SEPTEMBER 22, 1998

OIG REPORT 98-49(H)

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MR. RANDALL C. HUNT, DIRECTOR, GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF

APPALACHIA, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT:

Memorandum Survey Report--Review of Fund for Appalachian Industrial

Retraining - FAIR, OH-10533-95 and OH-10533-96

#### **PURPOSE**

The purposes of our review were (1) to determine the allowability of the costs claimed under the ARC grants, (2) to determine if the grant objectives were met, and (3) to determine the current status of the project.

#### **SCOPE**

Our survey included procedures to review costs incurred and claimed for reimbursement under the grants, as well as costs claimed as the matching share. The period of performance for the 1995 grant was October 1, 1995, through September 30, 1996. The period of performance for the 1996 grant is October 1, 1996, through September 30, 1998. We reviewed the grantee's reports, examined records, and held discussions with grantee officials in Columbus, OH, July 20-21, 1998. As a basis for determining allowable costs and compliance requirements, we used the provisions of the grant agreement, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A-87 and A-102, and the ARC Code.

#### BACKGROUND

ARC Grants OH-10533-95 and OH-10533-96 were awarded to the Ohio Department of Development, Governor's Office of Appalachia to continue to fund industrial retraining projects in the Appalachian region of Ohio. The project was designed to supplement the OITP (Ohio Industrial Training Program) by channeling training grants to Appalachian businesses which do not rank high enough to receive regular OITP funding. The OITP requires at least a 50 percent match in company funds. According to the grant agreements, the grantee was to perform the following specific tasks:

- Select proposals for individual worker training programs submitted to OITP by businesses A. in Appalachian Ohio;
- Submit selected proposals to ARC for approval. (Funding under the grant was to be B. limited to those training projects identified by the grantee in the grant proposal.)
- Award grants with an effective date no earlier than October 1, 1995, (or October 1, 1996 C. for the 1996 grant) for worker training proposals which have been approved by ARC.

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According to the grant agreements, "(f)unding for individual worker training projects. . . shall not exceed \$20,000 (\$10,000 ARC and \$10,000 OITP)." Each grant was for 50 percent of the total actual and reasonable costs of work accomplished under the grant agreement, not to exceed \$250,000. At the time of our review, the grantee had received an advance of \$125,000 on the 1995 grant and \$125,000 remained in the ARC account. Although the grant period ended September 30, 1997 the grant had not been closed out. The grantee had also received an advance/progress payment of \$67,714.03 on the 1996 grant and \$182,285.97 remained in the ARC account. That project is ongoing.

#### **RESULTS**

## A. Financial Review

Prior to our on-site visit, we were aware that ARC and grantee officials were working to resolve an issue regarding sub-grantees who received ARC funds exceeding the \$10,000 limit. One company received ARC funds that exceeded the limit by \$123,642 under the 1995 grant and four companies exceeded the limit by a total of \$39,715.78 under the 1996 grant. All of the questioned sub-grants were matched with OITP funds. Grantee officials indicated they thought it was permissible to exceed the limits for certain kinds of sub-grants.

Subsequent to inquiries by ARC staff, the grantee amended the questioned sub-grants to indicate that ARC provided funding of \$10,000 on each and the remaining award amount was funded by OITP. For example, the sub-grant for one corporation totaling \$328,155 initially indicated that the funding would be equally divided between ARC and OITP. It was amended to \$10,000 from ARC and \$318,155 from OITP.

In June 1998, the grantee processed an intrastate transfer voucher for \$123,642.20 to refund the "federal funds incorrectly disbursed" from their ARC account under the 1995 grant. They also processed a voucher to refund \$39,715.78 related to the sub-grants awarded under the 1996 grant. Their records indicate that the funds originally charged to ARC in error are now included in the matching share resulting in the grantee being significantly overmatched. The grantee understands that each funded company has to be matched with OITP funds and the excess match for one company cannot be used as match for another. We also noted there were additional sub-grants in which encumbered funds exceeded the \$10,000 ARC limit but they were corrected by the grantee before any payments were made.

