

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY13 Adjusted Base	FY14 Recommended	% Change Over FY13	FY15 Recommended	% Change Over FY14
GPR	2,664,700	2,818,800	5.8	2,826,500	0.3
PR-F	1,919,900	844,000	-56.0	508,300	-39.8
SEG-F	1,452,000	2,754,100	89.7	2,756,500	0.1
PR-O	546,500	510,500	-6.6	511,100	0.1
SEG-O	100	100	0.0	100	0.0
TOTAL	6,583,200	6,927,500	5.2	6,602,500	-4.7

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY13 Adjusted Base	FY14 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY13	FY15 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY14
GPR	19.30	19.30	0.00	19.30	0.00
PR-F	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	-5.00
SEG-F	26.00	26.00	0.00	26.00	0.00
PR-O	3.45	3.45	0.00	3.45	0.00
TOTAL	53.75	53.75	0.00	48.75	-5.00

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The board is comprised of six members, each of whom must have formerly been elected to and served as a judge of a court of record in Wisconsin. Members are appointed to six-year terms by the Governor from nominations submitted by a nominating committee called the Government Accountability Candidate Committee consisting of four current Court of Appeals judges selected randomly by the Supreme Court Chief Justice. Members are required to be nonpartisan. The agency structure is unique in the United States.

The director and general counsel serves as the agency head and the chief election officer of the state. The board staff also is nonpartisan. The agency is organized into two divisions: Elections, and Ethics and Accountability. The board is responsible for the administration and enforcement of campaign finance, elections, ethics and lobbying laws.

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MISSION

The mission of the board is to enhance representative democracy by ensuring the integrity of the electoral process and further Wisconsin's tradition of clean and open government through its administration of Wisconsin's elections and ethics codes, campaign finance and lobbying laws, and dissemination of information to the public.

PROGRAMS, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Program 1: Administration of Elections, Ethics and Lobbying Laws

Goal: Ensure open, fair and transparent elections, by cultivating public confidence in the integrity of the electoral process.

Objective/Activity: Provide educational, training and informational resources to elections officials and to the Wisconsin electorate, the general public.

Goal: Make readily available to voters complete information as to who is supporting or opposing a candidate or cause and to what extent, whether directly or indirectly. The board makes the following information available on the Internet and in its office: list of reports filed, summary of data reports, information about late campaign activity and detailed campaign finance report information.

Objective/Activity: Provide educational, training and informational resources to candidates, committees and treasurers on the requirements of campaign finance laws and on using the board's electronic filing system (CFIS). Enter campaign finance report data received on paper on the day of receipt, and prepare and post reports on Web site within 24 hours of receipt.

Goal: Identify interests influencing government and identify conflicting interests.

Objective/Activity: Identify for the public the businesses, organizations and individuals attempting to influence governmental decisions, the issues in which they have an interest, and other pertinent information; and provide information about governmental officials' financial interests to confirm for the public the absence of conflicting interests or to identify conflicts meriting attention. Provide for the regular update and enhancement of an interactive Web site, which permits anyone with Internet access capabilities to search for and view data relating to lobbyists, the organizations that employ them, the issues on which they are lobbying, lobbying activity and expenditures for current and past sessions.

Goal: Enforce statutory requirements. This goal fosters the continued high standards of ethical conduct by state government officials, lobbyists and lobbying organizations through independent investigation and reassures the public that the State of Wisconsin is equipped to redress conduct that falls short of statutorily established standards.

Objective/Activity: Investigate possible violations of the ethics code, lobbying law and campaign finance law and seek appropriate remedies or exoneration as circumstances warrant.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

2011 AND 2012 GOALS AND ACTUALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2011	Actual 2011	Goal 2012	Actual 2012
1.	Monitor the number of contacts the public makes to the board.	100,000	480,969	130,000	597,114
1.	Monitor public satisfaction through media coverage (news articles and editorial pages).	6 articles	3 articles	12 articles	4 articles
1.	Consultations with local elections partners to determine voter satisfaction with Wisconsin's electoral processes.	2	11	3	12
1.	Maintain data and records on the number of educational outreach activities, training and technical assistance provided to local elections partners and the general public.	210	214	220	173
1.	Number of contacts relating to requests for campaign finance information by Web site hits to campaign finance section.	70,000	66,348	50,000	82,524
1.	Customer satisfaction.	Oral and written communications indicate lobbying organizations and officials will be satisfied with reporting mechanisms	Comments from lobbyists and lobbying organizations have been uniformly positive	Oral and written communications indicate lobbying organizations and officials will be satisfied with reporting mechanisms	Comments from lobbyists and lobbying organizations have been uniformly positive
1.	Customer usage.	Web site usage among legislators, executive branch and citizens will remain high	Web site hits continue to demonstrate high usage (3,009,054 hits to site)	Web site usage among legislators, executive branch and citizens will remain high	Web site hits continue to demonstrate high usage (3,437,551 hits to site)

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Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2011	Actual 2011	Goal 2012	Actual 2012
1.	Impact.	The number and depth of publicity, analysis and commentary on information related to lobbying and financial interests of state officials will remain high	The board is constantly in the news	The number and depth of publicity, analysis and commentary on information related to lobbying and financial interests of state officials will remain high	The board is constantly in the news

Note: Based on fiscal year.

