

2009 State Damage Prevention Program Grants Progress Report
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Award Number: *DTPH56 – 09 –G-PHPS09*

Project Title: *Dig Safely New York State Damage Prevention*

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Specific Objective(s) of the Agreement

Under this grant award, Dig Safely New York will implement a pilot program to measure the effects tolerance zone markings have in reducing damages caused by unsafe digging in the tolerance zone.

Workscope

Under the terms of this agreement, the Grantee will address the following elements listed in 49 USC §60134 through the actions it has specified in its Application.

- ⌚ *Element (8):* A process for fostering and promoting the use, by all appropriate stakeholders, of improving technologies that may enhance communications, underground pipeline locating capability, and gathering and analyzing information about the accuracy and effectiveness of locating programs.

Accomplishments for this period (Item 1 under Section 9.01 Progress Report: “A comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives established for the period.”)

To date the tolerance zone project is underway and under budget. Tolerance zone markers have been placed at approximately 15,000 locations in association with gas facility markings for the NYSEG and RG&E service territories. The Project has met some delay as distribution was postponed until July 1, 2009 however the pilot program should easily conclude by the end of October with approximately 60,000 tolerance zone markings being performed. The original proposal called for completion by the end of August however the delay and call volume have push that back until the end of October. All supplies have been purchased, Markers and Flags have been distributed to locators and Educational resources have been distributed in the area.

Quantifiable Metrics/Measures of Effectiveness (Item 2 under Section 9.01 Project Report: “Where the output of the project can be quantified, a computation of the cost per unit of output.”)

Other than installation numbers, (15,000) metrics for damages will not be available until the end of the pilot which is scheduled for October 31 or as soon as 60,000 markings have been completed.

Issues, Problems or Challenges (Item 3 under Section 9.01 Project Report: “The reasons for slippage if established objectives were not met. “)

The delay in this project is a direct result in delays getting the adhesive pavement markers printed. The material was not immediately available from the paper mill that carried the weather resistant material necessary for the pavement application.

Mid-term Financial Status Report

[Per the instructions in Section 9.03 of your agreement (included below), the financial status report should go to the Agreement Administrator (AA). For this section of the progress report, simply state “The mid-term financial report has been sent as a separate attachment to the AA.”. However, if there are any issues with the Financial Status Report or additional explanation is needed, please provide that information here. If there are any delays for whatever reasons, these should be communicated to the AA and AOTR in advance.

From Section 9.03 of your agreement: “During the performance of the grant, the Grantee must submit a mid-term Financial Status Report, Standard Form 269 (SF-269), to report the status of funds. In addition to SF-269, the Grantee should provide the break down of costs for each object class category (Personnel, Fringe Benefits, Travel, Equipment, Supplies, Contractual, Other, and Indirect Charges). This report must be submitted to the AA in electronic form via e-mail no later than [refer to your agreement for date.]”

Plans for next period (remainder of grant)

The remainder of the grant period calls for the placement of the remaining 45,000 tolerance zone markers. 45,000 locations should conclude by the end of October, at which time the damage results will be collected and compared to the previous year’s data.

Requests of the AOTR and/or PHMSA

Seeking verification of tolerance zone markers concluding at the end October instead of August? This will not effect any of the labor numbers or costs of the project.