

2012 One Call Grant Awards

No	State	Agency Name/Grantee	Grant Award	Denied Grant Award	Priority Number	Project Description
1	ALABAMA	Alabama Public Service Commission	\$ 10,000.00		3	This grantee will purchase shirts/sweaters, safety vests and/or other clothing type with the "Dig Safety or "Call 811 before you dig, Know what's below' logos. These items will be distributed at the 2012 Pipeline Safety Conference, Alabama 811 APACT meetings, Alabama Damage Prevention Alliance meetings, Alabama Natural Gas Association meetings/training conferences and at other functions throughout the year. The purpose of this grant is to increase awareness about damage prevention to all underground facilities.
2	CONNECTICUT	Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection	\$ 45,000.00		1	This grantee will continue the aggressive enforcement program provided by previous One Call awards from PHMSA. One engineer will spend approximately 35% of his time enforcing the one-call damage prevention program. Of this time, approximately 80% will be used for the cost of enforcement and/or complaint investigations. In addition our damage prevention field specialist will be 100% dedicated to enforcing the one call damage prevention program.
3	DELAWARE	Delaware Public Service Commission	\$ 6,730.00		1	The grantee plans to continue efforts in reviewing and analyzing data received from USPCD to determine where public service announcements and educational efforts need to be directed in order to achieve compliance with the state law by all parties
			\$ 9,700.00		3	The PSC will maintain membership in USPCD and attend monthly meetings in order to review and discuss all findings and available information. The grantee will run two waves of radio advertising in an attempt to cover more of the time in the year that is typically associated with excavating activities. The PSC will man a booth at the Delaware State Fair to provide information and distribute hand-outs regarding the One-Call System.
4	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	District of Columbia Public Service Commission	\$ 35,000.00		1	This grantee will again continue enforcement of their state damage prevention law by performing detailed excavation inspections. The inspector will verify the excavator has notified the One Call Center, adhere to the marking requirements, utilized hand-digging and adhered to all safety excavation practices. The entire inspection will be recorded on an inspection form and entered into a database for analysis.
		District of Columbia Public Service Commission		Not funded	1	Grantee proposed: Funds will be used on inspecting and monitoring excavation activities and developing non compliance data based information on their field inspections. This information will be augmented with the data base developed through inspection of records and reports provided by companies and the State One Call Center. This project will enable the grantee to identify excavators that have a higher average of violations over a given period of time. Denied comments: This is not an allowable cost under the One Call application instructions. A 100% penalty due to the state can not request a grant award to implement proposed legislation, the legislation must have already been passed prior to submitting the application.
5	GEORGIA	Georgia Public Service Commission	\$ 45,000.00		1	The grantee will be using funds to continue the employment of a person who assists in the administrative duties of dig law enforcement. The person maintains a filing system of all investigations, handles all mailing of certified and regular mail and generates all final orders and hearing notices associate with the dig law enforcement.
6	ILLINOIS	Illinois Commerce Commission	\$ 45,000.00		1	This grantee will continue the enforcement and compliance of their state damage prevention law provided by PHMSA in previous One Call Grant awards. The grantee will be using funds to offset part of the cost of two full time investigators in the investigation and enforcement of the Illinois Underground Utility Facilities Damage Prevention Act.
7	INDIANA	Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission	\$ 34,500.00		1	Grantee will be hiring an outside contractor to conduct training programs for excavators who are required to attend after being found in violation of IC 8-1-26, Damage to Underground Facilities.
			\$ 500.00		1	Grantee will be using funds to offset the annual maintenance fee for the VPD database program.
			\$ 10,000.00		3	PSC plans to populate VPD with reports of damages collected as a result of IC 8-1-26. Grantee plans to publish and mail a 2012 edition of "Excavation Safety Guide and Directory" to all excavators in Indiana. The anticipated mailing distribution could be in excess of 30,000.
8	IOWA	Iowa Utilities Board	\$ 20,000.00		1	The grantee will use funds again to reimburse the Iowa Attorney General for its actual expenses to respond to and investigate complaints from utilities, excavator, and other citizens regarding violations of Iowa's damage prevention law.
