

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training
Administration

[TA-W-33,074]

**R and W Apparel, Scottsboro,
Alabama, Including Leased Workers of
Skillstaf/Stafco, Alexander City,
Alabama; Amended Certification
Regarding Eligibility To Apply for
Worker Adjustment Assistance**

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273) the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on March 13, 1997, applicable to all workers of R and W Apparel located in Scottsboro, Alabama. The notice will be published soon in the **Federal Register**.

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New information provided by the State shows that some employees of Skillstaf/Stafco, Alexander City, AL were engaged in employment related to the production of children's apparel produced by R and W Apparel, Scottsboro, Alabama. Worker separations occurred at Skillstaf/Stafco as a result of worker separations at R & W Apparel.

Based on these findings, the Department is amending the certification to include workers of Skillstaf/Stafco, Alexander City, Alabama leased to R and W Apparel. The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of R and W Apparel adversely affected by imports.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-33,074 is hereby issued as follows:

"All workers of R and W Apparel, Scottsboro, Alabama engaged in employment related to the production of children's apparel; and leased workers of Skillstaf/Stafco, Alexander City, Alabama engaged in employment related to the production of children's apparel for R and W Apparel, Scottsboro, Alabama who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after December 18, 1995, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 24th day of March, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training
Administration**Job Training Partnership Act, Title III,
Demonstration Program: Older
Dislocated Workers Demonstration
Program**

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Funds and Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA).

SUMMARY: All information required to submit a grant application is contained in this announcement. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), announces a demonstration program to test the concept that providing services designed to address the specific needs of older workers facing a change in job status will help those individuals find employment that is appropriate to their individual circumstances and that brings satisfaction to those workers and their employers. The program will be funded with Secretary's National Reserve funds appropriated for Title III of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) and administered in accordance with 29 CFR Part 95 and 97 as applicable.

This notice provides information on the process that eligible entities must use to apply for these demonstration funds and how grantees will be selected. It is anticipated that up to \$2.5 million will be available for funding demonstration projects covered by this solicitation, with no award being more than \$500,000.

DATES: The closing date for receipt of proposals is May 9, 1997 at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

ADDRESSES: Applications shall be mailed to: U.S. Department of Labor; Employment and Training Administration; Division of Acquisition and Assistance; Attention: Ms. Mamie D. Williams, Reference: SGA/DAA 97-011; 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-4203; Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mamie D. Williams, Division of Acquisition and Assistance, Telephone: (202) 219-8694 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This announcement consists of five parts. Part I describes the authorities and purpose of the demonstration program and identifies demonstration policy. Part II describes the application process and provides guidelines for use in

applying for demonstration grants. Part III includes the statement of work for the demonstration projects. Part IV describes the selection process, including the criteria that will be used in reviewing and evaluating applications. Part V discusses the demonstration program evaluation.

Part I. Background**A. Authorities**

Section 323 of JTPA (29 U.S.C. 1662b) authorizes the use for demonstration programs of funds reserved under Section 302 of JTPA (29 U.S.C. 1652) and provided by the Secretary for that purpose under Section 322 of JTPA (29 U.S.C. 1662a). Demonstration program grantees shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations in setting up and carrying out their programs.

B. Purpose

The Dislocated Worker Program provides a wide range of employment and training services to eligible dislocated workers. These services are designed to help them find and qualify for new jobs through an established service delivery network of States and Substate Grantees. This demonstration will test the concept that providing services designed to address the specific needs of older workers who are facing a change in job status will help those individuals find employment that is appropriate to their individual circumstances and that brings satisfaction to those workers and their employers. This demonstration will offer grantees the opportunity to identify needs or combinations of needs that may be peculiar to older dislocated workers, and to develop and deliver training and other services designed to meet those needs. Grantees will also have the opportunity to develop methods of educating employers as to the benefits of employing workers targeted in this demonstration.

The two-fold purpose of this demonstration is to: (1) identify specific employment-related needs of targeted dislocated workers at least 50 years old and (2) identify and test reemployment and retraining services and combinations of services designed to address those needs, so as to meet the demonstration program goals. Those goals are placement of the project participants in jobs related to project services; their satisfaction with project services and with their jobs; their employers' satisfaction with project services and with the participants' work; and identification and collection of information about successful and