

*Dollars in Thousands*

	Current		Governor Recomm.		Biennium
	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	2006-07
<b><u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u></b>					
<b>General</b>					
Current Appropriation	785	785	785	785	1,570
<b>Recommended</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>1,570</b>
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2004-05					0%
 <b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>					
<b>Direct Appropriations</b>					
General	795	1,059	785	785	1,570
<b>Total</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>1,570</b>
 <b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>					
Total Compensation	424	539	507	529	1,036
Other Operating Expenses	371	520	278	256	534
<b>Total</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>1,570</b>
 <b><u>Expenditures by Program</u></b>					
Aelsla	795	1,059	785	785	1,570
<b>Total</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>1,570</b>
 <b>Full-Time Equivalentents (FTE)</b>	 <b>7.0</b>	 <b>8.8</b>	 <b>8.8</b>	 <b>8.8</b>	

**Recommendation**

The Governor recommends that the Board of Architecture and Engineering, and the Board of Accountancy consolidate their administrative functions to reduce state costs. See the Board of Accountancy for the change item and the fiscal impact.

**Background**

The retirement of the executive director provides a unique opportunity to reduce state operating costs by consolidating the administrative functions of these two boards. Under this proposal, both appointed boards would remain intact, and both would maintain their status as separate state agencies. This proposal only consolidates the office and clerical functions.

**Relationship to Base Budget**

There is no fiscal impact to the Board of Architects and Engineering.

## Agency Purpose

The Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design was established to safeguard life, health, and property and to promote the public's welfare. M.S. – 326.15 mandates that the board examine, certify, license and regulate individuals practicing architecture, professional engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture, professional geology, and professional soil science, and those who use the title certified interior designer.

## Core Functions

The Board protects the public by regulating the seven professions. Core functions support the policy making process and administration of the board. These core functions include:

- ◆ ensuring that those entering the professions meet standards of competency by way of education, experience, and examination;
- ◆ enforcing the laws and rules governing the professions in a fair, expeditious, and uniform fashion;
- ◆ educating the public on the requirements and exemptions to licensed practice; and
- ◆ ensuring that the professionals regulated by the board will continue to remain competent in their areas of practice through mandated continuing education and adherence to established standards of a code of conduct.

## Operations

The board serves a diverse customer base. The licensees, certificate holders, and applicants are the primary customers of the licensing staff: application processing, verification of information, evaluation and examination.

The board's outreach program provides information to Minnesota citizens, board members, legislators, building officials, fire marshals, other state agencies, and national councils.

## Budget

The board's FY 2004-05 budget was \$1.57 million in General Fund direct appropriations, and it has nine full-time equivalent employees. The board collects between \$1.2 and \$1.6 million each year from the following sources of non-dedicated revenue:

- ◆ examinations;
- ◆ licenses;
- ◆ fines; and
- ◆ filings.

In addition:

- ⇒ The cost of examinations is passed on to the applicants.
- ⇒ The board's license fees are set in statute.

## At A Glance

### Annual Business Process:

*Examination:* Through the board, approximately 3,600 biennium examinations are conducted for those candidates meeting the board's education and experience requirements.

*Licensure:* The board licenses and certifies 15,000 individuals who meet the established qualifications, evaluates individuals, and issues approximately 800 new licenses annually.

*Enforcement:* During the 2002-03 biennium the board received 103 complaints alleging violation of its rules and laws. The board in conjunction with the Attorney General's office has continued to receive, file, and investigate complaints of violation of the statutes and rules.

**Contact**

Board of Architecture, Engineering,  
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	Actual FY2004	Budgeted FY2005	Governor's Recomm. FY2006   FY2007		Biennium 2006-07
<b><u>Non Dedicated Revenue:</u></b>					
<b>Departmental Earnings:</b>					
General	1,627	1,357	1,357	1,357	2,714
<b>Total Non-Dedicated Receipts</b>	<b>1,627</b>	<b>1,357</b>	<b>1,357</b>	<b>1,357</b>	<b>2,714</b>
<b><u>Dedicated Receipts:</u></b>					
<b>Total Dedicated Receipts</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Agency Total Revenue</b>					
	<b>1,627</b>	<b>1,357</b>	<b>1,357</b>	<b>1,357</b>	<b>2,714</b>