

**DESE Report for the
Extended Employment Sheltered Workshop Program
January 27, 2015**

Budget:

The FY-2015 available appropriation, inclusive of the Governor's 3% withhold and \$500,000 unreleased fund, is \$24,039,953. As of the January 6, 2015 payment the average monthly expenditure is \$2,101,193. If this average rate of expenditure is maintained for the remainder of the fiscal year, there is a projected shortfall of 12 days. HB 2002 (2014) Section 2.205, requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to submit a report to the House Budget Committee Chairperson and the Senate Appropriations Chairperson by February 1, 2015 stating the funding level required to fully fund the payments to the Sheltered Workshops as required in Chapter 178.930 RSMo. The Bill also requires a plan to ensure that the payments to the workshops are provided without interruption. This will be done in a timely manner.

Currently there are 6,852 certified workers in the workshops (- 8 from previous report), Current FTE (30 hours per workweek) 5,196 (- 90), average hourly is \$3.52 (- \$0.21), and the total number of hours worked YTD is 4,783,202.

DESE-EESW:

All data for the FY-14 Extended Employment Sheltered Workshop (EESW) program is in and, once the data is verified, a program report will be produced and published.

DESE and VR have begun meetings for coordinating efforts to meet WIOA requirements. MASWM representatives have been invited to participate in the process whenever Section 511 will be addressed.

The EESW section will soon begin converting various types of training programs to electronic formats that will be able to be accessed via the DESE-EESW website starting with Manager Training, Safety Training, and other compliance driven trainings.

DOL-WH/OSHA:

Section 14c reviews and audits continue to be a focus of the St. Louis Regional DOL office. We are working with the district office to explore ways we can provide assistance to workshops in order to remain in compliance with Commensurate Wage requirements.

OSHA continues to keep its focus on electrical safety and compactor process compliance as well as conducting safety policy and training recordkeeping reviews. If a workshop has been visited within the last two years, it can expect to be revisited within a two year cycle. Annual staff and employee safety training is a must; don't fall behind.

Other:

DESE will attend and participate in the Employment Futures Roundtable forum on February 4th in Columbia.