WETP AWARDEE MEETING

NIH Campus, Natcher Bldg

April 2, 2008

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NIEHS Update

Chip Hughes, Director, WETP

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Sharon D. Beard
Industrial Hygienist, WETB

Program Updates

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

Program Update

WETP Strategic Plan

Budget Update and Outlook

New Initiatives

Joint meeting with OSHA/OTI

Future Workshops

NIEHS WETP STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Mission Priorities:

- 1. Continually seek and encourage opportunities to collaborate with organizations (at all levels) that share the common goal of protecting workers and their communities.

- 2. Advocate for the health and safety of emergency responders and skilled support personnel through actively participating in all phases of the national response to disasters.

- 3. Oversee and manage the expansion of a national network of trainers with diverse specific skills grounded on a common training doctrine. These trainers will become a national resource for providing health and safety education and will prepare responders to perform their duties in a hazardous environment.

- 4. Expand opportunities for minority and underserved populations in cities and surrounding communities by providing life skills, construction, and career training in the handling and remediation of hazardous materials.

- 5. Leverage and actively integrate technology and innovation to improve the delivery of education and training to workers performing duties in a hazardous environment.

Funding Outlook

- Budget outlook is bleak.

- The overall NIEHS Superfund budget was reduced by $1.2 million between FY 2007 and FY 2008.

- The President's budget for FY 2009 NIEHS Superfund is proposed at $77,546,000, which is the same level as FY 2008.

- A significant funding gap exists between current committed levels and our current appropriation levels, necessitating an across-the-board reduction.

- Because of the bleak funding picture, no carryover requests will be approved for this current budget period.

- Elimination of support for the Brownfields Minority Worker Training Program by EPA will mean the closeout of those programs.

- Support for DOE training continues at the same level.

NEW INITIATIVES

Jim Remington, WETP

New Initiatives

- Partnership with NIOSH on Emergency Response and Disaster Response

- Earthquake training tool briefing this summer

- DOE Site Training Meetings on 851 awareness and RDD preparedness

- Revitalization of the Disaster Site Worker Course in partnership with OSHA

SBIR UPDATE

Ted Outwater

Public Health Educator, WETP

Brownfields & MWTP Awardees

NIEHS National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

MWTP Organization/City

CPWR

Baltimore, MD

New Orleans, LA

Oakland, CA

Dillard University

New Orleans, LA

Baton Rouge, LA

Savannah, GA

Detroit, MI

OAI, Inc.

Bronx, NY

Washington, DC

Port Arthur, TX

Chicago, IL

NJ/NY Consortium

New York City, NY

BMWTP Organization/City

CPWR	**HMTRI**
Boston, MA	St. Louis, MO
East Palo Alto, CA	El Paso, TX
Los Angeles, CA	
St. Paul, MN	

OAI, Inc.	**NJ/NY Consortium**
Dallas, TX	Newark, NJ
Kansas City, MO	Glen Cove, NY

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Program Updates
MWTP Job Placement Rates

Chart data:

Year	# trained	# employed
1996	368	246
1997	310	193
1998	240	154
1999	360	233
2000	364	244
2001	342	204
2002	334	222
2003	310	190
2004	261	219
2005	277	205
2006	333	236
2007	385	241

trained: 3884   # employed: 2587

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Program Updates
BMWTP Job Placement Rates

Bar chart showing # trained (yellow) and # employed (purple) by year:

Year	# trained	# employed
1998-1999	406	263
1999-2000	440	275
2000-2001	329	232
2001-2002	341	208
2002-2003	344	247
2003-2004	280	218
2004-2005	308	213
2005-2006-		142
2006-2007	209	160