			\$ 2,000.00		3	The Grantee will again provide additional educational presentations concerning One Call requirements and enforcement in events sponsored by Common Ground Iowa and Iowa One Call. This includes 30 excavator awareness presentations across the State of Iowa.
9	KANSAS	Kansas Corporation Commission	\$ 45,000.00		1	The grantee will again use funds to pay for a full time position with the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) as an Underground Utility Damage Prevention Special Investigator. The position will be stationed in the Kansas City area and responsible for enforcing compliance with Kansas Underground Damage Prevention Act.
10	LOUISIANA	Louisiana Department of Natural Resources	\$ 45,000.00		1	The grantee will again partner with the Louisiana State Police as a sub grantee on the enforcement of Louisiana Underground Utilities Damage Prevention Law. Louisiana State Police will respond to and investigate complaints and take enforcement action against companies and individuals who fail to comply with the law. Information will be entered into a data base to track companies, contractors and other individuals who have failed to comply with the state damage prevention law.
11	MAINE	Maine Public Service Commission	\$ 45,000.00		1	The grantee will use the award in the area of enforcement and compliance with the state damage prevention law. In this regard, funds will be used for the continued partial funding of one of the two Damage Prevention Investigator positions with the responsibilities of conducting on-site investigations, performing inquiries and findings of facts on damage incidents and performing field surveillance visits.

12	MICHIGAN	Michigan Public Service Commission	\$ 20,000.00	2	The grantee will use funds to purchase 30 DVD's and 450 study guide books from Staking University. The DVD's and guide books will be used in group training classes or those individuals unable to attend the training classes will be received by mail. The group training will be held at various locations across the State of Michigan. Primary focus will be small utility companies, municipalities, gas and pipeline companies and colleges. Facilitation of this training will be performed by the One Call Center with MPSC Gas Safety Engineers in attendance and observing the training.	
			\$ 9,900.00	3	The grantee will contract with MISS Dig Systems, Inc. to facilitate the rental of eight to nine billboards for one month with the existing damage prevention campaign at new locations across the State of Michigan	
13	MINNESOTA	Minnesota Department of Public Safety	\$ 44,000.00	1	The grantee will partially fund MNOPS engineers' costs for enforcement activities of the damage prevention program. Funds will be used to for MNOPS activities directly associated with investigation and enforcement of excavation related damages governed by the Minnesota One Call laws. Additionally, funds will be used to investigate excavation related incidents and respond to complaints involving non-compliance with the laws. The grant will be used to take enforcement action where the state has reason to believe a violation has occurred	
			\$ 1,000.00	3	The grantee will purchase and distribute a sticker suitable to wear on construction hard hats that identifies they attended a MNOPS excavation safety meeting. The sticker will contain the 811 logo message. Benefits of this will be promote safety meetings, using the 811 number and immediate indicator of the level of excavation safety training to those individuals in the field.	
14	MISSISSIPPI	Mississippi Public Service Commission	\$ 27,028.00	1	The grantee will contract with an outside source to conduct 6 regional meetings in different locations in the state in building support to changes in their state damage prevention law.	
			\$ 17,900.00	2	Grantee will contract with outside source to have 10 locator training seminars conducted in providing individuals on how to locate underground facilities correctly. The training seminars will be held at different locations in the state. The majority of the class time will be devoted to basic locate theory, CGA best practices, marking standards, One Call ticket and documentation.	
15	MISSOURI	Missouri Public Service Commission	\$ 10,000.00	3	The grantee is again requesting funds to conduct a statewide Public Awareness Damage Prevention radio campaign similar to the campaigns that were conducted in CY2009-2011. The grantee has contracted with Learfield Communications to provide radio announcements in 64 Missouri Net Radio Stations.	
16	NEBRASKA	Nebraska State Fire Marshal	\$ 20,000.00	1	The grantee will again use funds to pursue prosecution of One-call violators by county attorney, State Attorney General or other attorneys. Expenses would include reimbursement to the attorneys for filing and other relative fees to pursue the prosecution of the violator.	
