

2011 State Damage Prevention Program Grants Progress Report
Funding Opportunity Number: DTPH56-11-SN-0001
CFDA Number: 20.720

Award Number: DTPH56-11-SN-0001

Project Title: Mississippi Public Service Commission State Damage Prevention

Date Submitted: September 27, 2011

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Specific Objective(s) of the Agreement

Laws and regulations of the damage prevention process

Workscope

Element (7): Enforcement of State damage prevention laws and regulations for all aspects of the damage prevention process, including public education and the use of civil penalties for violation as assessable by the appropriate State authority.

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

The objective of this project is to develop and implement a plan to achieve consensus regarding support of a comprehensive enforcement plan. During this period the Mississippi Damage Prevention Council (MDPC) made of up 16 active stakeholder groups has worked together with Roger Cox with ACTS, to create the draft proposal for fair and effective enforcement to be introduced in the upcoming legislative session. Mr. Cox continues to work through the MDPC to identify opposition so as to gain support in advance of the legislative session. Significant progress has been made in this effort. The completed draft proposal is expected to be made available to all stakeholders across the state by October 15.

Additionally, ACTS is working on a 10 to 12 minute DVD promoting effective enforcement within the state. The focus of the DVD is to reach elected officials (mayors & county officials), businessmen and others who will be able to help influence the legislative process. The script is developed and the DVD will be distributed throughout the state in a variety of face to face meetings and will also be available online via the MDPC website.

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

The unit cost cannot be measured until the project is completed and implemented.

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

There are no issues, problems or challenges to report. The project will be completed on schedule.

Mid-term Financial Status Report

The mid-term financial report has been sent as a separate attachment to the AA.

Plans for Next Period (Remainder of Grant)

ACTS will continue to work with and through the MDPC to secure consensus for fair and effective enforcement.

Our plans include working with other organizations and their legislative committees to find common ground to build the foundation for a safer Mississippi.

Working with other stake holder groups will be accomplished through live presentations, face to face meetings, providing subject matter expertise and marketing the concepts via DVD and the web.

We are on schedule and do not need to extend or modify either the time line or the scope of the project.

Requests of the AOTR and/or PHMSA

No actions requested at this time

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RE: 2011 Damage Prevention Grant mid term report

Dear Ms. Henderson:

The cost breakdown for the 2011 Damage Prevention Grant is as follows:

Contractual Services: \$75,000

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark McCarver". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mark McCarver, Director
Pipeline Safety

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