

## GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

### GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY09 Adjusted Base	FY10 Recommended	% Change Over FY09	FY11 Recommended	% Change Over FY10
GPR	2,627,200	2,563,500	-2.4	2,562,700	0.0
PR-O	572,100	551,200	-3.7	551,200	0.0
SEG-F	1,501,400	1,501,400	0.0	1,501,400	0.0
SEG-O	750,100	742,600	-1.0	742,600	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,450,800</b>	<b>5,358,700</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>5,357,900</b>	<b>0.0</b>

### FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY09 Adjusted Base	FY10 Recommended	FTE Change From FY09	FY11 Recommended	FTE Change From FY10
GPR	14.30	14.30	0.00	14.30	0.00
PR-O	3.45	3.45	0.00	3.45	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17.75</b>	<b>17.75</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17.75</b>	<b>0.00</b>

### 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 new agency is unique to the United States.

The director and general counsel serve 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.

### 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 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 in its office: list of reports filed, summary of data reports, information about late campaign activity and detailed campaign finance report information.

Objective/Activity: Enter campaign finance report data on the day of receipt, and prepare and post reports on Web site within 24 hours of receipt.

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

### 2007 AND 2008 GOALS AND ACTUALS

Note: Performance measures and goals are the former Elections Board and Ethics Board measures and goals.

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2007	Actual 2007	Goal 2008	Actual 2008
1.	Number of staff-initiated contacts to correct errors or obtain missing information from canvass reports.	175	190	35	30
1.	Number of contacts relating to requests for campaign finance information by Web site hits to campaign finance section.	40,000	62,964	20,000	37,049

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2007	Actual 2007	Goal 2008	Actual 2008
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	Goal Achieved	Board avoids potential for partisan political interference in investigations associated with s. 13.10 requests	Goal Achieved
1.	Customer satisfaction.	Oral 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	Oral 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.	Web site usage among legislators, executive branch and citizens remains high	5.25 million hits	Web site usage among legislators, executive branch and citizens remains high	4.2 million hits
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 data is incomplete but the trends remain similar to previous years	The number and depth of publicity, analysis and commentary on information related to lobbying and financial interests of state officials remains high	The data is incomplete but the trends remain similar to previous years

Note: Based on fiscal year.

## 2009, 2010 AND 2011 GOALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2009	Goal 2010	Goal 2011
1.	Monitor the number of contacts the public makes. <sup>1</sup>	5,000	8,000	10,000
1.	Monitor public satisfaction through media coverage (news articles and editorial pages). <sup>1</sup>	100	200	300
1.	Consult with local elections partners to determine voter satisfaction with Wisconsin's electoral processes. <sup>1</sup>	4	4	4
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. <sup>1</sup>	75	100	200
1.	Number of contacts relating to requests for campaign finance information by Web site hits to campaign finance section.	25,000	40,000	70,000
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
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.

<sup>1</sup>The performance measurements for the goal to ensure open, fair and transparent elections by cultivating public confidence in the integrity of the electoral process have been changed. The first year of the biennium (FY09) will be used to gather comprehensive baseline data-sets on which more accurate and definitive measurements for FY10 and FY11 will be determined.

## **GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD**

### **GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Across-the-Board 1 Percent Reductions
2. Additional GPR Reductions
3. Change the Scope of the Election-Related Cost Reimbursement Program
4. New Federal Aid Appropriation
5. Standard Budget Adjustments