At the time of our visit, we understood that the grantee was preparing financial reports which would reflect the adjustments they made to bring their claimed costs into agreement with program limits. At that time, actual allowable costs for the 1995 grant were \$81,790.81. During our visit, there was also a question as to whether ARC would allow the grantee to extend the period of performance for the 1995 grant agreement to allow them to use the remaining \$43,209.19 in advanced ARC funds and the \$125,000 remaining at ARC. Grantee officials indicated that the training needs in Appalachian Ohio were sufficient to justify keeping the remaining funds.

At the time of our visit, corrected expenditures under the 1996 grant totaled \$91,298.17 and the grantee had drawn down \$67,714.03 from ARC.

# B. Program Review/Status

At the time of our visit, 10 companies had participated in the 1995 grant and 27 in the 1996 grant. It appears that most companies are on schedule to meet or exceed their goals to create and retain jobs.

ARC received a request from the grantee to extend the 1996 grant through June 30, 1999, but it has not been approved at this time pending further information from the grantee.

## C. Grantee Comments

In their response to our draft report, the grantee provided copies of financial reports indicating that total expenses for the 1995 FAIR project were \$417,276.47 including \$84,995.93 (20 percent) in grant costs and \$332,280.54 (80 percent) in matching share. They also indicated they were returning advanced funds of \$40,004.07 to ARC so the grant account for that year can be closed and the unused funds returned to Ohio's Area Development account.

The grantee withdrew their request to extend the 1996 FAIR grant and indicated that sub-recipients would be reimbursed for training completed through September 30, 1998 as specified by the grant agreement.

The grantee also provided additional documentation indicating the companies participating in the 1995 grant created 383 new jobs, retained 24 jobs and trained 14,266 workers.

# D. Auditor Comments/Recommendation

At the time of our visit, we noted grant expenses for the 1995 grant totaling \$81,790.81; however, we accept the grantee's response to our draft report and their final accounting of allowable expenditures, including the eligibility of \$84,995.93 in grant expenses for the 1995 grant. In view of the actions initiated to refund and deobligate program funds applicable to the 1995 and 1996 programs and to provide training funds in accordance with grant agreement terminology, no recommendations are noted.

Inspector General

A Proud Past, A New Vision

August 25, 1998

Mr. Randall C. Hunt, Director Governor's Office of Appalachia P. O. Box 1001 Columbus, OH 43266-1001

re:

OIG Report 98-49(H), Grant OH-10533-95/96

Dear Mr. Hunt:

Enclosed is our draft report dealing with grants for industrial retraining. As noted, the primary open issue pertains to resolution of the matter related to grants in excess of \$10,000 in ARC funds for individual worker training projects.

We would appreciate a response within 30 days, including any updated information on this issue, for inclusion in a final report.

Sincerely,

Hubert N. Sparks Inspector General

Enclosure



# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

George V. Voinovich Governor Joseph C. Robertson Director

August 31, 1998

Mr. Hubert N. Sparks, Inspector General Appalachian Regional Commission 1666 Connecticut Avenue, NW Washington, DC

RE:

GRANT OH-10533-95 GRANT OH-10533-96

Dear Mr. Hubert:

The following provides response to your draft report regarding records and implementation of Ohio's Funds for Appalachian Industrial Retraining (FAIR) program for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 1995 & 1996.

RESULTS, A. Financial Review (pp. 2-3)

"Recommendation: We recommend that the grantee provide financial reports to the ARC reflecting actual allowable expenditures incurred under the 1995 grant. We also recommend that the grantee work with the ARC program officials to resolve the issue regarding extending the 1995 grant or closing it out, returning unused funds and deobligating the balance of funds in the ARC's grant account.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Enclosed is the ARC Form 270 which depicts actual expenditures and reimbursements by the Ohio Department of Development to recipients of FAIR funds for FFY 1995.

