

**DESE Report for the
Extended Employment Sheltered Workshop Program
July 14, 2015**

Budget:

Total FY-16 budget is \$25,283,457 less \$758,504 Governor's Withhold leaving \$24, 524,953 available. As of the July 6, 2015 payment the average monthly expenditure is \$2,115,710; at this rate of monthly expenditure the projected shortfall is for 3.7 days. As compared to April 2015, the current program data is as follows: 6,708 Certified Workers (-36); 5,162 FTE's (- 271); \$3.18 Average Hourly Wage (- \$0.07); 686,307 Total Hours Worked.

DESE-EESW:

All data for the FY-14 Extended Employment Sheltered Workshop (EESW) program is in and verified. The report is published and available for viewing on the DESE website.

DESE and VR are continuing meetings for coordinating efforts to meet WIOA requirements. MASWM representatives have been invited to participate in the process. The meeting relating to Section 511 will be on August 3, 2015

The EESW section personnel is in the process of converting various types of training programs to electronic formats that will be able to be accessed via the DESE-EESW website. Most Power Point presentations are completed and many of the scripts have been written; we are planning to complete this phase by the end of September. "Test" of various components in the field is planned, production is to begin in October, and submitted to the Department for approval prior to posting in December.

DOL-WH/OSHA:

The DOL focus continues for Section 14c compliance. A meeting took place with the St. Louis regional office regarding assurance of compliance process and practices of respective agencies. 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. DOL guidance on their portion of WIOA was also discussed.

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:

A request for regional Safety Training in Region IX has been made and training will be provided on July 22, 2016. No other training requests have been made to the Department.

Other:

DESE staff will be conducting 45 Field Audits between now and October 15.