

ETHICS BOARD

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY07 Adjusted Base	FY08 Recommended	% Change Over FY07	FY09 Recommended	% Change Over FY08
GPR	286,000	318,300	11.3	318,300	0.0
PR-O	409,500	426,200	4.1	426,200	0.0
TOTAL	695,500	744,500	7.0	744,500	0.0

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY07 Adjusted Base	FY08 Recommended	FTE Change From FY07	FY09 Recommended	FTE Change From FY08
GPR	2.30	2.30	0.00	2.30	0.00
PR-O	3.45	3.45	0.00	3.45	0.00
TOTAL	5.75	5.75	0.00	5.75	0.00

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The board consists of six members who are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The board appoints an executive director to administer the agency. The board advises state officials, lobbyists and their employers, and others on applicable statutory standards of conduct. The board investigates and prosecutes violations of the ethics code and lobbying law; maintains files for public review of the financial interest statements of state officials, candidates and nominees for state public office; compiles and disseminates information regarding the financial interests of all state officials; and compiles and disseminates information about the matters on which businesses and organizations are lobbying, and the time and money that businesses and organizations spend to influence state legislation and administrative rules. The board also provides advice to local units of government about the statutory standards of conduct for local officials.

MISSION

The board's mission is to further Wisconsin's tradition of clean and open government through its administration of Wisconsin's ethics code and lobbying law. The purposes of these laws are to:

- Improve standards of governmental service;
- Strengthen citizens' confidence in the integrity of their state and local governmental officials;
- Help preserve the integrity of the governmental decision making process; and
- Promote a full and fair opportunity for citizens to address governmental officials, either directly or through paid representatives, on the merits of issues.

PROGRAMS, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Program 1: Ethics and Lobbying Regulation

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 and lobbying law and seek appropriate remedies or exoneration as circumstances warrant.

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.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

2005 AND 2006 GOALS AND ACTUALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2005	Actual 2005	Goal 2006	Actual 2006
1.	Officials' and citizens' confidence in the board.	Sufficient funding of investigation costs without resorting to supplemental appropriation ¹	No contracted investigators were used this fiscal year	Sufficient funding of investigation costs without resorting to supplemental appropriation ¹	A biennial investigative appropriation allotted \$32,800 annually to the board for use in investigating possible violations of the statutes it administers. Investigation expenditures for FY06 totaled \$21,973. No need for s. 13.10 request.

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2005	Actual 2005	Goal 2006	Actual 2006
1.	Customer satisfaction in the board obtained through surveys and focus group sessions.	Verbal and written communications indicate lobbying organizations and officials are satisfied with reporting mechanisms	Surveyed lobbying organizations regarding on-line reporting tool. Overall consensus was that it was very easy to use and user friendly.	Verbal and written communications indicate lobbying organizations and officials are satisfied with reporting mechanisms	Comments during seminars and phone conversations are positive towards the board and especially the Web site
1.	Customer usage of Web site (legislators, executive branch officials and Wisconsin citizens).	Web site usage is increasing	Switched to new Web host provider on February 15, 2005. No data available for December and January. 10 months showed 4.6 million hits and 266,043 visits.	Web site usage is increasing	4 million hits 174,360 visits
1.	News coverage of legislative affairs.	Increase in number and depth of publicity, analysis and commentary on information related to lobbying and financial interests of state officials	There were 23 articles in well-known publications related to lobbying and financial interests of state officials	Increase in number and depth of publicity, analysis and commentary on information related to lobbying and financial interests of state officials	There were 25 articles in well-known publications related to lobbying and financial interests of state officials

Note: Based on fiscal year.

¹The goal has been revised.

2007, 2008 AND 2009 GOALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2007	Goal 2008	Goal 2009
1.	Sufficient funding of investigation costs without resorting to supplemental appropriation.	Board avoids potential for partisan political interference in investigations associated with s. 13.10 requests	Board avoids potential for partisan political interference in investigations associated with s. 13.10 requests	Board avoids potential for partisan political interference in investigations associated with s. 13.10 requests
1.	Customer satisfaction.	Oral and written communications indicate lobbying organizations and officials are satisfied with reporting mechanisms	Oral and written communications indicate lobbying organizations and officials are satisfied with reporting mechanisms	Oral and written communications indicate lobbying organizations and officials are satisfied with reporting mechanisms
1.	Customer usage.	Web site usage among legislators, executive branch and citizens remains high	Web site usage among legislators, executive branch and citizens remains high	Web site usage among legislators, executive branch and citizens remains high
1.	Impact.	The number and depth of publicity, analysis and commentary on information related to lobbying and financial interests of state officials remains high	The number and depth of publicity, analysis and commentary on information related to lobbying and financial interests of state officials remains high	The number and depth of publicity, analysis and commentary on information related to lobbying and financial interests of state officials remains high

Note: Based on fiscal year.

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GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Contract Sunshine Web Site
2. Standard Budget Adjustments

ITEMS NOT APPROVED

3. Investigation Costs
4. Information Technology Service and Support

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

	ACTUAL FY06	ADJUSTED BASE FY07	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY08	FY09	FY08	FY09
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$269.3	\$286.0	\$318.3	\$318.3	\$318.3	\$318.3
State Operations	269.3	286.0	318.3	318.3	318.3	318.3
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	436.4	409.5	426.2	426.2	426.2	426.2
State Operations	436.4	409.5	426.2	426.2	426.2	426.2
TOTALS-ANNUAL	705.7	695.5	744.5	744.5	744.5	744.5
State Operations	705.7	695.5	744.5	744.5	744.5	744.5

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

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY07	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY08	FY09	FY08	FY09
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.30
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45
TOTALS-ANNUAL	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75

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

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

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

	ACTUAL FY06	ADJUSTED BASE FY07	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY08	FY09	FY08	FY09
1. Ethics and lobbying regulation	\$705.7	\$695.5	\$744.5	\$744.5	\$744.5	\$744.5
TOTALS	705.7	695.5	744.5	744.5	744.5	744.5

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY07	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY08	FY09	FY08	FY09
1. Ethics and lobbying regulation	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75
TOTALS	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

1. Contract Sunshine Web Site

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY08		FY09		FY08		FY09	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	20,000	0.00	20,000	0.00	20,000	0.00	20,000	0.00
TOTAL	20,000	0.00	20,000	0.00	20,000	0.00	20,000	0.00

The Governor recommends increasing funding for the operation and maintenance of a procurement Web site pursuant to 2005 Wisconsin Act 410.

2. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY08		FY09		FY08		FY09	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	12,300	0.00	12,300	0.00	12,300	0.00	12,300	0.00
PR-O	16,700	0.00	16,700	0.00	16,700	0.00	16,700	0.00
TOTAL	29,000	0.00	29,000	0.00	29,000	0.00	29,000	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the board's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$29,000 in each year).

ITEMS NOT APPROVED

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

Decision Item	Source of Funds	FY08		FY09	
		Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
3. Investigation Costs	GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00
4. Information Technology Service and Support	GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL OF ITEMS NOT APPROVED	GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00