

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

**Award Number:** DTPH56-11-G-PHPS08

**Project Title:** Mississippi Public Service Commission State Damage Prevention

**Date Submitted:** 4-27-12

**Submitted by:** *Mark McCarver, Ilicia Boaler*

**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 violations assessable by the appropriate State authority.

**Accomplishments for the grant period (Item 1 under Agreement Article IX, Section 9.02 Final 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, worked together with Roger Cox with ACTS to create the draft proposal for fair and effective enforcement to be introduced in the 2012 legislative session. We were able to build significant relationships with stakeholders, perhaps for the first time, including railroads, the Mississippi Municipal League and Mississippi Department of Transportation. During the latter part of the year, there were stakeholder groups who have asked to become part of the Council, surveyors and design engineers in particular. The issues raised by the addition of new ideas created a dilemma for the group as consensus couldn't be reached on the new issues within the short amount of time prior to legislation.

The MDPC Board of Directors fully intended to introduce their proposal, but rather go to the Capitol divided on these critical issues, voted to continue to work together with the new stakeholders to gain consensus for the 2013 legislative session. The civil penalty portion of the proposal and the enforcing agency (PSC) are not the issues.

The DVD (Blue print for a safer Mississippi) promoting effective enforcement within the state has been completed and has received high marks within the groups that have seen it. 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. It is now part of the MDPC online Training Center.

**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.")**

We cannot measure the effectiveness or the unit cost as the work and materials developed in this grant period will continue to be used as part of the MDPC ongoing training. However, getting our stakeholders to work together for this effort and our ultimate success in gaining support for effective enforcement is made possible by the progress achieved during this grant period.

**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 challenge to report.

**Final Financial Status Report**

The final financial report has been sent as a separate attachment to the AA.

**Requests of the AOTR and/or PHMSA**

No actions requested at this time.

# FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORT

(Follow form instructions)

<b>1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted</b> DOT/PHMSA Office of Pipeline Safety	<b>2. Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned by Federal Agency</b> (To report multiple grants, use FFR Attachment) DTPH56-11-G-PHPS08	Page 1	of 1 pages
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**3. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including Zip code)**  
 Mississippi Public Service Commission, 501 N West St, Suite 201A, Jackson, MS 39201

<b>4a. DUNS Number</b> 878839368	<b>4b. EIN</b> 54-8000806	<b>5. Recipient Account Number or Identifying Number</b> (To report multiple grants, use FFR Attachment)	<b>6. Report Type</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final	<b>7. Basis of Accounting</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual
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<b>8. Project/Grant Period</b> From: (Month, Day, Year) 4-15-2011	To: (Month, Day, Year) 4-15-2012	<b>9. Reporting Period End Date</b> (Month, Day, Year) 4-15-2012
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**10. Transactions** Cumulative

*(Use lines a-c for single or multiple grant reporting)*

**Federal Cash (To report multiple grants, also use FFR Attachment):**

a. Cash Receipts	100,000
b. Cash Disbursements	100,000
c. Cash on Hand (line a minus b)	0

*(Use lines d-o for single grant reporting)*

**Federal Expenditures and Unobligated Balance:**

d. Total Federal funds authorized	100,000
e. Federal share of expenditures	100,000
f. Federal share of unliquidated obligations	0
g. Total Federal share (sum of lines e and f)	100,000
h. Unobligated balance of Federal funds (line d minus g)	0

**Recipient Share:**

i. Total recipient share required	0
j. Recipient share of expenditures	0
k. Remaining recipient share to be provided (line i minus j)	0

**Program Income:**

l. Total Federal program income earned	0
m. Program income expended in accordance with the deduction alternative	0
n. Program income expended in accordance with the addition alternative	0
o. Unexpended program income (line l minus line m or line n)	0

11. Indirect Expense	a. Type	b. Rate	c. Period From	Period To	d. Base	e. Amount Charged	f. Federal Share
g. Totals:							

**12. Remarks:** Attach any explanations deemed necessary or information required by Federal sponsoring agency in compliance with governing legislation:

**13. Certification:** By signing this report, I certify that it is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)

a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official  <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">                     Brian U. Ray, Executive Secretary                 </div>	c. Telephone (Area code, number and extension) 601-961-5434
b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official  	d. Email address brian.ray@psc.state.ms.us
	e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) April 27, 2012

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April 27, 2012

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RE: 2011 Damage Prevention Grant

Dear Ms Henderson:

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

Contractual Services: \$100,000.

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