

**DESE Report for the  
Extended Employment Sheltered Workshop Program  
April 8, 2015**

**Budget:**

Total available FY-15 budget fund is \$24,539,953. As of the April 8, 2015 payment the average monthly expenditure is \$2,072,827; at this rate of monthly expenditure the projected shortfall is for 5.5 days. As compared to the January 2015, the current program data is as follows: 6,729 Certified Workers (-123); 5,433 FTE's (+237); \$3.25 Average Hourly Wage (- \$0.27); 6,498,123 Total Hours Worked (+ 1,714,921).

**DESE-EESW:**

All data for the FY-14 Extended Employment Sheltered Workshop (EESW) program is in and verified. A program report is in process of being 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. We will “test” various components in the field before submitting them for DESE approval to be posted on the website.

**DOL-WH/OSHA:**

Section 14c reviews and audits continue to be a focus of the St. Louis Regional DOL office and we have seen increased activity from out of the Kansas City office. We are working with the district offices to explore ways we can provide assistance to workshops in order to remain in compliance with Commensurate Wage requirements. The main focus of scrutiny revolves around Task Analysis, Worker Evaluations, and “disabled for the work” issues.

OSHA continues to keep its focus on electrical safety and compactor process compliance as well as conducting safety policy and training recordkeeping reviews of recycling operations. 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.

**Training:**

DESE staff will provide New Manager Training on May 7, 2015. Managers that have recently joined the program or who have not attended one of these sessions will be invited and encouraged to attend. All “experienced” managers and key staff are also welcomed to attend for a “refresher”. Announcement will be made this week; register early since space is limited.

**Other:**

DESE will attend and participate in the Employment Futures Roundtable forum on April 15th in Columbia.