			\$ 10,000.00	3	Grantee will be using funds for an educational safety program via the CGA "Pirate Video" and conducting a poster competition with area schools. This is a continuation of last year's project. The video will be presented to grade levels above the fourth and fifth grade students at their school locations. The basis of the "Call Before You Dig" message will be discussed and stressed at the end of the video. It is anticipated 10 winning schools would be awarded a tree and bench along with a pizza/cookie party for the students	
16		Nebraska State Fire Marshal		Not funded	2	Grantee proposed: Grantee will contract with an outside vendor in the development of locating markers. The vendor will research, develop and conduct a pilot test program for the next generation of utility marker signs currently not in use. The vendor will be tasked with developing affordable and highly effective new and unused ideas in signage. The next generation of marker signs would be more locatable, eye-catching, larger and made from new materials. Denied comments: This was deemed not an allowable cost due to the project descriptions being that of an existing technology currently used by operators. A 100% penalty was assessed in accordance to the One Call application instructions.
17	NEVADA	Nevada Public Utilities Commission	\$ 45,000.00	1	This grantee will use funds to continue the enforcement activities pertaining to their state damage prevention program. This includes patrolling job sites to check for contractors or excavators not calling in for a One Call ticket. This activity has aided in assuring the area is marked in white paint prior to excavation. If there are no white marks on the ground, the inspector will stop and investigate the site. A verbal or written notice will be issued and training provided to all violators. Show cause hearings and penalties will be assessed on a case by case investigation.	
18	NEW HAMPSHIRE	New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission	\$ 45,000.00	1	The grantee will use funds for 62% of the cost of a position current in their Gas Pipeline Safety Program to enforce their state damage prevention law. The individual would be enforcing and investigating damages and non-compliance issues in all underground facilities. Approximately, \$2,250 will be used for travel to New England Must Meetings and Common Ground Alliance activities.	
19	NEW JERSEY	New Jersey Board of Public Utilities		Not funded	1	developed for use with DROID OS tablet PC's and provide a means of delivering the technology to excavators and locators by providing them with equipment and data transfer capabilities for their use. The app will enhance the NJ One Call Damage Prevention Program by providing the excavator a means of its intent to dig and describe the proposed area of excavation. A contract will be between grantee and NJ One Call Systems. Denied comments: This project is not an allowable cost and did not follow the category priority. Also, not an allowable cost due to the project descriptions being that of an existing technology currently used by operators. Therefore, a 100% penalty cost was assessed in accordance to the One Call.
20	NEW MEXICO	New Mexico Public Regulation Commission	\$ 45,000.00	1	The grantee will continue ongoing enforcement activities that began in 2009 with the award of the One Call Grant. Grant funds will be used to cover a portion of three NMPRC staff members salaries who perform investigations of damage complaints in accordance with the State Excavation Law.	
		New York State Department of Public Service	\$ 41,500.00	1	Grantee will use funds for enforcement of their state damage prevention law. They have 24 field inspectors who spend 5 percent of their time on damage prevention activities. This includes onsite field investigations, reviewing One Call Center locate and damage report records, conducting interviews with all parties, preparing reports and completion of citation paperwork.	

21	NEW YORK	New York State Department of Public Service		Not funded	3	Grantee proposed: With the anticipation of a change in their state damage prevention law, the grantee is requesting funds to be used to publish and distribute 6,000 booklets about a change in the Automated Positive Response system. Denied comments: This is not an allowable cost under the One Call application instructions. A 100% penalty due to the state can not request a grant award to implement proposed legislation, the legislation must have already been passed prior to submitting the application.
22	NORTH CAROLINA	North Carolina Utilities Commission	\$ 35,000.00		1	Grantee will enter into a contract with North Carolina 811 Call Center to hire an individual to share damage data via training, websites, onsite consultation with owners and excavators.
