

**DESE Report for the  
Sheltered workshop Program  
January 21, 2014**

**Budget:**

The FY-14 appropriation for the Extended Sheltered Workshop Program is \$24,039,953 which is inclusive of the 3% Reserve Withhold. The December request (January payment) was \$1,781,052. The average monthly request for this current fiscal year is \$2,104,578. The remaining balance after the January payment is \$9,307,907; at the current rate of expenditure, there is a projected shortfall in funding of 12 days.

Currently there are 7,010 Certified Workers employed in workshops (- 37 from previous report), the current FTE (30 hours/week) is 5,338 (-10 from previous report), and the “Waiting to be Hired” is 1,566 (+ 67 from previous report). The average hourly wage for the current reporting month is \$3.33 (+ \$0.39 from previous month and current number of hours worked is 592,997 (- 104,930 hours—snow/ice and holidays) with 4,893,229 hours worked YTD.

**DESE-EESW:**

The proposed Administrative Rule changes were submitted to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) on December 6, 2013, JCAR review was completed on January 6, 2014, and the rules have been submitted to the Missouri Secretary of State for publication in the State Register of Regulations. When we receive notice that they have been posted, we will provide all workshops with a link to the posted regulations.

**US-DOL—WH/OSHA:**

With the increase in the Missouri Minimum Wage (from \$7.35 to \$7.50) on January 1, 2014, the workshops need to follow the US-DOL-WH Section 14c process and procedures to review the prevailing wages. The DOL guidance letter for the state of Missouri has been forwarded electronically to all workshops on January 13, 2014.

Although we have noted a decline in OSHA inspections of workshops we strongly encourage you to keep up your efforts to provide safe work environments and practices (inspections and training).

**TRAINING:**

DESE-EESW will provide New Manager Training on Thursday May 1, 2014 in Jefferson City. New managers are encouraged to attend but all managers and designated key personnel are always welcomed to attend. Registration forms will be sent out soon.

SWIM and DESE are planning to provide regional safety training sessions in 2014 as we did in the past. We will provide Forklift Train-the-Trainer at each session.

Plans are being made between MASWM and DOL for training at the April MASWM conference.