

LAND DEPARTMENT (0061)
FISCAL YEARS 2014 & 2015

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 Budget

The total budget is \$31,682,367 for FY2014 and \$31,708,969 for FY2015.

Funding Source

The Operations appropriation is funded from 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

- Recommended at \$27.7 million each year
- Increase of \$25,981 over base for FY2014 and \$52,583 for FY2015 for operating expenses.

III) POSITIONS

Total Positions FY2015:45

Total Positions FY2014:45

Total Budgeted Positions FY2013:45

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

None