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**State Board of Registration for  
Professional Engineers and  
Surveyors**

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### **ATTACHMENT:**

Budget Spreadsheet By Line Item

# State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors

- Budget of \$1.1 million in FY 2018 and \$1.2 million in FY 2019, entirely supported by license fees
- Revenues tend to be higher in even-numbered fiscal years due to biennial renewal cycle

## OVERVIEW

### Agency Overview

The State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors (ENG) regulates the professions of engineering and surveying to protect the public by ensuring that only properly qualified individuals and businesses become registered, and that the registrants follow the established standards and codes of ethics. Approximately 28,000 professional engineers and surveyors and over 2,900 firms are licensed in the state. ENG's governing body consists of five members appointed by the Governor, including four professional engineers (one of which must also be a professional surveyor) and one professional surveyor. The Board must meet at least twice per year but generally meets about seven times per year. Members receive a per diem amount fixed by state law when attending to Board matters and are reimbursed for expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties. ENG's day-to-day operations are handled by an executive director who is appointed by the governing authority. Including the Executive Director, the Board currently has seven full-time employees. ENG receives no GRF funding; rather, it is entirely supported by licensing and application fees that are deposited into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90).

### Appropriation Overview

Fund Group	FY 2017*	FY 2018	% change, FY 2017-FY 2018	FY 2019	% change, FY 2018-FY 2019
Dedicated Purpose	\$805,824	\$1,123,966	39.5%	\$1,227,821	9.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$805,824</b>	<b>\$1,123,966</b>	<b>39.5%</b>	<b>\$1,227,821</b>	<b>9.2%</b>

The budget provides \$1,123,966 in FY 2018, an increase of 39.5% from FY 2017 spending of \$805,824, and \$1,227,821 in FY 2019, an increase of 9.2% from the FY 2018 level, for ENG operations.

## Operating Revenues

As mentioned previously, the primary source of operating income for the occupational licensing boards is licensing and application fees. Table 2 shows the current fees charged by ENG.

<b>License Fee</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Standard or NCEES Professional Surveyor Comity Application	\$455
Standard or NCEES Professional Engineer Comity Application	\$415
Dual Registration Biennial Renewal (Professional Engineer and Professional Surveyor)	\$80
Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) and Surveying (PS) Exam Application	\$75
Final Registration Fee for Engineers and Surveyors passing PE and PS Exam	\$50
Firm Certificate of Authorization Application Fee	\$50
Firm Certificate of Authorization Biennial Renewal Fee	\$50
Professional Engineer/Professional Surveyor Biennial Renewal	\$40
Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) and Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) Exam Application	\$25
Reciprocal License Verification Request Fee	\$24

Note: NCEES refers to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying.

Fees collected by ENG are deposited into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90). Twenty-six occupational licensing and regulatory boards and commissions, including ENG, use Fund 4K90 as an operating account to support their regulatory operations. Table 3 below shows ENG's operating revenue and expenditure history from FY 2012 to FY 2017. Notice that ENG's biennial renewal cycle results in significant fluctuations in the amount of revenue received on a year-to-year basis, with the vast majority of revenue coming in even-numbered fiscal year years. The income generated during the even-numbered fiscal year of the two-year renewal cycle covers the deficit created in the odd-numbered fiscal years when relatively little license revenue is received. As the table shows, over recent two-year renewal cycles, ENG's revenues have consistently exceeded expenditures.

	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
Revenues	\$1,723,821	\$599,995	\$1,743,234	\$633,917	\$1,735,126	\$586,641
Expenditures	\$907,675	\$833,891	\$879,652	\$814,268	\$891,147	\$805,824
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$816,146</b>	<b>-\$233,896</b>	<b>\$863,582</b>	<b>-\$180,351</b>	<b>\$843,979</b>	<b>-\$141,863</b>

## ANALYSIS OF ENACTED BUDGET

ENG's operations are funded by a single line item appropriation within the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90). The table below shows the appropriation for the line item.

Appropriation for ENG				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>Dedicated Purpose Fund Group</b>				
4K90	892609	Operating Expenses	\$ 1,123,966	\$ 1,227,821

This appropriation item supports all of ENG's operating expenses, including activities related to licensing, investigations, and enforcement. The budget appropriates \$1,123,966 in FY 2018, an increase of about \$318,000 (39.5%) compared to FY 2017 spending, and \$1,227,821 in FY 2019, an increase of about \$104,000 (9.2%) from FY 2018.

### Licenses

Table 4 shows the number of active registrations issued by ENG as of the end of FY 2015, FY 2016, and FY 2017. As the table shows, the total number of active registrations decreased by 5.1% between FY 2015 and FY 2016. In FY 2017, the total number of active registrations increased by 4.4%, with all registration types increasing except for professional surveyors.

Table 4. Active Registrations by Type Issued by ENG					
Registration	FY 2015	FY 2016	% change	FY 2017	% change
Professional Engineer	26,661	25,517	-4.3%	26,500	3.9%
Professional Surveyor	1,368	1,287	-5.9%	1,283	-0.3%
Dual Registration	708	640	-9.6%	642	0.3%
Firm	2,885	2,574	-10.8%	2,912	13.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,622</b>	<b>30,018</b>	<b>-5.1%</b>	<b>31,337</b>	<b>4.4%</b>

### Investigation and Enforcement Statistics

In addition to licensing, ENG investigates complaints and alleged violations of Chapter 4733. of the Revised Code, the statute governing the engineering and surveying professions. As Table 5 below shows, enforcement activity decreased in both FY 2015 and FY 2016 before increasing in FY 2017.

<b>Table 5. Enforcement Statistics, FY 2013-FY 2017</b>					
<b>Enforcement Action</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
Complaints Investigated	77	113	93	82	157
Complaints Closed	40	79	67	57	47
Formal Investigations Opened	30	48	38	18	85
Formal Investigations Closed	37	48	33	22	67

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**FY 2018 - FY 2019 Final Appropriation Amounts**

**All Fund Groups**

**Line Item Detail by Agency**

			<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>FY 2017 to FY 2018</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>FY 2018 to FY 2019</b>		
			<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Report For Main Operating Appropriations Bill</b>			<b>Version: As Enacted</b>					
<b>ENG State Board of Engineers and Surveyors</b>								
4K90	892609	Operating Expenses	\$ 891,147	\$ 805,824	\$ 1,123,966	39.48%	\$ 1,227,821	9.24%
<b>Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Total</b>			<b>\$ 891,147</b>	<b>\$ 805,824</b>	<b>\$ 1,123,966</b>	<b>39.48%</b>	<b>\$ 1,227,821</b>	<b>9.24%</b>
<b>State Board of Engineers and Surveyors Total</b>			<b>\$ 891,147</b>	<b>\$ 805,824</b>	<b>\$ 1,123,966</b>	<b>39.48%</b>	<b>\$ 1,227,821</b>	<b>9.24%</b>