

RICE RESEARCH AND PROMOTION BOARD (326)
FISCAL YEAR 2014 & 2015 - EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Rice Research and Promotion Board was created by Act 725 of 1985. The Board is responsible to plan and conduct a program of research, extension, promotion and market development to foster the growth and development of the rice industry in Arkansas. The Board is composed of nine producer members appointed by the Governor.

TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET

The total budget is \$6,980,696 each fiscal year of the biennium.

FUNDING SOURCE

The Board is funded entirely by special revenues collected from an assessment of 1.35 cents per bushel paid by both the rice producer and the first point of sale buyer in Arkansas.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

- The **Operations** appropriation, funded by Special Revenues, provides Base Level of \$6,980,696 each year with no Change Levels for a total appropriation of \$6,980,696 each fiscal year of the biennium.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Nine-member Board appointed by the Governor with no authorized regular salary positions.

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

NONE.