			\$ 10,000.00		3	Grant funds will be used to pay salary, travel to North Carolina user training and web development to deploy data in an interactive format through the North Carolina 811 Call Center website. A lap top computer will be purchased with these funds. Grantee will enter into a contract with North Carolina 811 Call Center to fund Partners in Protecting Everyone onsite meetings with excavators. Five meetings will be held and funds will be used for 500 educational handout material, food and meeting rental space.
23	NORTH DAKOTA	North Dakota Public Service Commission	\$ 10,000.00		3	The grantee will be contracting with Newman Outdoor Advertising to again use funds to continue their damage prevention awareness campaign using billboard advertising. The billboards being used are located in the following cities: Bismarck(2), Mandan, Dickinson, Bowman, Beulah, Grand Forks (2), Jamestown, Wahpeton, Devils Lake, Valley City, Carrington, Minot (2), West Fargo, Fargo and Garrison.
24	OREGON	Oregon Public Utility Commission	\$ 31,000.00		1	This grantee will be using funds to continue the employment of an Administrative Assistant (AA) hired under previous One Call grants. The individual will arrange and schedule all enforcement committee meetings and monitor enforcement actions taken by the board. The AA tracks all enforcement action requirements, as stipulated by the Oregon Public Utility Commission Final Order, to ensure specific training deadlines and/or civil penalties are complied with.
			\$ 10,000.00		2	Grantee will continue to contract with the Oregon Utility Notification Center to have 2 training classes for locators on locating underground facilities correctly. Trainers from Staking University will instruct the classes and they will be held in the Portland/Willamette Valley area.
25	PENNSYLVANIA	Pennsylvania Public Service Commission		Not funded	1	Grantee proposed: The grant award was contingent on the Grantee receiving authority to enforce the State of Pennsylvania's Damage Prevention Law. All funds would be used for salaries, travel and benefits of PA PUC staff members in the investigation of non-compliance issues, training and review of PA One Call Law. Denied comments: This is not an allowable cost under the One Call application instructions. A 100% penalty due to the state cannot request a grant award to implement proposed legislation, the legislation must have already been passed prior to submitting the application.
26	PUERTO RICO	Puerto Rico Public Service Commission	\$ 10,000.00		3	The grantee will again continue their efforts in an educational campaign in the private, public and governmental sector about damage prevention. The campaign will include the distribution of educational brochures regarding applicable Federal and State regulations that are relevant to underground utilities. Materials pertaining to Call Before You Dig 811, DIRT, Request the Markings and Work with Care will be distributed at fairs, daily visitors to the Public Service Commission and people applying for utility services. Educational material will include booklets, pens, stickers, pamphlets, paper pads, and USB devices. All items will include the 811 or Dig Safety logo and message.
27	RHODE ISLAND	Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities & Carriers	\$ 45,000.00		1	This grantee will use funds for the enforcement and compliance of their state damage prevention law. Funds will be used to offset salary and fringe benefits expenses for one Commission individual that spends 40 percent of his time in damage prevention enforcement and awareness. Recent changes in state law, January 2012, resulted in a requirement, all contractor violators not paying for Dig Safe violations will lose their license. Information about changes in the state law will be mailed to all callers to the One Call Center in a mailing.
28	SOUTH CAROLINA	Office of Regulatory Staff of South Carolina	\$ 5,000.00		3	This grantee will continue to purchase and distribute educational items at meetings, seminars, and on job sites throughout the state. These activities may be table top exercises, informational booths or contact with individuals at various locations including construction sites. Number of hand-out material to be purchased will be depended on grant award.
			\$ 5,000.00		3	Grantee will continue to support local Utility Coordinating Committee meetings by assisting with providing cost for meals, meeting spaces, educational materials and other associated costs to encourage stakeholders to participate in the One Call program.
		South Dakota Public Service Commission	\$ 17,000.00		1	This grantee will use funds to cover salaries for two South Dakota Public Utilities Commission attorneys who work on South Dakota One Call complaints. The funds will also be used to cover salaries for administrative assistants who post complaints on the Commission's website for dockets, public enforcement meeting agendas, and other administrative issues related to the legal aspects of enforcement.
