

# Good Ethics is Good Business

## Ethics Office Overview and Biennial Budget Presentations (Fiscal Years 2011/12 and 2012/13)

Audit and Ethics Committee  
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# Ethics Resource Center's 2007 National Government Ethics Survey® An Inside View of Public Sector Ethics

- Six out of ten government employees observed at least one form of misconduct in the past year.
- One in four government employees said they work in an environment conducive to misconduct.

# Ethics Resource Center Report on Government - Good News

When a well-implemented ethics and compliance program and a strong ethical culture are in place, observations of misconduct are cut in half, and reporting rises by 40%.

# SB 60 (1999) Required:

- Establishment of an Ethics Office with professional staff
- Ethics Office independence/reporting
- Ethics education for Directors and staff
- Creation of ethics rules, regulations, and policies
- Procedure for enforcement and schedule of penalties
- Procedure protecting confidentiality and protection of whistleblowers

# Components of a Comprehensive Ethics and Compliance Program

## Code of Conduct

- Administrative Code
- Ethics Manuals
- Operating Policies

## Hotline

- Est. in 2003 - Guarantees Whistleblower Anonymity

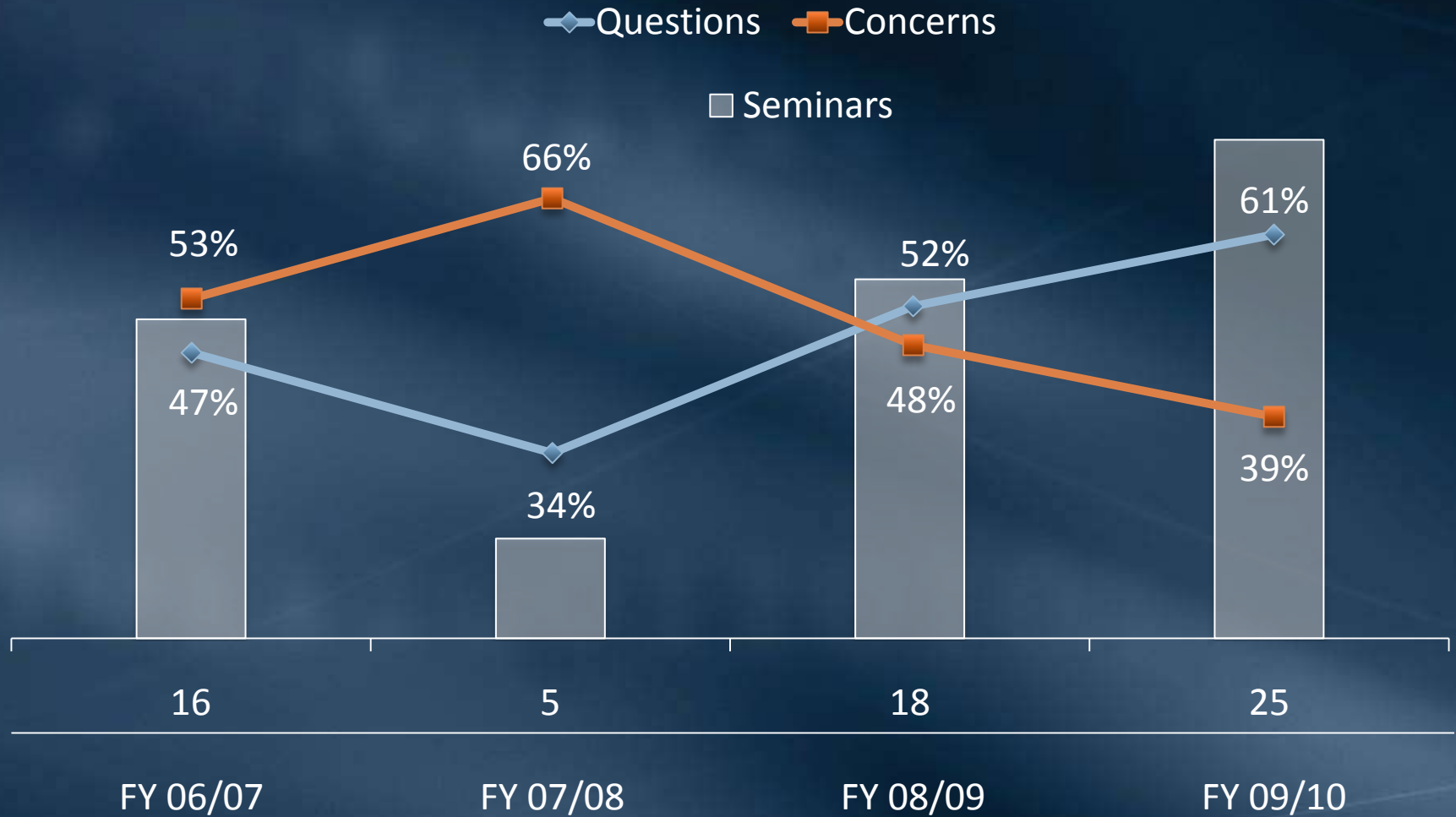
## Discipline for Violators

- Administrative Code Sec. 7140, Violations of Ethics Provisions

## Evaluation and Advice

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# Correlation of Seminars with Evaluation and Advice



# Core Priorities

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## Enforcement

- State Ethics Laws
- Administrative Code
- Employee Ethics Policy

## Education

- Seminars and Workshops
- Informal Advice
- Online Initiatives

## Enhancement

- Policy Review and Revision
- Visibility and Accessibility

# Ethics Office Personnel

## Ethics Officer

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- Multi-platform training program for Board of Directors
- Policy review and revisions
- Investigation of matters
- Review of contractual conflicts of interest
- Finalize reports and educational materials
- Board, officer, and employee consultation
- Manage office



# Ethics Office Personnel

## Ethics Educator

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- Education Program
  - Conduct seminars, orientation and manager training
  - Develop online training modules
  - Maintain ethics websites: Board, Intramet, informational
  - Write educational materials
- Point of Contact
  - Day-to-day point of contact for employees/managers
  - Maintain collaborative relationships with local and national peer agencies