Included is a spreadsheets for FFY 1995 depicting business by business grant amounts, grant disbursement, and final fund balances.

MEAD Corporation is currently closing its grant with the ODOD; however, it is not officially closed. Because the MEAD contract has been amended, reference enclosure, MEAD has exhausted its use of eligible ARC training funds. MEAD's final reimbursement request exceeds \$45,000 and will be charged against the Ohio Industrial Training Program.

Mr. Hubert N. Sparks, Inspector General Appalachian Regional Commission August 31, 1998 Page Two

#### RESULTS, A. Financial Review (pp. 2-3)

#### **RESPONSE**

CONTD.:

Therefore, based upon the amended contract for this fiscal year, coupled with the final expenditure report (Form 270), Ohio respectfully requests that the Grant OH-10533-95 be closed. Furthermore, unused funds will be returned and deobligated to the ARC and in turn, reobligated into Ohio's Area Development account.

#### RESULTS, B. Program Review/Status (p. 3)

"At the time of our visit, 10 companies had participated in the 1995 grant and 27 in the 1996 grant. It appears that most companies are on schedule to meet their goals and create and retain jobs."

#### **RESPONSE:**

Two Performance spreadsheets have been included for both FFYs 1995 & '96 depicting projected versus actual figures for jobs created, retained, and persons trained.

#### RESULTS, B. Program Review/Status (p. 3)

"ARC received a request from the grantee to extend the 1996 grant through June 30, 1999, but it has not been approved at this time pending further information from the grantee."

#### **RESPONSE:**

Ohio withdraws its previous request to extend the FFY 1996 FAIR contract and as currently written, this contract, as well as, all sub-recipient contracts, will expire September 30, 1998. Ohio would like to execute this contract as currently written, requesting no extension.

According to the OITP procedure, recipients of the FAIR program will be notified in writing October 1, 1998 with the announcement that their contract has expired. The recipient will then be requested to report any allowable reimbursement up to September 30, 1998 to the ODOD within 45 days from the date of this letter. By early December, all contracts should be closed and final reimbursements disbursed.

Mr. Hubert N. Sparks, Inspector General Appalachian Regional Commission August 31, 1998 Page Three

I trust that satisfactorily addresses the concerns reported in your draft report; however, should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact me at 614.644.9228.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Hunt, Director

Governor's Office of Appalachia

encl: ARC Form 270 for Grant OH-10533-95

Expenditure Spreadsheets for OH-10533-95 & 96 Performance Spreadsheet for OH-10533-95 & 96

MEAD Grant Authorization (Amendment)

ARC Inspector General Draft Report, OIG Report 98-49(H) August 25, 1998

c: T. Hunter, Executive Director, ARC (w/encl.) C. Howard, Legal Counsel, ARC (w/encl.)

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# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

George V. Voinovich Governor Joseph C. Robertson Director

September 01, 1998

Thomas Hunter, Executive Director Appalachian Regional Commission 1666 Connecticut Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20235

RE:

UNOBLIGATED CASH BALANCE for the FFY 1995 FAIR PROGRAM

Dear Mr. Hunter:

As a result of our close out of hte Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 1995 Funds for Appalachian Industrial Retraining (FAIR) program, kindly accept the enclosed check in the amount of Forty Thousand and Four Dollars and 07/Cents (\$40,004.07), the unobligated cash balance.