#### **ITEMS NOT APPROVED**

6. Budget and Policy Analyst Position
7. Increase LTE Funding for Peak Period Data Entry

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

	ACTUAL FY08	ADJUSTED BASE FY09	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY10	FY11	FY10	FY11
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$2,677.6	\$2,627.2	\$2,808.8	\$2,908.2	\$2,563.5	\$2,562.7
State Operations	2,633.2	2,467.2	2,648.8	2,748.2	2,403.5	2,402.7
Local Assistance	44.4	160.0	160.0	160.0	160.0	160.0
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	2,630.6	1,501.4	1,501.4	1,501.4	1,501.4	1,501.4
State Operations	2,630.6	1,501.4	1,501.4	1,501.4	1,501.4	1,501.4
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	422.5	572.1	557.0	557.0	551.2	551.2
State Operations	422.5	572.1	557.0	557.0	551.2	551.2
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)		750.1	750.1	750.1	742.6	742.6
State Operations		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Aids to Ind. & Org.		750.0	750.0	750.0	742.5	742.5
TOTALS-ANNUAL	5,730.7	5,450.8	5,617.3	5,716.7	5,358.7	5,357.9
State Operations	5,686.3	4,540.8	4,707.3	4,806.7	4,456.2	4,455.4
Local Assistance	44.4	160.0	160.0	160.0	160.0	160.0
Aids to Ind. & Org.		750.0	750.0	750.0	742.5	742.5

(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 FY09	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY10	FY11	FY10	FY11
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	14.30	15.30	15.30	14.30	14.30
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45
TOTALS-ANNUAL	17.75	18.75	18.75	17.75	17.75

(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 FY08	ADJUSTED BASE FY09	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY10	FY11	FY10	FY11
1. Administration of elections, ethics, and lobbying laws	\$5,730.7	\$5,450.8	\$5,617.3	\$5,716.7	\$5,358.7	\$5,357.9
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5,730.7</b>	<b>5,450.8</b>	<b>5,617.3</b>	<b>5,716.7</b>	<b>5,358.7</b>	<b>5,357.9</b>

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY09	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY10	FY11	FY10	FY11
1. Administration of elections, ethics, and lobbying laws	17.75	18.75	18.75	17.75	17.75
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17.75</b>	<b>18.75</b>	<b>18.75</b>	<b>17.75</b>	<b>17.75</b>

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

**1. Across-the-Board 1 Percent Reductions**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY10		FY11		FY10		FY11	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	-24,300	0.00	-24,300	0.00
PR-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	-5,800	0.00	-5,800	0.00
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	-7,500	0.00	-7,500	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	-37,600	0.00	-37,600	0.00

The Governor recommends reducing most nonfederal appropriations by 1 percent to create additional efficiencies and balance the budget.

**2. Additional GPR Reductions**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY10		FY11		FY10		FY11	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	-121,700	0.00	-121,700	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	-121,700	0.00	-121,700	0.00

The Governor recommends reducing funding by the amounts shown to balance the budget. The Governor also recommends providing the secretary of the Department of Administration the authority to allocate funds that may be received from federal economic recovery legislation that are intended to stabilize state budgets, as prescribed in that legislation, to offset reductions to agencies.

**3. Change the Scope of the Election-Related Cost Reimbursement Program**

The Governor recommends expanding the scope of the appropriation which currently funds the election-related cost reimbursement program by converting it from sum-sufficient to biennial and by allowing the board to provide state operations assistance to municipalities during peak election times.

**4. New Federal Aid Appropriation**

The Governor recommends creating a federal aid appropriation to receive federal funds, other than Help America Vote Act, that the board may receive.

**5. Standard Budget Adjustments**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY10		FY11		FY10		FY11	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	82,300	0.00	81,500	0.00	82,300	0.00	81,500	0.00
PR-O	-15,100	0.00	-15,100	0.00	-15,100	0.00	-15,100	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>67,200</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>66,400</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>67,200</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>66,400</b>	<b>0.00</b>

The Governor recommends adjusting the board's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing salaries and fringe benefits (\$55,200 in each year); and (b) reclassifications and semiautomatic pay progression (\$12,000 in FY10 and \$11,200 in FY12).

**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	FY10		FY11	
		Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
6. Budget and Policy Analyst Position	GPR	45,000	1.00	52,200	1.00
7. Increase LTE Funding for Peak Period Data Entry	GPR	54,300	0.00	147,300	0.00
<b>TOTAL OF ITEMS NOT APPROVED</b>	<b>GPR</b>	<b>99,300</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>199,500</b>	<b>1.00</b>

