

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (800)
2009-2011 BIENNIUM

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

"The mission of the Department of Labor (DOL) is to foster, promote, and develop the health, safety and welfare of the wage earners of Arkansas by providing services and enforcing laws to improve working conditions and enhance their opportunities for safe and profitable employment." The DOL administers five (5) major program areas: Occupational Safety and Health, Labor Standards, Mediation Services, Code Enforcement and Public Safety, and Administrative Services.

TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET The total appropriation is \$7,404,066 for FY2010 and \$7,455,742 for FY2011 which is an increase of \$155,926 and \$106,771, respectively. A total of \$3,080,486 for FY2010 and \$3,136,590 for FY2011 is allocated in general revenue funding.

FUNDING SOURCE

The DOL appropriation is funded by the following fund sources: General Revenue (30% - FY2010 & 31% - FY2011), Special Revenue (22% for FY2010 and 23% for FY2011 from license, renewal, permit, & inspection fees), Federal funds (14% - FY2010 and 15% - FY2011), Cash funds (2% each year), and Fund Balances (32% - FY2010 & 29% - FY2011).

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

STATE OPERATIONS (APPROPRIATION 148)

This appropriation is funded by general revenue, federal funds, and special revenue, and is used to support the state operations of the agency and to provide the matching requirements for the federal Occupational Safety Health Administration (OSHA), Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), Revised Occupational Safety and Health Statistics (ROSH), and Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) grants. The special revenue is derived from the elevator inspection program, blasting certification fees, and amusement ride inspections. The total appropriation is \$3,949,597 in FY2010 and \$3,962,103 in FY2011 which is an increase of \$48,597 for FY2010 and a continuation of base level for FY2011. The increase of \$48,597 is for personal services and operating expenses to add one (1) Labor Standards Investigator (Grade C116) to provide adequate enforcement of the Arkansas Minimum Wage Law.

BOILER INSPECTION (APPROPRIATION 149)

This appropriation is funded by Special Revenues which are fees collected by the Department for permits, inspections, examinations, licensing, quality assurance surveys, shop service, and consultation.

The total appropriation is \$1,117,953 for FY2010 and \$1,133,263 for FY2011 which includes an increase of \$94,698 for FY2010 and \$96,640 for FY2011 for Regular Salaries and Matching to restore 2 Labor Inspector positions (Grade C119), so new hire Boiler Inspectors will have sufficient training opportunities with commissioned inspectors. Also recommends a reallocation of \$20,000 from Professional Fees and \$8,600 from Data Processing to Operating Expenses each year to provide on-the-job training and travel expenses for these 2 additional boiler inspectors.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS (APPROPRIATION 151)

This appropriation is federally funded and is used for the receipt

of grant funds for conducting OSHA Consultation, Mine Safety and Health Consultation and Training and the Occupational Injuries and Fatalities Surveys.

The total appropriation is \$1,425,141 for FY2010 and \$1,440,211 for FY2011 which includes an increase of \$2,500 for FY2010 for Capital Outlay for the purchase of five (5) dosimeters to evaluate noise environments and provide time weighted average information in decibels.

This appropriation also provides for the reallocation of \$5,000 each year from Professional Fees and Services to Capital Outlay to purchase air sampling pumps and charger to conduct personal and area samples to evaluate exposure levels to dusts, fumes and chemicals present in the workplace.

BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS (APPROPRIATION 2CT)

This appropriation is funded by special revenues from fees collected for license and examination fees, and is used to provide for the expenses of the Board of Electrical Examiners performs its regulatory functions of issuing rules and regulations, conducting examinations for licensure, registering electrical apprentices, issuing certificates, revoking or suspending licenses or certificates.

The total appropriation is \$658,375 for FY2010 and \$667,165 for FY2011 which is continuation of base level, but with a reallocation of \$20,000 from Professional Fees to Operating Expenses to cover increases in network services expenses caused by a new program enhancement for licensing and maintaining continuing education data for licensed electricians.

SEMINAR & CONFERENCE EXPENSES - CASH (APPROPRIATION 942)

This appropriation is funded by registration fees paid by participants at agency safety seminars and conferences. The total appropriation is \$53,000 each year of the biennium which is an increase of \$10,131 each year for Conference Fees and Travel for statewide safety and health conferences conducted by the Agency's Safety Division.

This appropriation also provides for the reallocation of \$39,869 from Operating Expenses to Conference Fees & Travel to properly classify travel expenses.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total positions for FY 2009-11 Biennium: 104

Total positions for FY 2007-09 Biennium: 101

Increase/(Decrease): 3

Restore 2 Labor Inspector positions (Grade C119) to serve as Boiler Inspectors which were authorized but not budgeted for FY2008-09.

Add 1 Labor Standards Investigator (Grade C116) to provide adequate enforcement of the Arkansas Minimum Wage Law

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

NONE

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