**2012 State Damage Prevention Program Grants Progress Report**

**CFDA Number: 20.720**

**Award Number:** *DPTH56-12-G-PHPS16*

**Project Title:** *SC Palmetto Utility Protection Service*

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**Specific Objective(s) of the Agreement**

* *Develop and implement methods for effective communication*
* *Foster support and partnership with stakeholders*
* *Support a Damage Prevention Education Program for industry stakeholders*
* *Support Public Awareness and Stakeholder Education*
* *Laws and regulations of the damage prevention process*
* *Foster and promote the use of improving technologies*

**Workscope**

* *Element (1): Participation by operations, and other stakeholders in the development and implementation of methods for establishing and maintaining effective communications between stakeholders from receipt of an excavation notification until successful completion of the excavation, as appropriate.*
* *Element (2): A process for fostering and ensuring the support and partnership of stakeholders, including excavation, operators, locators, designers, and local government in all phases of the program.*
* *Element (4): Participation by operators, excavator, 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 (7): Enforcement of State damage prevention laws and regulations for all aspects of the damage prevention process, including public education, all the use of civil penalties for violations accessible by the appropriate state authority*
* *Element (8): A process for fostering and promoting the use, by all appropriate stakeholders, improving technologies that may enhance communications, underground pipeline locating capability, and gathering and analyzing information about the accuracy and effectiveness of all 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.**”)

*As of the half way point in the grant time frame, very little progress has been made, as most of the projects will be implemented this spring and summer. As of now, only the contractual funds from Element 5 have been booked for a spring and summer campaign. There is nothing to reports because the campaigns have not yet begun.*

**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.”)**

*Because none of the projects have been implemented, there is nothing to report at this time regarding the output of this project.*

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

*There are no issues, problems or challenge to report. Due to the delay of the grants funds being deposited into our account, we are starting the projects later, but they will still be completed by August 31, 2013.*

**Mid-term Financial Status Report**

*[Per the instructions in Article IX, Section 9.03 of your agreement (included below), the financial status report should be submitted to the Agreement Administrator (AA) and the GOTR. Please see instructions below and include supporting documentation such as invoices, receipts, spreadsheets, etc. However, if there are any issues with the Financial Status Report or additional explanation is needed, please provide that information here. If there are any delays for whatever reasons, these should be communicated to the AA and AOTR in advance.*

*From Article IX, Section 9.03 of your agreement: “During the performance of the grant, the Grantee must submit a mid-term Financial Status Report, Standard Form 425 (SF-425), to report the status of funds. In addition to SF-425, the Grantee should provide the break down of costs for each object class category (Personnel, Fringe Benefits, Travel, Equipment, Supplies, Contractual, Other, and Indirect Charges). This report must be submitted to the GA in electronic form via e-mail no later than March 1).*

**Plans for Next Period (Remainder of Grant)**

*In the second part of the grant time frame we will be implementing most of the grant objectives, which includes setting up IVR for the Positive Response system, holding our open house for stakeholder support, continue in the implementation of the Damage Prevention Training Program, and training employee in design/web classes. We will also set up our back up phone server and begin our spring/summer advertising television campaigns.*

**Requests of the AOTR and/or PHMSA**

*No actions requested at this time.*