			\$ 11,000.00		1	This grantee will use funds to pay the Executive Director's salary for processing damage prevention complaints filed with the agency. Anticipated expenses include Executive Director's personnel cost, postage, mileage associated with enforcement, Executive Director and Board travel for hearings and Board meetings to consider recommendations, State fees for conference calls, photocopies and other misc office supplies.
			\$ 7,000.00		1	This grantee will use funds for investing the Damage Reporting process. Cost in this area will involve research into legislation of other states and meeting with the South Dakota Office of Pipeline Safety and other interested parties for input and suggestions. Research will be done in reviewing the DIRT program. Personnel cost is included in this project.
			\$ 5,000.00		3	This grantee will use funds to cover a portion of the Executive Director's salary and benefits in hosting and leading excavator presentations. Presentations will include information on new technologies available to excavators to process locate request, new databases, and other items pertaining to damage prevention.

29	SOUTH DAKOTA		\$ 5,000.00		3	This grantee will use funds to purchase operations manuals and partially pay for the Executive Director's salary in completing this project. Postage, travel, personnel cost for the Executive Director to attend Home Builder Shows and South Dakota State Fairs, rental space cost for storage of educational materials, and purchase of manuals is included in this grant request. This is a continuation of last years project.
30	TEXAS	Railroad Commission of Texas	\$ 45,000.00		1	This grantee will continue to use funds to address excavators and pipeline operators that have not promptly respond to compliance notices or settlement agreements on alleged violations and enforcement penalties on damage prevention. Grant funds will be used to allocate resources for the continuation of enforcement attorneys to hold hearings, prepare formal complaints, and compile dockets to present to the Commission to achieve full compliance with pipeline damage prevention regulations. Currently, a backlog of over 2,622 delinquent response cases exist on the Commission's docket file.
31	VERMONT	Vermont Department of Public Service	\$ 45,000.00		1	This grantee will continue to perform compliance and enforcement activities which include the following: administer Vermont Damage Prevention procedures and process cases; receive all damage reports and develop a permanent database; prepare initial incidents /event information before performing investigations; investigate damage facility reports and conduct field investigations. Additionally, the grantee will utilize a part-time program service clerk to receive reports of underground facility damages, compliance investigations and process compliance actions.
32	VIRGINIA	Virginia State Corporation Commission	\$ 1,600.00		1	This grantee will use funds to purchase a new printer for assistance in making copies of enforcement orders, filings and other relative information in support of the state damage prevention enforcement program
			\$ 4,000.00		1	This grantee will use funds to purchase 2 new laptop (E6520) computers for their investigation and enforcement of Virginia's damage prevention law. Computers will be use to document issues found in the field and office and entry of data into a data base on the causes of damages.
			\$ 4,400.00		1	This grantee will contract with Virginia Notification Center for the development of a database script and XML file to provide information on the location of high risk excavation activities on a daily basis. The information will assist the Virginia Corporation Commission staff members in conducting an risk-based field inspection to monitor compliance with the damage prevention law.
			\$ 9,210.00		3	This grantee will use funds to purchase three replacement GPS units. The devices assist enforcement staff in travel to training sites with the use of maps. The Pharos GPS units are used in conjunction with the laptops in field inspections. Funds will also be used to purchase 6 set of speakers to be used by trainers when conducting damage prevention training. The speakers are used to project sound via USB cables from the trainer's laptops in playing the Division's safety video tapes.
			\$ 790.00		3	This grantee will use funds to purchase advertising their safe digging/811 message via several items. These items include decals, bumper stickers, pens, flags and phone decals. These items are distributed at State Fairs, conferences and monthly Advisory Committee meetings.
33	WYOMING	Wyoming Public Service Commission	\$ 9,920.00		3	This grantee will enter into an agreement with the Wyoming Association of Broadcasters to run two months of Public Service Announcements (PSA) throughout the state. The PSA's on "Call Before You Dig" and the "811" message will be run in May, August or September during the construction season to promote the use of One Call of Wyoming.
*31 State Grant Awards			\$ 1,060,678.00			

* 33 State Agencies requested One Call Grants.

2 State Agencies PA & NJ were denied.