

**DESE Report for the
Sheltered Workshop Program
July 18, 2013**

Budget:

The appropriation for FY-14 is \$24,783,457. A 3% Governor's Withhold in the amount of \$743,504 was placed on the appropriation leaving an available balance of \$24,039,953 for the year. The first state aid request for FY-14 (July payment for June data) was \$2,043,196. It is too early to make a projection as to whether there is sufficient funding for the balance of the year until a reliable average of expenditures is established.

Based on this first request data, the current average number of Certified Workers in the DESE system is 7,065 (+ 141 from the previous report—April 2013), the current FTE is 5,377 (- 247 from the previous report), and the "Waiting to be Hired" is 1,451 (+ 48 from the previous report).

DESE-EESW:

The administrative rule review process continues. Input was sought by representatives of the Governor's Council on Disabilities, MASWM representatives, and DESE staff. A draft of the suggested changes has been completed. The request for changes to the Department's administrative rules will be presented to the State Board of Education for their approval at their August 2013 meeting. Upon their approval, the proposed changes will be posted for public comment in the Missouri Register.

US-DOL—WH/OSHA:

The Wage and Hour Division of DOL is still active in conducting audits of Commensurate Wage certificate holders. It appears that their areas of concentration are Prevailing Wage Surveys, Industrial Standards, Worker Evaluations, and pay records.

The OSHA Division of DOL is also active in conducting safety compliance inspections. It appears that their areas of concentration are Electrical Safety, Machine Guarding, tripping hazards, and a review of Safety Training records.

Training Opportunity:

There is an opportunity to have DOL training by DOL Section 14,c compliance staff at the October meeting. There is the potential for the same opportunity from OSHA compliance staff. Should the MASWM Board and Membership desire, we can make the arrangement for this collaborative effort.

Other:

It is recommended that workshop Managers stay informed of all socio-political trends regarding the Sheltered Workshop program and join together to gather data, develop strategies, and implement best practices.

