protects the public by ensuring that licensed professionals meet the minimum standards for education, examination and experience prior to licensure. The Board enforces laws, rules and standards governing the practice of the professions and takes disciplinary action against licensees, certificate holders and unlicensed individuals who violate laws, rules and standards governing the practice of the professions. The primary customers of the Board are members of the public, applicants, licensees and certificate holders of the professions, the legislature and agencies of local, state and federal government. The Board is funded by fees collected and then appropriated from the state's general fund. Minnesota Statutes section 214.06, subd. 1 requires the Board to collect fees in an amount sufficient to cover anticipated expenses.

### Strategies:

The Board provides protection of the public health, safety and welfare and contributes to the above statewide outcomes by:

- Ensuring that those entering the professional practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture, geology, soil science, or those using the title of certified interior designer, meet standards of competency by means of education, examination and experience.
- Establishing standards of practice for those licensed to practice.
- Requiring anyone practicing or offering to practice architecture, engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture, geology or soil science be licensed and continue to maintain professional competence.
- Requiring anyone using the title of certified interior designer be certified and continue to maintain professional competence.
- Enforcing the laws, rules and standards in a fair, expeditious and consistent manner.
- Exchanging data with state, national and federal agencies and information systems.
- Providing 24x7 access to the Board roster licensees that is updated daily so that building officials and the public can easily find out whether or not a particular individual has a valid, current license.
- Collaborating with National Councils for the professions under the Board on consistent standards for licensure, examination and enforcement across the United States.

### Results:

The Board strives to ensure efficient and thorough review and processing of applications and complaints and is committed to improving its procedures to ensure efficient and accountable government services. For enforcement, the Board relies on licensees, code officials and the public to file complaints against individuals who are practicing without a license or who are violating other statutes, rules and the code of conduct. The Board has seen a decline

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in the number of complaints filed and is stepping up its outreach program in order to inform the proper groups about the Board's complaint filing process.

The Board is working toward allowing applications to be submitted online and toward a secure method of online application review so that Board members can review files remotely.

Performance Measures	Previous	Current	Trend
Licenses renewed online <sup>1</sup>	86.38%	91.06%	Improving
Average days to approval/denial of applications for professional exam <sup>2</sup>	20	25.5	Worsening
Average days to approval/denial of applications for fundamentals exam <sup>2</sup>	8	5	Improving
Average time to resolve complaint <sup>2</sup>	188	111	Improving

Performance Measures Notes:

1. Licenses are renewed every two years. The "Previous" column is for licenses renewed for July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012. The "Current" column is for licenses renewed for July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014.
2. "Previous" is for FY 2011 and "Current" is for FY 2012.

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Current, Base and Governor's Recommended Expenditures  
(Dollars in Thousands, Biennial Totals)

	General Funds	Other State Funds	Federal Funds	All Funds
Current Biennium Expenditures (FY 2012-13)	\$1,548			\$1,548
Current Law Expenditures (FY 2014-15)	\$1,548			\$1,548
Governor's Recommended Expenditures (FY2014-15)	\$1,548			\$1,548
\$ Change from FY 2014-15 Current Law to Governor's Rec	\$0			\$0
% Change from FY 2014-15 Current Law to Governor's Rec	0%			0%

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**Sources and Uses**

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Biennium FY14-FY15			
	General Funds	Other State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
APPROPRIATION	\$1,548			\$1,548
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,548</b>			<b>\$1,548</b>
EXPENDITURES	\$1,548			\$1,548
PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$864			\$864
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$684			\$684
<b>USES OF FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,548</b>			<b>\$1,548</b>

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**All Funds FTE by Program**

	Current	Forecast Base	Governor's Recommendation
<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
Program: AELSLA	5.8	5.8	5.8
<b>Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, La</b>	5.8	5.8	5.8

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Revenue Summary  
(Dollars in Thousands)

		Biennium FY14-15			
		General Fund	Other State Funds	Federal Funds	All Funds
Non Dedicated	DEPARTMENTAL EARNINGS	2,525			2,525
	ALL OTHER	50			50
	Subtotal	2,575			2,575
	Total	2,575			2,575