

**Agency Purpose**

The mission of the Minnesota Bureau of Mediation Services (BMS) is to promote stable and constructive labor-management relations and the use of collaborative processes. (M.S. Chapters 179 and 179A).

**Core Functions**

- ⇒ Assisting parties in resolving collective bargaining disputes.
- ⇒ Resolving questions of labor union representation and bargaining unit structure.
- ⇒ Supporting, training, and facilitating joint labor management committees.
- ⇒ Provide technical training.
- ⇒ Developing and maintaining a roster of labor arbitrators.

**Operations**

The primary clientele of BMS includes labor organizations and employers (public, nonprofit, and private). Agency services are delivered through:

- ◆ mediating collective bargaining disputes;
- ◆ determining bargaining units;
- ◆ conducting and certifying union representation elections;
- ◆ facilitating labor-management committees and awarding grants to area/industry labor-management councils;
- ◆ training practitioners in labor relations; and
- ◆ offering representation and arbitration decisions to the public.

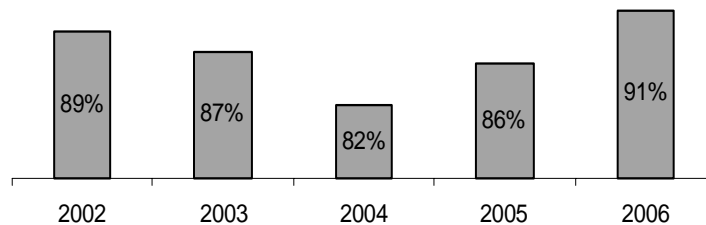
**Key Measures**

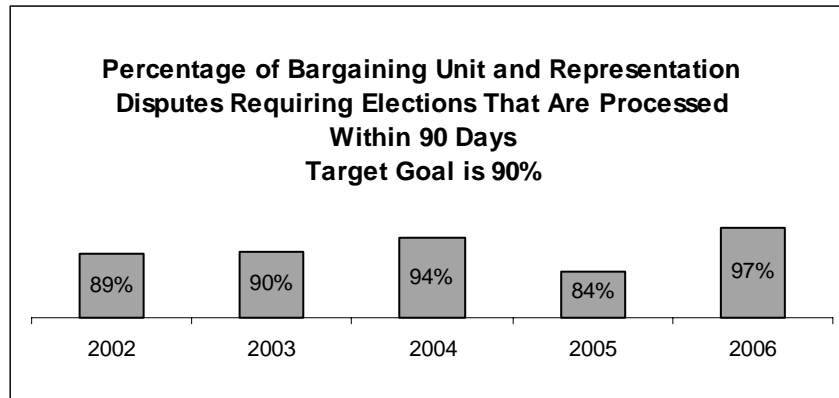
**At A Glance**

Summary data for the Bureau of Mediation Services 2005-2006:

Petitions Received:	2,553
Meetings Held:	2,138
Strike Notices Received:	15
Strikes:	3

**Percentage Of Collective Bargaining Contract and Grievance Disputes Settled Through Mediation  
Target Goal Is 90%**





For updated information and a more complete list of the key measurers by which BMS monitors its results, see <http://www.departmentresults.state.mn.us/bms>.

**Budget**

The department’s primary source of funding for the current biennium is a roughly \$1.8 million annual direct appropriation from the General Fund. This includes \$100,000 each year for labor management cooperation grants. Current staff includes 16 full-time equivalent employees.

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*Dollars in Thousands*

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2008-09
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	
<b><u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u></b>					
<b>General</b>					
Current Appropriation	1,773	1,773	1,773	1,773	3,546
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>1,773</b>	<b>1,773</b>	<b>1,773</b>	<b>1,773</b>	<b>3,546</b>
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2006-07					0%
 <b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>					
<b>Direct Appropriations</b>					
General	1,721	1,828	1,773	1,773	3,546
<b>Statutory Appropriations</b>					
Misc Special Revenue	2	1	1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,723</b>	<b>1,829</b>	<b>1,774</b>	<b>1,774</b>	<b>3,548</b>
 <b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>					
Total Compensation	1,315	1,327	1,342	1,372	2,714
Other Operating Expenses	308	402	332	302	634
Local Assistance	100	100	100	100	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,723</b>	<b>1,829</b>	<b>1,774</b>	<b>1,774</b>	<b>3,548</b>
 <b><u>Expenditures by Program</u></b>					
Mediation Services	1,723	1,829	1,774	1,774	3,548
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,723</b>	<b>1,829</b>	<b>1,774</b>	<b>1,774</b>	<b>3,548</b>
 <b>Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)</b>	 <b>15.3</b>	 <b>15.3</b>	 <b>15.3</b>	 <b>15.3</b>	

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Agency Revenue Summary

*Dollars in Thousands*

	Actual FY2006	Budgeted FY2007	Current Law		Biennium 2008-09
			FY2008	FY2009	
<b><u>Non Dedicated Revenue:</u></b>					
<b>Departmental Earnings:</b>					
General	0	1	5	5	10
<b>Total Non-Dedicated Receipts</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>
<b><u>Dedicated Receipts:</u></b>					
<b>Other Revenues:</b>					
Misc Special Revenue	2	1	1	1	2
<b>Total Dedicated Receipts</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Agency Total Revenue</b>					
	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>