

2011 State Damage Prevention Program Grants Progress Report
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Specific Objective(s) of the Agreement

Under this agreement, the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) will foster support and partnership with stakeholders, and support a Damage Prevention Education Program for industry stakeholders.

Workscope

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

- *Element (2):* A process for fostering and ensuring the support and partnership of stakeholders, including excavators, operators, locators, designers, and local government in all phases of the program.
- *Element (4):* Participation by operators, excavators, and other stakeholders in the development and implementation of effective employee training programs to ensure that operators, the one call center, the enforcing agency, and the excavators have partnered to design and implement training for the employees of operators, excavators, and locators.

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 Statewide Coordinator (Coordinator) has begun work on the Specific Objectives of the Agreement:

- 1) The Damage Prevention Associations (DPA) in Michigan has developed a survey to be distributed to attendees at the fall DPA workshops to determine future training needs.
- 2) There were six DPA workshops held in various cities representing 110 attendees. Two of the DPA's were new DPA's workshops.
- 3) The Coordinator attended and distributed MISS DIG information to over 400 attendees at two Safety Day's held at different venues.
- 4) The Coordinator invited a trench excavating speaker to the meetings that was well received by the attendees.
- 5) Brochures for distribution at home shows are being finalized.

- 6) Audits are still being conducted by the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association (MITA) and will continue as excavation activity is on-going.

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 implementation of the Specific Objectives of our Agreement began nine weeks ago. We have limited information to submit at this time. Although only 5% of the grant award has been expended to date, we anticipate the next few months to be very active as we move forward with completing our objectives.

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

Since approval from the Administrative Board needed to take place before the release of the funding from the State of Michigan, the contract was not fully executed until August 2011 between the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (Michigan Public Service Commission) and the Michigan Damage Prevention Board.

Although the construction season started in April 2011 and MITA was anxious to get started on the audit project, the late release of the grant has affected the progress and number of audits to be conducted by the MITA.

Mid-term Financial Status Report

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

The mid-term Financial Status Report, Standard Form 425 (SF-425), to report the status of funds and the breakdown of costs for each object class category have been sent as separate attachments.

Plans for Next Period (Remainder of Grant)

The majority of the project will take place in the next four months. This will include several Excavator’s Seminars/Workshops around the State of Michigan including different speakers and presentations.

Requests of the AOTR and/or PHMSA

No actions requested at this time.