

Extended Employment Sheltered Workshop Program

August 10, 2016

Budget:

The FY-17 appropriation for the EESW program is \$26,041,961 less (-) \$758,504 (3%) Withhold and \$758,504 Governor’s Expenditure Restrictions leaving \$24,524,953 available. The August 4th, 2016 payment was \$1,835,950. The current year-to-date payments total **\$3,692,048** leaving a remaining balance of **\$20,832,905**. Based on the current level of expenditures, it is projected that the program may be fully funded. Please note: weather and other conditions affecting future attendance have not been calculated in this projection.

DESE-EESW:

FY-17 year-to-date and current month (August 2016) program data is as follows:

	#Emp.	FTE	Hrs. Wkd	Wages Pd	Av Wage	Wait TBH
YTD	6,535	4,636	1,276,764	\$4,709,923	\$3.68	1,793
Cur. Per.	6,528	4,831	598,207	\$2,348,809	\$3.93	* 1,776

**The waiting list decreased due to WIOA requirements that effect those who are less than 25 years of age.*

DOL-WH/OSHA:

The Department of Labor published Field Assistance Bulletin No. 2016-2 and Fact Sheet #39H which provide guidance on WIOA and the subminimum wage. Ms. Helen M. Applewhite Branch Chief over 14c wrote a letter to all Certificate holders notifying them of compliance expectations and where to find the guidance.

OSHA visits picked up mainly in the northwest portion of the state. The primary focus remains on recycling operations. Safety remains one of the top areas of focus in Workshops operations. Several new OSHA regulations took effect in August of 2016 related to reporting requirements and areas of “focus”.

Training:

- SWIM and DESE are continuing a cooperative series of regional Safety Training seminars through summer/fall of 2016.
- DESE and MO-VR are working on compliance modules to match WIOA sections and responsibilities. We will soon create a working group to include a cross section of managers. (October 2016).
- An invitation was extended to WH-DOL to provide training on the new FLSA salary rule and their portion of WIOA compliance procedures (October 2016).

Other:

The notice of application is posted for the vacant Regional Field Technician. The remaining Field Audits are assigned with 5 being held to training purposes.

The EESW’s with contracts for the MODOT Rest Areas received good news. MODOT on August 3rd awarded the 3 year contract to the two corporations that indicated they look at the workshop as partners in fulfilling the bid requirements.