■ # trained: 2867   □ # employed: 1958
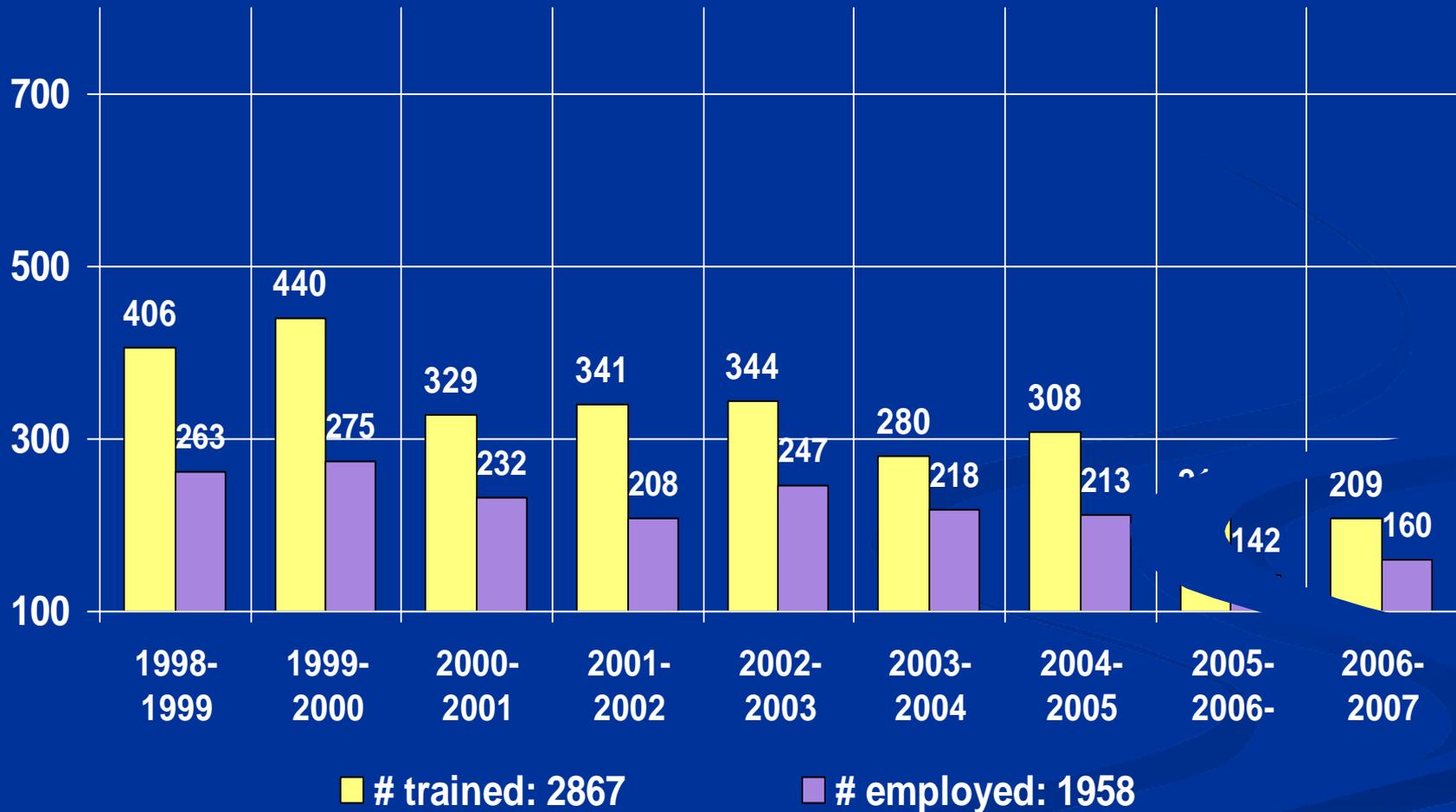
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- **WHAT IS SECTION 508?**

  – Section 508 requires that Federal agencies' electronic and information technology is accessible to people with disabilities. More information is available at the www.section508.gov website. These accessibility standards will help users who:

  – not be able to see, hear, move, or may not be able to process some types of information easily or at all.

  – may have difficulty reading or comprehending text.

  – may not have or be able to use a keyboard or mouse.

