

2014 State Damage Prevention Program Grants Progress Report
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Specific Objective(s) of the Agreement

- Support a Damage Prevention Education Program for industry stakeholders.
- Foster and promote the use of improving technologies.

Workscope

- **Element 4 (Effective Employee Training):** 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.
- **Element 8 (Technology):** 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 Article IX, Section 9.01 Progress Report: “A comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives established for the period.”)

Element 4

- The Michigan Public Service Commission entered into a contractual agreement with MISS DIG System, Inc. (MISS DIG) to perform the work set forth in Element 4.
- Following last year’s restructuring of the Damage Prevention Associations (DPAs), and the addition of new local DPAs, the MISS DIG Damage Prevention Liaisons have been hosting quarterly workshops at each DPA to provide all Associations with the same information and increase clarity on safe digging practices throughout the state. Many of the DPAs continue to meet monthly as well.
- During the reporting period MISS DIG hosted 50 events throughout the state, and presented at 10 trade shows and workshops for a total of 60 events. Through the events, MISS DIG educated a total of 3,225 individuals; 2,023 at the events hosted by MISS DIG and 1,202 at the events hosted by other parties. Attached is a list of all events hosted or attended by MISS DIG during the reporting period. The list also includes upcoming events.

- Due to the timing of the grant and the Michigan frost laws, MISS DIG has just begun utilizing grant funds to provide education to excavating employees. MISS DIG has only expended 12.5% of the grant funds through March 31; however, it has already hosted 50 events, exceeding the anticipated goal of 30 events.

Element 8

- On March 9, 2015 the MPSC received a statement of work including the financial terms from a potential vendor. The MPSC has not executed that contract and is considering whether to continue with the update to this existing database or other options for damage data storage.

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

Element 4

- MISS DIG’s goal is to conduct 30 seminars and workshops throughout the state. Through partnerships with its members and other organizations, MISS DIG has saved grant dollars on event space and refreshments. Presenting at events hosted by its members and other organizations will allow MISS DIG’s Damage Prevention Liaisons to host many more seminars and workshops during the remainder of the grant term. MISS DIG has already exceeded its goal of hosting 30 events.

Element 8

- Nothing to report for Element 8. The MPSC has received a bid from a potential vendor and is considering this bid and other options for database upgrades to accommodate damage data.

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

- No issues, problems or challenges have arisen.

Mid-term Financial Status Report

- Please see the SF-425 and Breakdown of Costs submitted with this report. MISS Dig has expended grant funds in the amount of \$5,018.25 through March 31, 2015. The reimbursement of the expenditures is being processed but has not yet been paid; therefore, the SF-425 reflects no expenditures through March 31, 2015.
- No grant funds were expended on Element 8 during the reporting period.

Plans for Next Period (Remainder of Grant)

Element 4

- MISS DIG has scheduled 17 events for the remainder of the grant term. MISS DIG continues to reach out to those in the excavating community who may not be aware of state law and will continue to provide education where necessary.

Element 8

- The MPSC has to determine if it will update the existing database to accommodate collection of damage data or pursue other options to collect and house damage data.

Requests of the AOR and/or PHMSA

- No actions requested at this time.

MISS DIG Events
(September 22, 2014 - March 31, 2015)