2013, 2014 AND 2015 GOALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2013¹	Goal 2014	Goal 2015
1.	Monitor the number of contacts the public makes to the board.	475,000	600,000	480,000
1.	Monitor public satisfaction with the board through agency's complaint system. ²	500	800	500
1.	Consult with local elections partners to determine voter satisfaction with Wisconsin's electoral processes.	14	15	15
1.	Maintain data and records on the number of educational outreach activities, training and technical assistance provided to local elections partners and the general public.	200	175	200
1.	Number of contacts relating to requests for campaign finance information by Web site hits to campaign finance section.	55,000	65,000	65,000
1.	Customer satisfaction.	Oral and written communications indicate lobbying organizations and officials will be satisfied with reporting mechanisms	Oral and written communications indicate lobbying organizations and officials will be satisfied with reporting mechanisms	Oral and written communications indicate lobbying organizations and officials will be satisfied with reporting mechanisms

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Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2013¹	Goal 2014	Goal 2015
1.	Customer usage.	Web site usage among legislators, executive branch and citizens will remain high	Web site usage among legislators, executive branch and citizens will remain high	Web site usage among legislators, executive branch and citizens will remain high
1.	Impact.	The number and depth of publicity, analysis and commentary on information related to lobbying and financial interests of state officials will remain high	The number and depth of publicity, analysis and commentary on information related to lobbying and financial interests of state officials will remain high	The number and depth of publicity, analysis and commentary on information related to lobbying and financial interests of state officials will remain high

Note: Based on fiscal year.

¹Certain goals for 2013 have been modified.

²Reflects a new performance measure.

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GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Extension of Voter Identification Project Positions
2. Permanent GPR Reductions
3. Standard Budget Adjustments

ITEMS NOT APPROVED

4. Information Technology Infrastructure Capacity
5. Create Permanent GPR Positions for Elections Administration

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**Table 1
Department Budget Summary by Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY12	ADJUSTED BASE FY13	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY14	FY15	FY14	FY15
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$3,379.8	\$2,664.7	\$3,349.2	\$3,484.9	\$2,818.8	\$2,826.5
State Operations	3,379.8	2,664.7	3,349.2	3,484.9	2,818.8	2,826.5
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	\$2,579.3	\$3,371.9	\$3,598.1	\$3,264.8	\$3,598.1	\$3,264.8
State Operations	2,579.3	3,371.9	3,598.1	3,264.8	3,598.1	3,264.8
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	\$423.2	\$546.5	\$510.5	\$511.1	\$510.5	\$511.1
State Operations	423.2	546.5	510.5	511.1	510.5	511.1
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	\$0.0	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1
State Operations	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
TOTALS - ANNUAL	\$6,382.3	\$6,583.2	\$7,457.9	\$7,260.9	\$6,927.5	\$6,602.5
State Operations	6,382.3	6,583.2	7,457.9	7,260.9	6,927.5	6,602.5

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

**Table 2
Department Position Summary by Funding Source (in FTE positions) (4)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY13	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY14	FY15	FY14	FY15
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	19.30	21.30	21.30	19.30	19.30
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	31.00	31.00	26.00	31.00	26.00
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45
TOTALS - ANNUAL	53.75	55.75	50.75	53.75	48.75

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

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**Table 3
Department Budget Summary by Program (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY12	ADJUSTED BASE FY13	AGENCY REQUEST FY14	AGENCY REQUEST FY15	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY14	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY15
1. Administration of elections, ethics, and lobbying laws	\$6,382.3	\$6,583.2	\$7,457.9	\$7,260.9	\$6,927.5	\$6,602.5
TOTALS	\$6,382.3	\$6,583.2	\$7,457.9	\$7,260.9	\$6,927.5	\$6,602.5

**Table 4
Department Position Summary by Program (in FTE positions) (4)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY13	AGENCY REQUEST FY14	AGENCY REQUEST FY15	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY14	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY15
1. Administration of elections, ethics, and lobbying laws	53.75	55.75	50.75	53.75	48.75
TOTALS	53.75	55.75	50.75	53.75	48.75

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

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1. Extension of Voter Identification Project Positions

The Governor recommends extending the project positions for implementation of voter identification project under 2011 Wisconsin Act 23 for two additional years.

2. Permanent GPR Reductions

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY14		FY15		FY14		FY15	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	-230,400	-5.00	-230,400	-5.00	-153,100	0.00	-153,100	0.00
TOTAL	-230,400	-5.00	-230,400	-5.00	-153,100	0.00	-153,100	0.00

The Governor recommends reducing funding to create additional efficiencies and balance the budget.

3. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY14		FY15		FY14		FY15	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	307,200	0.00	314,900	0.00	307,200	0.00	314,900	0.00
PR-F	-1,075,900	0.00	-1,411,600	-5.00	-1,075,900	0.00	-1,411,600	-5.00
SEG-F	1,302,100	0.00	1,304,500	0.00	1,302,100	0.00	1,304,500	0.00
PR-O	-36,000	0.00	-35,400	0.00	-36,000	0.00	-35,400	0.00
TOTAL	497,400	0.00	172,400	-5.00	497,400	0.00	172,400	-5.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the board's base budget for: (a) removal of noncontinuing elements from the base (-\$800,000 in FY14 and -\$1,136,000 and -5.0 FTE positions in FY15); (b) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$1,265,800 in each year); (c) reclassifications and semiautomatic pay progression (\$15,400 in FY14 and \$20,300 in FY15); and (d) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$16,200 in FY14 and \$22,300 in FY15).

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ITEMS NOT APPROVED

The following requests are not included in the Governor's budget recommendations for the Government Accountability Board.

Decision Item	Source of Funds	FY14		FY15	
		Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
4. Information Technology Infrastructure Capacity	GPR	316,800	1.00	347,700	1.00
5. Create Permanent GPR Positions for Elections Administration	GPR	290,900	6.00	388,000	6.00
TOTAL OF ITEMS NOT APPROVED	GPR	607,700	7.00	735,700	7.00