

**RICE RESEARCH AND PROMOTION BOARD (326) - 2009-11 BIENNIUM**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The Rice Research and Promotion Board was created by Act 725 of 1985. The Board is responsible to plan and conduct a program of research, extension, promotion and market development to foster the growth and development of the rice industry in Arkansas. The Board is composed of nine producer members appointed by the Governor.

**TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET**

The total budget of the 2009-11 Biennium is \$6,980,696 each fiscal year.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

The Board is funded entirely by special revenues collected from an assessment of 1.35 cents per bushel paid by both the rice producer and the first point of sale buyer in Arkansas.

**II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

- The **Rice Research & Promotion** appropriation, funded by Special Revenues, provides a total Base Level appropriation of \$6,980,696 each fiscal year including a reallocation of \$3,000 each fiscal year from Professional Fees to Operating Expenses for increased Board Member Travel expenses.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

Nine-member Board appointed by the Governor with no authorized regular salary positions.

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

None.