



Proposed Amendments of Regulations Relating to:

Code of Conduct

General Provisions relating to the Practice of Land Surveying

Land Boundary Surveys

Construction Surveys

Miscellaneous Provisions relating to the Practice of Land Surveying

Small Business Impact Statement

Small Business Impact Statement for proposed repeals and amendments to regulations relating to:

Code of Conduct – NAC 625.545

General Provisions relating to the Practice of Land Surveying – NAC 625.655; NAC 625.666

Land Boundary Surveys – NAC 625.670; NAC 625.680; NAC 625.700; NAC 625.710; NAC 625.720; NAC 625.740

Construction Surveys – NAC 625.760; NAC 625.770; NAC 625.775; NAC 625.780

Miscellaneous Provisions relating to the Practice of Land Surveying – NAC 625.790

Overview

The State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors has determined that the proposed repeals and amendments will have no negative financial impact on a small business. The proposed regulations have no negative impact on the formation, operation, or expansion of a small business in Nevada.

A small business is defined in Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 233B as a “business conducted for profit which employs fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees.”

This small business impact statement was created pursuant to NRS 233B.0608(3) and complies with the requirements of NRS 233B.0609. As required by NRS 233B.0608(3), this statement identifies the methods used by the agency in determining the impact of the proposed regulations on a small business and provides the reasons for the conclusions of the agency followed by certification by the agency’s responsible person.

Manner in which comments were solicited, response summary, and explanation of how interested parties may obtain a copy of summary

Referencing the requirements of NRS 233B.0608, the Nevada Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors requested input via a survey link sent to all Nevada licensed engineers and land surveyors, and those signed up to receive news and information from the board. The emailed survey link was sent to 19,200 individuals, with an open rate of 51.3%, and 110 completed survey responses.

The survey asked for input on adverse/beneficial economic effects on small businesses, and indirect adverse/beneficial effects – with space to elaborate on responses.

A summary of the survey results is available for viewing on the Nevada Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors website (see link below) and are included as an attachment.

<https://nvbpels.org/business-impact-survey-october-2023/>

Manner in which the analysis was conducted

Survey results were initially reviewed for general comments to gauge if the intent of the proposed regulation changes was adequately conveyed.

Survey analysis then focused on “YES” responses relating the direct and indirect adverse economic effects, and the associated comments and explanations to determine the individual concerns. The same was done with survey results for the direct and indirect beneficial impacts.

1. Estimated economic effects of the proposed regulation on small businesses

Based on the survey results it was determined there are no adverse economic impacts related to the proposed regulation changes.

2. Considerations were made to reduce impact of proposed regulation

No specific adverse economic impacts were identified that warranted additional consideration.

3. Cost estimate for agency enforcement

At this time there would be no additional cost to the regulatory board to enforce the proposed changes. Any issues relating to compliance would be absorbed into the existing workload of the current staffing levels.

4. New fees or increases in existing fees

The proposed amendments do not involve an increase to existing fees or create any new fees.

5. Are any duplicative or more stringent provisions involved

There are no federal regulations associated with professional engineers and land surveyors. However, every state and US territory regulates the professions of engineering and land surveying.

6. Summary of conclusions

The Small Business Impact survey that was sent to 19,200 individuals, with an open rate of 51.3%, resulted in 110 completed survey responses. Although some survey respondents indicated anticipated adverse impacts (13% direct adverse impacts and 20% indirect adverse impacts). In reviewing those comments, there are no specific adverse effects or economic impacts identified.

In consideration of all the survey responses collected, NVBPELS concludes that the proposed regulation changes relating to Code of Conduct, General Provisions relating to the Practice of Land Surveying, Land Boundary Surveys, Construction Surveys, and Miscellaneous Provisions relating to the Practice of Land Surveying will have no adverse impacts on small businesses.

Certification by Person Responsible for the Agency

I, Patty Mamola, Executive Director of the Nevada Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors certify to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed amendments to regulation on small business, and the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.



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