Please let me know if there is any other requirements to officially close this program year. I can be reached at 614.644.9228. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Hunt, Director

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H. Sparks, IG ARC (w/o encl.)
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andmark	\$15,896.00	\$7,948.00	\$7,948.00	\$7,694.10	\$7,694.10	\$253.90	\$253.90	\$507.80	CLOSED	86/08/60	1/98
Yorde	\$9,321.00	\$4,660.00	\$4,661.00	\$4,660.00	\$4,661.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	CLOSED	86/08/60	4/98
Ridge Tool	\$1,778.00	\$889.00	\$889.00	\$859.75	\$859.74	\$29.25	\$29.26	\$58.51	CLOSED	86/08/60	10/97
.C.C.	\$4,864.00	\$2,432.00	\$2,432.00	\$2,432.00	\$2,432.00	00.0\$	\$0.00	\$0.00	CLOSED	86/08/60	26/6
Shreiner	\$268.50	\$134.25	\$134.25	\$134.25	\$134.25	00.0\$	\$0.00	\$0.00	CLOSED	09/30/98	4/97
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TOTALS	\$500,000.00	\$157,794.25	\$341,501.64	\$94,635.91	\$185,019.99	\$63,129.09	\$146,452.22	\$209,581.31			
GRAND TOTALS	ITS	\$499,295.89		\$279,655.90				\$209,581.31			
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OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT 96-014E ECOD-GOAR **GRANT AUTHORIZATION** Control Number: imbrance Number: \_Modification/Amendment to Control No. <code>ECDD</code> GOAR 96-01 $4\mathcal{D}$ Start date: End date: Grant Amount: Amended Amount: 10/01/1995 05/30/1998 \$328,155 0.00 Grantee - Name & Address: **Grantee Contact: DOD Contact:** MEAD CORPORATION STEVEN A. BROWN, ORG.LRNG.& Linda O'Connor DEV.MG. Manager/OITP **401 SOUTH PAINT STREET** Barb Johnson 4 CHILLICOTHE, OH 45601 310535759 ンク\ (614) 772-3480 FII: Telephone #: Telephone #: BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: ATS Project: 94091B (Attach scope of work, budget and a listing of all other current grants the grantee has with the department) F.A.I.R. GRANT - REGION 7 CHANGE OF FUNDING SOURCE 98-R07-227A To Take Care the overcommitment of Federal funds \$123,642.20 ISTV GRF Lucy 30,435.30 come GRF 916574 FISCAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM CERTIFICATION I recommend this grant for funding and certify that the grant I certify that funding for grant is available. complies with all applicable program guidelines, rules and C.B. approval date \_\_\_\_\_ and #\_\_\_\_ , if required. Department objectives and that funding is available. Deputy Director Chief of Budget and Fiscal PROJECT AUTHORIZATION: Director or Designee Date **LEGAL:** Date Legal Approves/Returns Date Legal/Director Agreement for Grantee Signature Executes the Agreement Comments: INVOICING METHOD: Monthly Advance with reimbursement X Other, describe. Reimbursement only (check one) (Amount of advance \$ (hourly rate or per diem & expenses) Advance Fixed payment FUND RESP SP RC GRANT OBJ SUB OBJ RPT CAT

### FIFTH AMENDMENT TO GRANT AGREEMENT

THIS FIFTH AMENDMENT TO GRANT AGREEMENT (the "Fifth Amendment") is made and entered into by and between the **State of Ohio, Department of Development** (the "Grantor") and **Mead Paper Corporation** at Chillicothe, Ohio (the "Company"). This Fifth Amendment shall have Control Number ECDD 96-014F.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- A. The Grantor and the Company entered into a Grant Agreement dated May 23, 1996 with Control Number ECDD 96- 96-014 (the "Agreement").
- B. The Agreement was subsequently modified by an amendment dated July 12, 1996, an amendment dated September 20, 1996, an amendment dated April 13, 1997, an amendment dated August 1997 and an amendment dated March 31, 1998.
- The Grantor and the Company desire to modify certain provisions of the Agreement as provided herein.

