

**2014 State Damage Prevention Program Grants Final Report
CFDA Number: 20.720**

Award Number: DTPH5614GPPS12

Project Title: Mississippi Public Service Commission State Damage Prevention

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Specific Objective(s) of the Agreement

Under this grant agreement, the MPSC will

1. Support a Damage Prevention Education Program for industry stakeholders.
2. Support Public Awareness and Stakeholder Education.
3. Foster and promote the use of improving technologies.

Workscope

1. 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.
2. Element 5 (Public Education): A process for fostering and ensuring active participation by all stakeholders in public education for damage prevention activities.
3. 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 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.")

Element 4 (Effective Employee Training): Safety City has been opened and is being used to train utility operators from across the state. The \$4,750 allocated for equipment costs was not used.

Element 5 (Public Education): MPSC partnered with Mississippi 811, Atmos Energy, CenterPoint Energy and Comcast Cable to support 7,101 on air cable ads and 390,000 xfinity.com and foxnews.com ads promoting the "Call Before You Dig" message during the year 2014. This message was seen by an estimated 216,000 households in Mississippi.

Element 8 (Technology): In preparation for the grant, it was necessary to redesign a portion of the MS 811 website to match Common Ground Alliance. A link was placed on the website to enable members to

link directly to Mississippi's Virtual D.I.R.T. at Common Ground Alliance for registration and damage input. A concise training aide was created that members could use to register. After viewing results after the initial visits with MS 811 members, it quickly became apparent that it was more efficient to register the members on site. Once the strategy was changed, the rate of registration increased to about 90%. During the grant period, MS 811 members in 59 of the 82 counties in the state were visited and a total of 254 utilities were registered for DIRT.

A calendar was also developed to provide to member companies as a reminder to report their damages monthly. It also reminds them that they can report damages for the previous years up until March of 2016 and 2017.

Quantifiable Metrics/Measures of Effectiveness (Item 2 under Article IX, Section 9.02 Final Report: "Where the output of the project can be quantified, a computation of the cost per unit of output.")

A total of 254 members were registered at a cost of approximately \$208.00 per member. After calculating an average of damages reported in the previous 8 years, there was an increase of 544% of damages reported in 2015.

The households of an estimated 216,000 cable subscribers were reached at a cost of less than 18 cents per household.

Issues, Problems or Challenges (Item 3 under Article IX, Section 9.02 Final Report: "The reasons for slippage if established objectives were not met.")

Due to problems with the State's new financial and logistics system, we were unable to purchase equipment in the time required.

Final Financial Status Report

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

Requests of the AOR and/or PHMSA

No actions requested at this time.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORT

(Follow form instructions)

1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted DOT/PHMSA Office of Pipeline Safety		2. Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned by Federal Agency (To report multiple grants, use FFR Attachment) DTPH56-14-GPPS01		Page 1	of 1		
pages							
3. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including Zip code) Mississippi Public Service Commission 501 N West St, Suite 201-A, Jackson, MS 39201							
4a. DUNS Number 878639368	4b. EIN 84-6000806	5. Recipient Account Number or Identifying Number (To report multiple grants, use FFR Attachment)		6. Report Type <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Annual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Final	7. Basis of Accounting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual		
8. Project/Grant Period From: (Month, Day, Year) 9/15/13		To: (Month, Day, Year) 9/15/14		9. Reporting Period End Date (Month, Day, Year) 9/15/14			
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					73,750.00		
b. Cash Disbursements					69,000.00		
c. Cash on Hand (line a minus b)					4,750.00		
(Use lines d-o for single grant reporting)							
Federal Expenditures and Unobligated Balance:							
d. Total Federal funds authorized					73,750.00		
e. Federal share of expenditures					69,000.00		
f. Federal share of unliquidated obligations					0		
g. Total Federal share (sum of lines e and f)					69,000.00		
h. Unobligated balance of Federal funds (line d minus g)					4,750.00		
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 <i>Katherine Collier, Exec. Director</i>					c. Telephone (Area code, number and extension) 601-961-5405		
b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official <i>Katherine Collier</i>					d. Email address katherine.collier@psc.state.ms.us		
					e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) 06/05/17		
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