

LAND DEPARTMENT (0061)
FISCAL YEAR 2011

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

Mission

The Commissioner of State Lands is 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 as well as sand and gravel permits on navigable waterways 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 Appropriation

The total appropriation for fiscal year 2011 \$26,335,399.

Funding Source

The Operations appropriation is funded with 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. Less than one percent of the funding for the office originates from proceeds of leasing mineral interests on state owned lands and sand and gravel permits on navigable waterways.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OVER FY2010

None

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total positions FY 2011: 45

Total positions FY 2010: 45

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

None