  – may have a text-only screen, or may be using a screen reader to view the web.

- **508 Tools and Resources** -

  – http://www.section508.gov/index.cfm?FuseAction=Content&ID=8

- Each awardee must verify that all curricula that is uploaded is 508 Compliant

- Verification Tools: Adobe 8.0 Professional has a 508 accessibility tool

- Hazardous Waste, Hazmat, Brownfields and MWTP

  – Open for 2009 projected data and 2008 initial progress report entry on Tuesday, April 1

  – System will close –Monday, June 2

- DOE

  – Open for 2009 projected data and 2008 initial progress report entry on Thursday, May 1.

  – System will close on Tuesday, July 1

NIH Update – Spring 2008

Carolyn K. Mason

Deputy Grants Management Officer

April 2, 2008

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President's Budget Request for FY 2009

- Requested a total of $29.457 billion for NIH

  - Same as FY2008

Elimination of Paper Notification of Award Letters (NoAs)

- As of January 1, 2008, NIH is no longer providing paper notification of NoA letters.

- NoAs are sent solely by e-mail and award letters are accessible through the eRA Commons.

- All award recipients must be e-mail enabled!

  – Edit your institutional profile in the eRA Commons.

  – If already enabled, confirm that the address is correct.

- **More at: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-08-002.html**

Electronic FSR
Submission Required

- As of October 1, 2007, NIH requires all Financial Status Reports (FSRs) to be submitted using the electronic FSR system in the eRA Commons.

- Applies to both domestic *and* foreign grantees.

- Does not apply to other Federal agencies.

- **More at: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-078.html**

Closeout Final Reports

- Documents are due within 90 days of project period end date

  – Final Financial Status Report (now required electronically)

  – Final Inventions Statement & Certification

  – Final Progress Report

- Failure to submit timely reports may affect future funding to the organization!

- **More at: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-05-051.html**

NIH Centralized Processing Center

- NIH encourages electronic submission of closeout documents through the eRA Commons.

- Centralized office accepts receipt of all non-financial, paper-based closeout documents

  – Final Progress Report

  – Final Invention Statement and Certification

- Mail to the Central NIH unit at:

  NIH Centralized Processing Center

  6705 Rockledge Drive, Room 2207, MSC 7987

  Bethesda, MD 20892-7987 (for regular or US Postal Service Express mail)

  Bethesda, MD 20817 (for other courier/express mail delivery only)

Changes to NIH Application Forms

- New PHS 398 forms approved for optional use until May 24, 2008. Use will be mandatory for submission dates after May 25.

  - Changes will also be incorporated into PHS 398 components used in the SF424 (R&R) form set. Grants.gov development of these forms is pending.

  - The new PHS 2271 form is currently available and must be used for appointments made on/after May 1, 2008.

  - The PHS 3734 and HHS 568 forms have also been renewed and are now available.

- New PHS 2590 forms available and required for all progress reports.

- **All Forms Available at: grants.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm**

Grants Information:
Who to Contact!

- **Institutional Resources –** First, utilize the expertise of your organization's *Office of Sponsored Programs*

Application Specific Questions

- **Administrative** - Contact the Grants Management Specialist at the awarding Institute/Center

- **Scientific/Programmatic** - Contact the designated Program Official/Director at awarding Institute/Center

- **Review Questions** - Contact the assigned Scientific Review Officer

WEPT FY 2008 FUNDING

- **FUNDING FY 2008**

	COMMITTED LEVELS	FUNDS AVAILABLE	%
HWWT	$21,634,110	$19,701,644	91%
HDPT	$ 2,571,927	$ 2,342,153	91%
MWT	$ 3,700,923	$ 3,500,000	94%
BMWT	$ 2,619,694	$ 0	-100%
DOE	$ 9,397,670	$ 9,601,670	>100%

- **CARRYOVER FY 2008**

  DOE

  OTHER PROGRAMS

- **BUSINESS BREAKOUT SESSION DISCUSSION ON THE ABOVE**

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