

**LAND DEPARTMENT (0061)  
2011-2013 BIENNIUM**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**Mission**

Constitutional Amendment 37, established the Commissioner of State Lands as one of seven elected constitutional officers. The Office is responsible for returning to private ownership, lands which have been certified to the State of Arkansas for the nonpayment of ad valorem real estate taxes. Some of the Commissioner's responsibilities include the competitive bidding and the leasing of all mineral interests on state owned lands and housing all original patent records of the State which are the records showing the disposition of tracts of land from the United States and the means by which the land was granted.

**Total Biennial Budget**

The total budget for the 2011-2013 biennium is \$36,410,701 for FY2012 and \$31,484,357 for FY2013.

**Funding Source**

The Operations appropriation is funded with the State Central Services Fund. The other appropriations are funded by cash funds and fund balances which are received through the collection of delinquent taxes or through the sale of tax delinquent lands.

**II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES**

Delinquent Tax Cash Appropriation-Cash Funds

- Requesting \$32.7 million for FY2012 and \$27.7 million for FY2013
- Increase of \$10 million over base for FY2012 and \$5 million for FY2013 for Delinquent Tax Remittal line item.

Revenue Stabilization Act

- Acts 1095 & 1115 (Revenue Stabilization Act) transfers \$12 million dollars from cash funds from the State Land Department to the Merit Adjustment Fund for the 27th pay period in Fiscal Year 2012.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

Total positions 2011-13 Biennium:45

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**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

None