Event	State Damage Prevention Liaison	Date of Event	Number of Attendees
Kalamazoo Mini-Workshop	Bob	12/3/2014	27
Ottawa-Kent Mini-workshop	Bob	12/5/2014	38
Mid-Michigan Mini-Workshop	Bob	12/9/2014	14
CADPA Monthly Meeting	Donna	12/10/2014	13
Muskegon Mini-workshop	Bob	12/17/2014	15
LOWDPA Workshop	Donna	12/18/2014	15
CADPA Workshop	Donna	1/7/2015	70
TriCounty Workshop	Donna	1/8/2015	174
TC cherryland DPA	Brandon	1/9/2015	59
Soo DPA	Brandon	1/12/2015	2
Jackson Area Workshop	Donna	1/13/2015	62
Marquette DPA	Brandon	1/13/2015	19
Houghton DPA	Brandon	1/14/2015	24
Consumers Energy Livonia	Donna	1/14/2015	48
Escanaba DPA	Brandon	1/15/2015	29
LOWDPA Workshop	Donna	1/15/2015	65
Local DPA Workshop	Brandon	1/16/2015	35
Roscommon DPA	Brandon	1/16/2015	12
Local DPA Workshop	Brandon	1/18/2015	40
APWA	Brandon	1/21/2015	85
Macomb Workshop	Donna	1/21/2015	70
MUCC	Brandon	1/21/2015	80
Port Huron Workshop	Donna	1/22/2015	60
Onaway DPA	Brandon	1/23/2015	23
DTE Energy	Brandon	1/26/2015	12
Flint Area Workshop	Donna	1/27/2015	81
Wayne County Area Work	Donna	1/28/2015	55
Monroe Area Workshop	Donna	1/29/2015	36
MITA-Lounsbury	Bob	1/29/2015	170
Central Michigan Water Assoc	Donna	1/29/2015	75
Lansing Board of Water and Light	Donna	1/30/2015	52
Southwestern Michigan DPA Mgt	Bob	2/4/2015	15
Ottawa-Kent DPA Mgt	Bob	2/6/2015	9
Mid-Michigan DPA Mgt	Bob	2/10/2015	8
CADPA Monthly Meeting	Donna	2/11/2015	8
TriCounty Monthly Meeting	Donna	2/12/2015	7
Arbor Con	Donna	2/17/2015	50
Muskegon-Newaygo-Oceana DPA Mgt	Bob	2/18/2015	6
LOWDPA Monthly Meeting	Donna	2/19/2015	24
City of Muskegon DPW	Bob	2/20/2015	3
Houghton Lake water & Sewer	Brandon	2/23/2015	35

Mackinaw City	Brandon	3/3/2015	6
MGIA Trade Show	Donna	3/3/2015	200
Kalamazoo - Utility & Plat Development Mgt	Bob	3/4/2015	35
Presentation to Consumers Energy Gas Royal Oak	Donna	3/4/2015	60
Presentation to Fiore Enterprises - Detroit	Donna	3/5/2015	25
Michigan Groundwater	Bob	3/6/2015	250
Paragon	Brandon	3/10/2015	250
CADPA	Donna	3/11/2015	4
Paragon	Brandon	3/11/2015	45
Presentation to Ditch Witch	Donna	3/11/2015	80
Paragon	Brandon	3/12/2015	67
Presentation to Tri-County DPA Workshop	Donna	3/12/2015	85
Pontiac Home Show	Donna	3/15/2015	100
Consumers Energy, Flint	Donna	3/16/2015	8
Presentation to Frontier Communication in Alma	Donna	3/18/2015	70
Cheboygan	Brandon	3/19/2015	12
GT Resort	Brandon	3/20/2015	103
Presentation to C&D Hughes Construction in Perry	Donna	3/20/2015	100

MISS DIG Scheduled Events			
Event	State Damage Prevention Liaison	Date of Event	Number of Attendees
MMHA Conference	Bob	4/1/2015	
Fenton Excavating	Donna	4/1/2015	
Soo DPA	Brandon	4/6/2015	
Opening Day	Eric	4/6/2015	
Marquette DPA	Brandon	4/7/2015	
Houghton DPA	Brandon	4/8/2015	
CADPA DPA	Donna	4/8/2015	
Escanaba DPA	Brandon	4/9/2015	
Tri- County DPA	Donna	4/9/2015	
Michigan Safety Conference	Bob	4/14/2015	
MWEA Conference	Eric	4/16/2015	
Gladwin	Brandon	4/17/2015	
Bordines	Donna	4/18/2015	
Muskegon DPA	Bob	4/22/2015	
UP Safety Conference	Brandon	4/24/2015	
CADPA	Donna	5/13/2015	
Tri County DPA	Donna	5/14/2015	