

**DESE Report for the
Sheltered Workshop Program
October 7, 2013**

Budget:

The FY-14 appropriation for the Extended Employment Sheltered Workshop Program is \$24,039,953 which is inclusive of the 3% Reserve Withhold. The October 2013 state aid request (for September attendance data) is \$2,095,346. The average monthly request for this current fiscal year is \$2,146,306. The remaining appropriation balance after the October payment is \$15,454,727. At the current rate of expenditures, there is a projected shortfall in funding of 16 days or three weeks.

Based on the first quarter data, the average number of Certified Workers in the DESE system is 7,047 (- 18 from the previous report), the current FTE is 5,348 (- 29 from the previous report), and the "Waiting to be Hired" is 1,499 (+ 48 from the previous report). The average hourly wage is \$2.94 for a total 697,927 of hours worked in September.

DESE-EESW:

The administrative rule review process continues. The State Board of Education approved the proposed changes and they were sent to the Secretary of State for posting on the State Register for public comment. The posting for public comment has been published on October 1, 2013. The public will have 30 days to make comments and recommendations to the administrative rules during this period.

US-DOL—WH/OSHA:

It is expected that on or about October 15, 2013 the state of Missouri will announce an increase of the state minimum wage to reflect an increase of the state's Consumer Price Index (CPI). If this occurs, it will trigger the US-DOL requirement for a Prevailing Wage Survey to be conducted in the month of February 2014. If an increase in the prevailing wages is indicated in your area, any increase will have to be paid the workers retroactive to January 1, 2014.

It appears that the number of OSHA visits to workshops has decreased. Of those that have been recently visited, machine (balers and presses) safety, electrical, slip/trip hazards, and safety training records are the areas that they are scrutinizing.

Training:

We have received several requests to provide safety training, especially forklift "train-the-trainer". DESE has qualified staff to provide training but we do not have the budget or time to conduct such training for individual shops. We will provide such training but need the managers' help in doing so. We prefer to conduct the training on a group/regional basis as long as a Workshop manager organizes a group of workshops from the surrounding area that has similar training needs.

The recent "shutdown" of the Federal Government may cause the cancellation of the DOL-WH training at the Association conference. If reauthorization is resolved prior to the scheduled training date, the training will be held as scheduled.