

New findings on reopening reveal that sales, production and employment at Pluma, Incorporated, Rocky Mount, Virginia will decline to zero with the plant closure beginning April 1999. Company imports of fleecewear increased in quantity from 1997 to 1998.

#### Conclusion

After careful consideration of the new facts obtained on reopening, it is concluded that increased imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles produced by the subject firm contributed importantly to the decline in sales and to the total or partial separation of workers of the subject firm. In accordance with the provisions of the Trade Act of 1974, I make the following revised determination:

"All workers of Pluma, Incorporated, Rocky Mount, Virginia, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after October 15, 1997, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed in Washington, DC this 9th day of February 1999.

**Grant D. Beale,**

*Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-35,192]

#### Rockwell Semiconductor Systems—Colorado Springs, Inc. Including Workers of Guards-Mark, Inc., Colorado Springs, CO; 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 January 8, 1999, applicable to all workers of Rockwell Semiconductor Systems—Colorado Springs, Inc. located in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on January 29, 1999 (64 FR 4712).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New information provided by the company shows that some workers at Rockwell Semiconductor Systems were leased from Guards-Mark, Inc., Colorado Springs, Colorado to provide security

detail at the Colorado Springs, Colorado facility. Worker separations occurred at Guards-Mark as a result of closing the Colorado Springs, Colorado location of Rockwell Semiconductor Systems. Based on these findings, the Department is amending the certification to include leased workers from Guard-Mark, Inc., Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Rockwell Semiconductor Systems—Colorado Springs, Inc. adversely affected by imports.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-35,192 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Rockwell Semiconductor Systems—Colorado Springs, Inc and leased workers of Guards-Mark, Inc., Colorado Springs, Colorado that provided security detail for Rockwell Semiconductor Systems—Colorado Springs, Inc., Colorado Springs, Colorado who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after October 28, 1997 through January 8, 2001 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, DC this 8th day of February, 1999.

**Grant D. Beale,**

*Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; State Alien Labor Certification Activity Report

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95), 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection

requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension to the collection of information to the State Alien Labor Certification Activity Report. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before April 19, 1999.

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collections techniques or other forms of information, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and questions regarding the collection of information on Form ETA 9037, State Alien Labor Certification Activity Report, should be directed to James Norris, Chief, Division of Foreign Labor Certifications, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-4456, Washington, D.C. 20210 ((202) 219-5263 (this is not a toll-free number)).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Alien labor certification programs administered by the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) of the Department of Labor (DOL or Department) require State Employment Security Agencies (SESAs) to initially process applications for per permanent and temporary labor certifications filed by U.S. employers on behalf of alien workers seeking to be employed in the U.S. SESAs are also responsible for issuing prevailing wage determinations, reviewing employer-provided wage surveys or other source data, conducting

housing inspections of facilities offered to migrant and seasonal workers, and conducting and monitoring recruitment activities seeking qualified U.S. workers for the jobs employers are attempting to fill with foreign workers. The SESAs perform these functions under a reimbursable grant that is awarded annually. The information pertaining to these functions is collected on the Form ETA 9037 and will be used by Departmental staff to manage alien labor certification programs in the SESAs. The Department will be able to monitor the number of applications that the State has received, processed, and forwarded to ETA Regional offices, and the number of prevailing wage determinations issued to employers under the permanent and temporary labor certification programs, as well as the H-1B program for nonimmigrant professionals in specialty occupations. The information on workload will be used for formulating budget estimates for both state and Federal workloads, and for monitoring a State's performance against the Grant Statement of Work and Work Plan. Without such information, the budget workload figures will be estimates and the allocation of funding to the SESAs will not reflect the true workload in a State.

## II. Current Actions

In order for the Department to meet its statutory responsibilities under the INA there is a need for an extension of an existing collection of information pertaining to.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection without change.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

*Title:* State Alien Labor Certification Activity Report.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0319.

*Affected Public:* Federal and State governments.

*Form:* Form ETA 9037.

*Total Respondents:* 54.

*Frequency of Response:* Semi-annually.

*Total Responses:* 108.

*Average Burden Hours per Response:* 2.

*Estimate Total Annual Burden Hours:* 216.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 10th day of February, 1999.

**John R. Beverly, III,**

*Director, U.S. Employment Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Availability of Funds and Solicitation for Grant Applications in School-to-Work Opportunities; State and Local Systems

**AGENCIES:** Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of funds and solicitation for grant applications (SGA) providing work-based learning opportunities in State and local School-to-Work (STW) systems through two distinct efforts undertaken by either: (1) national industry/trade groups or associations/coalitions with national memberships or participation; or (2) local/regional business-led consortia.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains all of the necessary information and forms needed to apply for grant funding. The Departments of Labor and Education jointly invite proposals for up to 10 new awards in FY 1998, as authorized under Section 403 of the School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994 (the Act). These awards will provide support to industry/trade groups or associations/coalitions with national memberships or participation and to local/regional business-led consortia to undertake outreach, technical assistance, and other activities to increase the number and capacity of employers to participate in STW systems. The Departments believe that a targeted approach to employer involvement in STW through industry and trade groups or associations/coalitions with national memberships/participation and through local/regional business-led consortia has the potential to help develop a critical mass of business partners. As a result of the products developed and activities carried out, awardees will be asked to provide clear, quantifiable evidence that they are significantly increasing the numbers of employers participating in STW and increasing the number of work-based learning opportunities for students who are participating in STW activities. The Departments made four awards to distinct industry groups (retail, manufacturing, information technology and utilities) in FY 1997.

**DATES:** Applications will be accepted commencing February 18, 1999. The closing date for receipt of applications is April 5, 1999, at 4 P.M., (Eastern Time ) at the address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications shall be mailed to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Division of Federal Assistance, Attention: Patricia A. Glover, Reference: SGA/DFA 99-005, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-4203, Washington, D.C. 20210.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Questions should be faxed to Patricia A. Glover, Grants Management Specialist, Division of Federal Assistance, Fax (202) 219-8739. This is not a toll-free number. All inquiries should include the SGA number (DFA 99-005) and a contact name, fax and phone number. This solicitation will also be published on the Internet on the Employment and Training Administration's Homepage at <http://www.doleta.gov>. Award notifications will also be published on this Homepage.

#### Industry Association/Business Consortium Solicitation

##### I. Purpose

To invite proposals for increasing the number and capacity of employers providing work-based learning opportunities in State and local School-to-Work (STW) systems through two distinct efforts undertaken by either: (1) national industry/trade groups or associations/coalitions with national memberships or participation; or (2) local/regional business-led consortia.

##### II. Background

The School-to-Work Opportunities Act was signed into law by President Clinton on May 4, 1994. Jointly administered by the Departments of Labor and Education, this Act is a new approach to education and workforce development that seeks to better prepare all American youth for careers in high-skill, high-wage jobs and to strengthen the linkages between what is learned in school with work. Under the Act, venture capital grants are provided to States and local communities to undertake systemic reform to increase the likelihood that youth will successfully transition from school into careers or post-secondary institutions. Grants are for a limited duration with the Federal investment declining over time. These investments are intended to support the one-time costs of States and local communities to restructure learning experiences for all students. Currently all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are receiving