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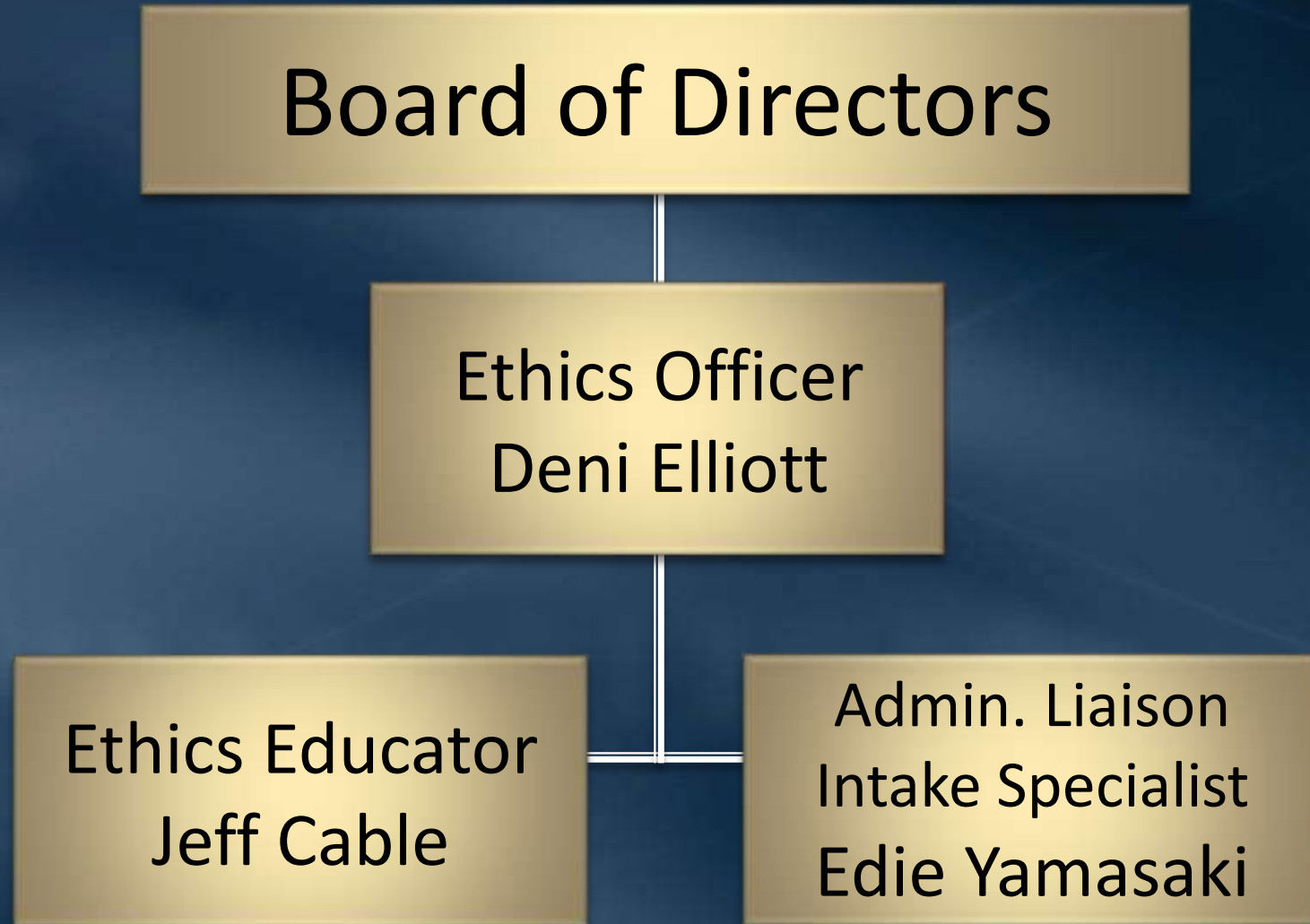
## Admin. Liaison / Intake Specialist

- Records Management
  - Refine and maintain secure logging and tracking system
  - Conduct data collection for investigations
  - Draft required reports and maintain mandated records
- Administrative Oversight
  - Draft budget, track and coordinate expenses, purchases and payments
- Contract Management
  - Draft and manage contracts and amendments
  - Ensure compliance with contractual requirements

# Biennial Budget F/Y 2011/12 and 2012/13 Ethics Office

# Ethics Office Organization

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# Actions to Manage Costs

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## Reduced Labor and Line Items

- Labor
- Communication
- Travel, training, equipment, reference books, graphics/reprographics
- Professional services

# O&M Budget Trend

Expense Type	2009/10	2010/11	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
	Actual	Budget	Projected	Budget	Proposed
Labor	591,991	571,428	630,819	636,474	645,254
<b>Amended</b>				<b>533,174</b>	<b>540,054</b>
Education / Enhance...	7,247	15,650	14,965	14,000	14,000
<b>Amended</b>					<b>12,000</b>
Enforcement / Prof. Ser	12,165	30,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
<b>Amended</b>					<b>15,000</b>
Administration	5,000	7,100	7,550	6,600	6,600
Total	616,403	624,178	673,334	677,074	685,854
<b>Amended Request</b>				<b>573,774</b>	<b>573,654</b>

# SUMMARY

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2011/12 and 2012/13 budget

Reduced by more than \$100,000  (15%)

Amended biennial budget request:

Fiscal Year 2011/12 - 573,774

Fiscal Year 2012/13 - 573,654

