

2013 State Damage Prevention Program Grants Final Report
CFDA Number: 20.720

Award Number: DTPH56-13-G-PHPS07

Project Title: Mississippi Public Service Commission State Damage Prevention Grant

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Specific Objective(s) of the Agreement

Under this grant agreement, the MPSC will:

- Support a Damage Prevention Education Program for industry stakeholders
- Support Public Awareness and Stakeholder Education
- 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 5 (Public Education):** A process for fostering and ensuring active participation by all stakeholders in public education for damage prevention activities.
- **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 – Progress is being made on Safety City and the anticipated opening date is Spring 2015. Wiring for electricity in the 2 main buildings has been completed. We have purchased 1 standard locator, a compressor and 1 natural gas and CO detector to use for training. We were not able to purchase an EMS locator in the allotted time. All other objectives have been met.

Element 5 – A radio campaign for Safe Digging Month was promoted during the month of April. The message went out on 68 radio stations, a total of 50 times each, for a grand total of 3,400 spots. The MPSC has also partnered with Miss 811, Atmos, CenterPoint, AT&T and Comcast to support 7,101 on air cable ads and 390,000 xfinity.com and foxnews.com ads promoting the “Call Before You Dig” message.

Digger & Trigger Coloring Books and pencils were purchased for 5,000 4th – 6th grade students to receive during presentations on “Safe Digging” at ongoing Farm Safety Day events around the state. All objectives for this project have been met.

Element 8 – This is described in Element 4.

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.”)

Mississippi 811 has had a 13.9% increase in call volume and added 9 new members compared to 2013 and we believe it is in large part due to the successful advertising campaigns.

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

Due to vendor issues and the implementation of a new Mississippi State Government payment system, we were unable to find a vendor on the state contract list that could provide an EMS locator in the allotted time. There are no other issues, problems or challenges to report.

Final Financial Status Report

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

Requests of the AOTR and/or PHMSA


No actions requested at this time.

(Follow form instructions)

(Use lines a-c for single or multiple grant reporting)							
Federal Cash (To report multiple grants, also use FFR Attachment):							
a. Cash Receipts		91,455.00					
b. Cash Disbursements		81,486.04					
c. Cash on Hand (line a minus b)		9,968.96					
(Use lines d-o for single grant reporting)							
Federal Expenditures and Unobligated Balance:							
d. Total Federal funds authorized		91,455.00					
e. Federal share of expenditures		81,486.04					
f. Federal share of unliquidated obligations		0					
g. Total Federal share (sum of lines e and f)		81,486.04					
h. Unobligated balance of Federal funds (line d minus g)		9,968.96					
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:

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