

2011 State Damage Prevention Program Grants Progress Report
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Project Title: *South Dakota Public Utilities Commission State Damage Prevention*

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Specific Objective(s) of the Agreement

- *Support a Damage Prevention Education Program for industry stakeholders*
- *Support Public Awareness and Stakeholder Education*
- *Review the Effectiveness of Damage Prevention Programs*

Workscope

- *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.*
- *Element (5): A process for fostering and ensuring active participation by all stakeholders in public education for damage prevention activities.*
- *Element (9): A precess for review and anlaysis of the effectiveness of each program element, including a means for implementing improvements identified by such program review.*

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 deliverable for the Specific Objectives and Workscope was to survey stakeholders to determine if options A, B, C, or D of the previously written Straw Man for damage prevention improvement in SD are applicable to improving damage prevention employee training, damage prevention public education, and damage prevention program review in SD. The milestones for this deliverable were:

| Milestones | Due Date | Actual Completion Date | Explanation for Variance |
|---|------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Present draft survey questions, methodology and survey sample size to the SD PUC for approval | 02/28/2011 | 5/20/2011 | Grant award slippage |
| Present final survey questions, methodology and survey sample size to the SD PUC for approval | 03/14/2011 | 7/14/2011 | Grant award slippage |
| Survey Completion | 04/15/2011 | 8/15/2011 | Grant award slippage |
| Draft Report Due | 05/02/2011 | 9/16/2011 | Grant award slippage |
| Final Report Due | 05/16/2011 | 9/23/2011 | Grant award slippage |

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 primary outcome of this survey was the finding that damage prevention stakeholders in South Dakota in general support mandatory damage reporting which was contrary to previously voiced opinions on the matter. This primary finding was the basis of a Staff recommendation to stakeholders to implement mandatory damage prevention in South Dakota.

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

As stated above, the primary reason for slippage was the long delay in receiving the grant.

Mid-term Financial Status Report

See attached financial report.

Plans for Next Period (Remainder of Grant)

The actual work is complete. Financial transactions remain to be completed including receipt of grant funds and the last payment to the vendor.

Requests of the AOTR and/or PHMSA

No actions requested at this time.