

LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS BOARD

Enabling Laws

Act 86 of 2014
A.C.A. §15-75-101

History and Organization

The mission of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board is to protect the interests and welfare of the general public by providing enforcement of safety requirements contained in the laws and codes that regulate the manufacture, sale, installation, and use of containers and equipment in the storage, transportation, dispensing, and utilization of liquefied petroleum gases.

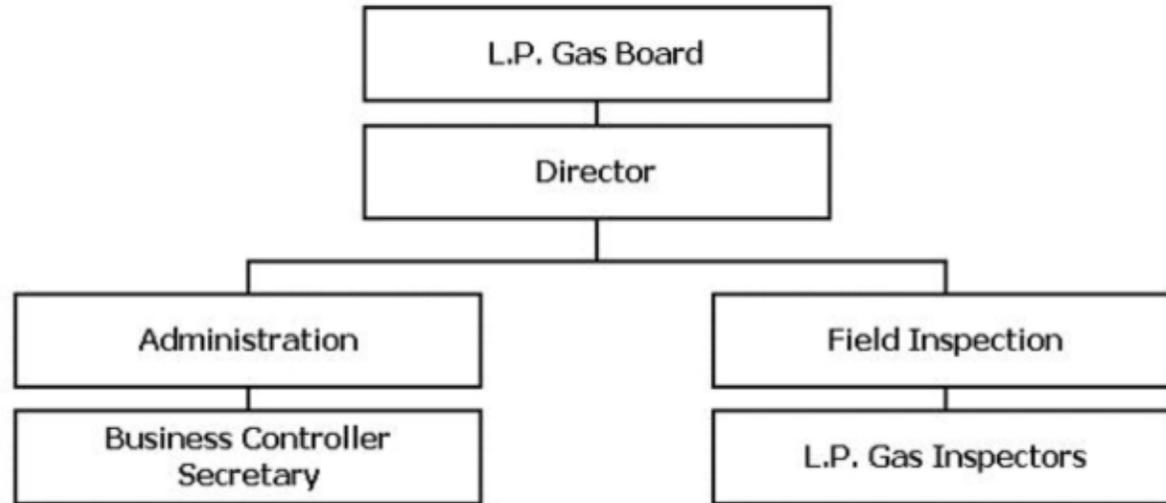
Act 204 of 1939 provided the initial authority for regulation of these activities. These duties were first assigned to a section of the Boiler Inspection Division of the State Department of Labor.

Act 18 of 1957 created a separate agency known as the State Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board that became responsible for enforcement and administration of the rules, regulations, and laws governing the Liquefied Petroleum Gas industry. A seven (7) member Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board was also created by this Act to make judgments concerning permit awards and adjudicate service and territorial disputes. The current structure of fees for permits, licenses, inspections, and registrations provides special revenue funding for Agency operations. The Agency receives no general revenue support.

Act 31 of 1965 is the present authority under which the Agency operates. This Act replaces all the previous acts and amendments and authorizes a fee for inspections of piping in domestic, commercial, industrial, and other types of buildings in which Liquefied Petroleum Gas is utilized.

The Agency's staff consists of seven (7) positions split between an Administrative Section and a Field Inspection Section. The Administrative Section provides the necessary administration, supervision, and clerical support for efficient operations. The Field Inspection Section conducts all inspections required for containers, systems, appliances, and equipment utilized in the storage, transportation, delivery, and usage of Liquefied Petroleum Gas in this State. The Field Section is also responsible for presentation of safety and educational programs on a continuing basis.

Special accomplishments and programs initiated since the formation of the current Board organizational structure in 1957 include the aforementioned safety programs among dealers, their employees, and members of various fire departments throughout the State; setting up of qualifications for a general safety supervisor for each Liquefied Petroleum Gas dealer; strict enforcement of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code and the rules and regulations contained therein; improvements in installation methods and placement of large numbers of bulk and commercial storage containers; and periodic spot inspections of existing domestic installations.



Agency Commentary

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The Board is requesting Base Level appropriation for the 2015 - 2017 Biennium.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
AUDIT OF :
LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS BOARD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

Findings

Recommendations

None

None

State Contracts Over \$50,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2014

None

Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	4	3	7	100 %
Black Employees	0	0	0	0 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	0	0	0 %
Total Minorities			0	0 %
Total Employees			7	100 %

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-201 et seq.

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Agency Position Usage Report

FY2012 - 2013						FY2013 - 2014						FY2014 - 2015					
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total	
7	7	0	7	0	0.00 %	7	7	0	7	0	0.00 %	7	7	0	7	0	0.00 %

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 050 - Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board-Operations

Funding Sources: SIL - Liquefied Petroleum Gas Fund

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board is funded by inspection, permit, and license fees that are enumerated in A.C.A. § 19-6-407. These fees are deposited as special revenues in the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board Fund.

Base Level Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching include the continuation of the previously authorized 2015 1% Cost of Living Adjustment and Career Service Payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching also includes a \$10 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$420 per month. Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for Merit Pay Increases.

The Board requests Base Level of \$599,121 in FY16 and \$599,244 in FY17.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

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Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
		2013-2014 Actual	2014-2015 Budget	2014-2015 Authorized	2015-2016			2016-2017		
					Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	299,505	291,347	291,347	294,215	294,215	294,215	294,315	294,315	294,315
#Positions		7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Extra Help	5010001	0	8,300	8,300	8,300	8,300	8,300	8,300	8,300	8,300
#Extra Help		0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Personal Services Matching	5010003	102,029	100,292	98,960	101,956	101,956	101,956	101,979	101,979	101,979
Operating Expenses	5020002	93,319	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Professional Fees	5060010	11,110	38,650	38,650	38,650	38,650	38,650	38,650	38,650	38,650
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	60,000	60,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		505,963	654,589	653,257	599,121	599,121	599,121	599,244	599,244	599,244
Funding Sources										
Fund Balance	4000005	963,473	1,024,873		895,284	895,284	895,284	821,163	821,163	821,163
Special Revenue	4000030	567,363	525,000		525,000	525,000	525,000	525,000	525,000	525,000
Total Funding		1,530,836	1,549,873		1,420,284	1,420,284	1,420,284	1,346,163	1,346,163	1,346,163
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(1,024,873)	(895,284)		(821,163)	(821,163)	(821,163)	(746,919)	(746,919)	(746,919)
Grand Total		505,963	654,589		599,121	599,121	599,121	599,244	599,244	599,244

FY15 Budget amount in Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to matching rate adjustments during the 2013-2015 Biennium.