

**DESE Report for the
Extended Employment Sheltered Workshop Program
October 5, 2015**

Budget:

Total FY-16 budget is \$25,283,457 less \$758,504 Governor's Withhold leaving \$24, 524,953 available. As of the September 3, 2015 payment the average monthly expenditure is \$2,091, 569; at this rate of monthly expenditure the projected shortfall is for 6.3 days. The current program data is as follows: 6,679 Certified Workers (-29); 5,127 FTE's (+ 65); \$3.23 Average Hourly Wage (+ \$0.06); 669,497 Total Hours Worked. An update of this report will be presented as soon as the October data is collected and verified.

DESE-EESW:

DESE and VR are continuing meetings for coordinating efforts to meet WIOA requirements. A meeting relating to Section 511 took place on August 3, 2015 and the next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2015.

DESE has submitted a budget request to the Office of Administration (Governor's Office) for a \$758,504 supplemental request for FY-16 (current year) and a \$758,504 increase to the "core" request for FY-17.

A document detailing procedures for Field Audits and issuance of Certificates of Authority will be presented and distributed to all workshops.

DOL-WH/OSHA:

The DOL focus continues to be on 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 Prevailing Wage Surveys, 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:

OSHA requires a Skid-Steer Operator Training certificate for all skid-steer operators. DESE does have a certified instructor and we can provide this training on a regional basis rather than on an individual basis. Contact the EESW office for details on the training/certification opportunity for skid-steer operators.

Other:

DESE has been invited to participate at the ARC Summit on "Employment: the Changing Landscape" on October 28 in Columbia.

