

STATE BOARD OF REGISTERED FORESTERS

Enabling Laws

Act 72 of 2003

Act 535 of 1969 as amended

A.C.A. § 17-31-101

History and Organization

Act 535 of 1969 created the State of Arkansas Board of Registration for Foresters. The Board consists of six appointed members. Board members include a representative from the forest products industry, the State Forestry commission, an agency of the U.S. Government, the staff of the School of Forestry at University of Arkansas-Monticello, a private forestry consultant, and a consumer. Arkansas Code §17-31-101 et al contains the statutes applicable to Registered Foresters.

The Board is empowered to register and regulate persons in Arkansas representing themselves as foresters. In carrying out these duties, the Board sets the amount of the application/registration fees, conducts written examinations, issues certificates of registration, and receives and investigates complaints against Registered Foresters and makes findings thereon.

Act 993 of 1999, amended the original act to make registration mandatory, under specific conditions, for foresters to practice their profession. After January 1, 2001, each new applicant must pass an exam and meet other education and experience requirements. All Registered Foresters must complete six hours of continuing forestry education during the previous year to renew their registration.

Currently, Arkansas has 567 Registered Foresters. The Board operates solely on fees collected from Registered Foresters. The Board has no oversight or advisory board or commission affiliation. For e-government purposes, the Board is a sub-agency of the Arkansas Forestry Commission.



Agency Commentary

The State Board of Registration for Foresters is empowered to register and regulate persons in Arkansas representing themselves as Foresters. The Board in carrying out these duties, sets the amount of application/registration fees, conducts written examinations, issues certificates of registration, provides continuing education symposiums, and receives and investigates complaints against Registered Foresters and makes findings thereon. The Board maintains an electronic database of currently licensed Registered Foresters.

The Board desires to increase its Extra-help positions from 1 to 2 with no additional appropriation. The Board has no Full-time positions.

The Board needs to replace an existing four-year old laptop PC with a current model, including updated software. The Board is asking for one-time capital appropriation to be funded from its fund balance.

The Board will continue to up date its operations to comply with State requirements.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
AUDIT OF :
STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

Findings	Recommendations
None	None

Publications

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Roster of Registered Foresters	A.C.A. 17-31-207	N	N	750	Required by A.C.A. 17-31-207.

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation / Program: 1GJ - Foresters - Cash in Treasury

Funding Sources: NRF - Cash in Treasury

The Board of Registration for Foresters was created by Act 535 of 1969 and regulates the 315 foresters registered in Arkansas. The Board is a cash agency funded by the receipt of application and renewal fees charged pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated §17-31-303.

The Board is requesting one (1) additional Extra Help position, without additional appropriation, due to increased workload. The Board is also requesting an increase of \$3,000 in FY06 only for Capital Outlay to replace an existing four year old laptop with current model and updated software.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation / Program Summary

Appropriation / Program: 1GJ Foresters - Cash in Treasury
Funding Sources: NRF - Cash in Treasury

Commitment Item	Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation					
	2003-2004 Actual	2004-2005 Budget	2004-2005 Authorized	2005-2006			2006-2007		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Extra Help 5010001	11,993	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
#Extra Help	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	2
Personal Services Matching 5010003	853	925	925	925	925	925	925	925	925
Operating Expenses 5020002	3,909	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,100
Travel-Conference Fees 5050009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees and Services 5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing 5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay 5120011	0	0	0	0	3,000	3,000	0	0	0
Total	16,755	20,025	20,025	20,025	23,025	23,025	20,025	20,025	20,025
Funding Sources									
Fund Balance 4000005	37,728	41,520		41,495	41,495	41,495	38,470	38,470	38,470
Cash Fund 4000045	20,547	20,000		17,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Total Funding	58,275	61,520		58,495	61,495	61,495	58,470	58,470	58,470
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(41,520)	(41,495)		(38,470)	(38,470)	(38,470)	(38,445)	(38,445)	(38,445)
Grand Total	16,755	20,025		20,025	23,025	23,025	20,025	20,025	20,025

Change Level by Appropriation

Appropriation / Program: 1GJ-Foresters - Cash in Treasury
Funding Sources: NRF - Cash in Treasury

Agency Request

Change Level		2005-2006	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2006-2007	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	20,025	0	20,025	100.0	20,025	0	20,025	100.0
C01	Existing Program	0	0	20,025	100.0	0	0	20,025	100.0
C08	Technology	3,000	0	23,025	114.9	0	0	20,025	100.0

Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2005-2006	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2006-2007	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	20,025	0	20,025	100.0	20,025	0	20,025	100.0
C01	Existing Program	0	0	20,025	100.0	0	0	20,025	100.0
C08	Technology	3,000	0	23,025	114.9	0	0	20,025	100.0

Justification

C01	The increase is for an additional Extra Help position with no additional appropriation due to increased workload.
C08	The increase is to replace an existing four year old laptop with a current model and updated software.