#### STATEMENT OF THE AGREEMENT

In consideration of the covenants herein set forth, the parties hereby agree as follows:

- Section 1 of the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
  - 1. Grant of Funds. The Grantor hereby grants Funds (the "Funds") to the Company in the amount set forth below:

Total Appalachia Regional Commission Funding: \$ 10,000.00 Total Ohlo Industrial Training Program Funds: \$318,155.00 (Acc't 4175) Total Department of Development Grant: \$328,155.00 3/31/98 10/1/95 ARC Project Dates: End Start OITP Project Dates: 10/1/95 End 5/30/98 Start

- 2. Exhibit B, "Budget" shall be deleted in its entirety, and replaced with the attached Exhibit B, "Budget".
- Except as modified herein, all terms, covenants and conditions contained in the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

In Witness whereof, the parties have duly executed this Fifth Amendment to Grant Agreement as of the last date set forth below.

STATE OF OHIO

MEAD PAPER CORPORATION	STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT
BY:	BY: JOSEPH C ROBERTSON, DIRECTOR
DATE:	DATE:

98-R-07-227A DOC.#916576

\$154,077.50 SUBTRACTED FROM ACC'T 8265 & ADDED TO ACC'T 4175

# EXHIBIT "B", BUDGET MEAD PAPER CORPORATION AMENDMENT - CHANGE OF FUNDING SOURCE

The grant of moneys herein shall be conditioned upon the Department granting funds to the Grantee in the amount referenced above.

ARC DOD

- 1. MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS
- 2. CHILPACO EMPLOYEE DEV. WORKSHOPS
- 3. MANAGEMENT SKILLS TRAINING

25% SPECIAL NEEDS - INSTRUCTIONAL MODELS

- 4. COMPUTER SKILLS FOR OPERATORS
- 5. ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP (NON-REGIST.)
- 6. MECHANICAL APPRENTICESHIP (NON-REGIST.)
- 7. JOURNEYMAN SKILLS ELECTRICAL
- 8. JOURNEYMAN SKILLS MECHANICAL
- 9. WELDING APPRENTICESHIP (NON-REGIST.)
- 10. PRODUCTION SKILLS UPDATE TRAINING
- 11. SPECIAL NEEDS-TRAIN-THE-TRAINER @ 25% (FOR COURSES 1-10)

SUB-TOTALS:
TOTAL GRANT:

\$10,000.00 \$318,155.00 \$328,155.00

#### Narration to Budget

- 1. Apply the standard funding guidelines where applicable in accordance with the OITP Eligible Reimbursement Guidelines, contained in the Procedural Forms.
- 2. The budget reimbursement is based upon 50% of the actual grantee costs up to a maximum of \$20 per instructional hour for the instructor(s) and up to a maximum of 50% of actual company costs for instructional materials and 25% of actual company costs for special needs with appropriate documentation and receipts according to the OITP Eligible Reimbursement Guidelines, contained in the Procedural Forms (not subject to proration).
- 3. The F.A.I.R. grants are reimbursed at 25% of the actual cost for the OITP portion and 25% of the actual for the ARC (Appalachia Regional Commission) federal portion (total 50% reimbursement).
- 4. OITP does not reimbursement for OJT (trainees). OITP will reimburse for up to 50% of the trainer/instructor cost for "hand on" instruction. Instruction is capped at 40 instructional hours per trainee, per area of instruction. The trainee is required to have periodic supervision from the instructor during training and may not produce the complete product to be sold for company profit. Any instructional time exceeding 40 hours, requires approval by the Director of the Department of Development.



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August 25, 1998

Mr. Randall C. Hunt, Director Governor's Office of Appalachia P. O. Box 1001 Columbus, OH 43266-1001

re:

OIG Report 98-49(H), Grant OH-10533-95/96

Dear Mr. Hunt:

Enclosed is our draft report dealing with grants for industrial retraining. As noted, the primary open issue pertains to resolution of the matter related to grants in excess of \$10,000 in ARC funds for individual worker training projects.

We would appreciate a response within 30 days, including any updated information on this issue, for inclusion in a final report.

Sincerely,

Hubert N. Sparks Inspector General

Enclosure