

**DESE Report for the  
Sheltered Workshop Program  
April 3, 2013**

**Budget:**

Current available funds for the Sheltered Workshop Program in FY-13 are \$24,039,953 (inclusive of the withholding) of which \$18,911,992 has been paid through the first nine months. The FY-13 balance remaining is \$5,127,961. With the average monthly expenditure is \$2,101,332, the projected shortfall is 11.2 workdays or just a little over two weeks. This projection does not take into account potential closures due to severe weather conditions and other events that may affect attendance.

The current average number of Certified Workers in the DESE system is 6,924 (- 18 from previous report), the current FTE is 5,624 (- 54 from previous report), and the number of “Waiting to be Hired” is 1,403 (+ 18 from previous report).

**DESE-EESW:**

The Department has begun the process of reviewing the Workshop Program regulations. The Department has invited MASWM representatives and Governor’s Council on Disabilities members to give input to the process. The next work session is scheduled for mid-May. A summary of the process will be presented at the Association meeting.

Department staff will present at the April 24, 2013 “Manager Training” seminar held in Jefferson City. We especially encourage “new” managers to participate but all managers wishing a refresher can attend or send selected staff to the training. Notice, agenda, and registration forms have been emailed; complete and return registration forms as soon as possible so that we can arrange for an appropriate room for accommodations and have training materials available for all participants.

**US-DOL—WH/OSHA:**

The Wage and Hour Division is in the process of conducting audits of **Section 14,c** certificate holders throughout Missouri; there is no apparent pattern but, if you have not been visited in the past three years or longer, you should be prepared for a “visit”. Expect a close review of Prevailing Wage Surveys, Industrial Standards (time studies), piece rates, hourly worker evaluations, and “rounding up” issues.

The OSHA Division has been inspecting workshops for safety compliance. Two teams are conducting inspections; one is doing walkthrough inspections concentrating particularly on electrical safety and other safety practices and conditions while the other team is conducting reviews of mandated records, inspections and corrective actions, and training documents.

**Other:**

Workshops should stay up with issues that may impact the program in either a positive or negative manner such as proposed legislation for a state “Set Aside Jobs Program” or the proposed legislation to eliminate the **Section 14,c** provisions on Commensurate Wages.