

REGISTRAR OF CONTRACTORS

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Registrar of Contractors' Fund	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Estimate	FY 2000 Approved	FY 2001 Approved
FTE Positions	112.8	112.8	134.8	134.8
Personal Services	3,050,300	3,286,200	4,000,800	4,080,800
Employee Related Expenditures	752,800	813,000	970,900	1,014,700
Professional and Outside Services	62,200	23,400	104,500	27,200 ^{1/}
Travel - In State	194,700	224,400	235,600	235,600
Travel - Out of State	5,400	3,800	11,800	11,800
Other Operating Expenditures	921,400	946,500	1,255,900	1,176,900
Equipment	116,300	83,900	682,200	168,100
Operating Subtotal	5,103,100	5,381,200	7,261,700	6,715,100
Imaging Equipment	0	909,000	0	0
Incentive Pay	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Office of Administrative Hearings Costs	732,700	753,300 ^{2/}	836,500 ^{3/}	852,000 ^{3/}
Total Appropriations	5,895,800	7,103,500	8,158,200^{4/5/}	7,627,100^{5/}

Agency Description — *The agency licenses, regulates and conducts examinations of residential and commercial construction contractors.*

New Staff — The approved FY 2000 amounts include:

- \$417,500 for 6 new inspectors and 3 new typists to assist in reducing the amount of time to process an inspection and to reduce the inspection backlog.
- \$232,400 for 4 new investigators to ensure that unlicensed contractors do not bid on nor receive new jobs.
- \$193,300 for 2 new inspectors, 1 new investigator and 1 new typist to assist in handling the rise in building permits issued in the Mesa area.
- \$88,100 for 1 new technical support specialist and 1 new computer operator to handle increased responsibilities associated with the imaging system.
- \$61,400 for 2 new licensing technicians to assist in handling the increased number of license applications.
- \$34,400 for 1 new legal secretary to replace a full-time temporary position.

The total FY 2000 increase for new staff is \$1,027,100. In FY 2001, this amount is reduced by \$(301,200) due to one-time equipment.

Telecommunications — The approved FY 2000 amount includes \$118,700 to upgrade the Phoenix and Mesa telephone systems, upgrade the telecommunications link between the Phoenix and Mesa offices and purchase cellular phones for the inspectors and investigators. In FY 2001, this amount is reduced by \$(110,600) due to one-time equipment.

Web Site Development — The approved amount includes \$95,000 in FY 2000 to provide current information on the status of contractors on the Web. In FY 2001, this amount is reduced by \$(85,000) due to one-time equipment.

Education and Training — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$40,900 to provide information technology education and training. This amount is continued in FY 2001.

Legal Department Relocation — The approved amount includes \$23,100 in FY 2000 to relocate the Legal Department. In FY 2001, this amount is reduced by \$(5,700) due to one-time expenditures.

^{1/} Includes an adjustment for office of the Attorney General legal services. (See the Salary Adjustment table at the front of this report for more information.)

^{2/} In addition to the amount shown, the Arizona Department of Administration allocated \$11,300 to the Office of Administrative Hearings from the Registrar of Contractors Fund for Classification Maintenance Review adjustments authorized by the FY 1999 General Appropriation Act.

^{3/} It is the intent of the Legislature that monies received by the Office of Administrative Hearings from the Registrar of Contractors be deposited in an Office of Administrative Hearings Fund. It is also the intent of the Legislature that future budget requests from the Registrar of Contractors and the Office of Administrative Hearings each reflect the annual cost of the services provided by the Office of Administrative Hearings for the Registrar of Contractors. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

^{4/} This appropriation is available for use pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. § 35-143.01C and is exempt from the provisions of A.R.S. § 35-190, relating to lapsing of appropriations until June 30, 2001. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

^{5/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.

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Imaging Transmission — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$14,200 to install and maintain imaging data transmission lines connecting the Attorney General, the Office of Administrative Hearings and the Registrar's Tucson office to the Registrar's imaging system. This amount is continued in FY 2001.

Remodel File Room — The approved FY 2000 amount includes one-time funding of \$14,100 to remodel a file room.

Attorney General Services — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$3,600 due to increased Attorney General costs. This amount is continued in FY 2001.

Travel — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$8,000 to attend additional conferences to receive training and remain current with industry standards. This amount is continued in FY 2001.

Equipment — The approved FY 2000 amount includes one-time funding of \$318,600 to purchase a backup optical jukebox for the electronic imaging system, 36 personal computers, 26 laptop computers, 8 printers, 6 copiers and other equipment. The approved FY 2001 amount includes one-time funding of \$164,400 to purchase an additional 35 personal computers, 21 laptop computers and other equipment.

Imaging Equipment — The approved amount includes a reduction of \$(832,500) and an elimination of the Imaging Equipment Special Line Item beginning in FY 2000 to eliminate one-time expenditures associated with the electronic imaging system. The approved FY 2000 amount also includes a one-time transfer of \$76,500 from the Imaging Equipment Special Line Item to the operating budget to maintain and make any repairs to the imaging system.

Incentive Pay — The approved FY 2000 and FY 2001 amounts provide funding for an agencywide incentive pay program.

Office of Administrative Hearings Costs — The approved amounts reflect monies transferred from the Registrar to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for Administrative Law Judges and associated services. The approved FY 2000 amount includes \$68,900 due to an increase in the caseload and an Administrative Law Judge salary increase. The approved FY 2001 amount includes a further increase of \$3,300 due to the increased caseload. It is the intent of the Legislature that future budget requests from the Registrar and OAH each reflect the annual cost of the services provided by OAH for the Registrar (*Please see General Appropriation Act footnote reference.*)