

[Petitions Instituted on 02/11/2002]

TA-W	Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Date of petition	Product(s)
40,810B	Solon Manufacturing Co (Comp)	Plymouth, NH	01/15/2002	Wooden Paint Paddles.
40,811	Materials Processing (Comp)	Riverview, MI	01/08/2002	Coated Axles—Automotive.
40,812	GeoComm Corp (Comp)	El Paso, TX	01/16/2002	Provide Telecommunication Services.
40,813	Blough Wagner Mfg Co. (Comp)	Middleburg, PA	01/15/2002	Ladies' Knit Activewear.
40,813A	Blough-Wagner Mfg Co. (Comp)	Elysburg, PA	01/15/2002	Ladies Activewear.
40,814	Master Lock (Wkrs)	Milwaukee, WI	01/25/2002	Laminated and Combination Locks.
40,815	Bernhardt Furniture (Comp)	Lenoir, NC	01/17/2002	Home and Office Wood Furniture.
40,816	Connolly North America (Comp)	Highland Park, MI	11/01/2001	Finished Leather.
40,817	Northshore Mining Co. (Comp)	Silver Bay, MN	12/19/2001	Iron Ore Pellets.
40,817A	Northshore Mining Co. (Comp)	Babbitt, MN	12/19/2001	Iron Ore Pellets.
40,818	Agfa Corporation (Comp)	Brevard, NC	01/25/2002	Medical X-Ray Film and Polyester Base.
40,819	Schumacher Electric (Comp)	Hooperston, IL	01/28/2002	Transformers and Lead Assemblies.
40,820	John Solomon, Inc (Comp)	Somerville, MA	01/10/2002	Waistbands, Pockets—Textiles.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-40,579]

VDO North America LLC; Winchester, VA; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on January 14, 2002, in response to a petition filed by a company official on behalf of workers at VDO North America LLC, Winchester, Virginia.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn with the intention to refile the petition when increased company imports of product transferred offshore become evident. Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, DC this 25th day of March, 2002.

Linda G. Poole,*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration****Proposed Collection; Comment Request****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 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 the collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed new collection of data on practices related to the substate allocation of funds allotted to states under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

A copy of the proposed survey can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before June 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Alberta F. Baker, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration/Office of Policy and Research, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5629, Washington, DC 20210, (202) 693-3642 (this is not a toll-free number), *ABAKER@doleta.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

The data obtained from this survey will provide information on the

allocation strategies used by states, the extent to which they rely exclusively on factors identified explicitly by WIA, and the extent to which they have plans to alter their allocation strategies in future years. Collection of this information is necessary for ETA to fulfill the requirements of WIA 171(c)(2)(B) for a study concerning improvements in the WIA allocation formula. There are two principal goals of the data collection: (1) To provide a national snapshot of the different allocation strategies states have adopted or are considering adopting, and (2) to identify alternative mechanisms by which states might consider allocating funds, which can then be incorporated into quantitative models estimating how allocations differ as a result of these alternative strategies.

Under the WIA, funds for both the adult and youth programs are to be allocated primarily using formulas specified in the Act itself. These formulas are very similar to those used in the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), which WIA replaces. Under WIA, however, states can allocate up to thirty percent of their adult and youth funding using alternative criteria than those specified in the Act. Thus, although many states continue to allocate criteria, obtaining results that differ, perhaps markedly, from those they would have received under JTPA. Examining these alternative strategies may provide lessons about the impact of allocation on the organizational and financial stability of local workforce investment boards, and, states' ability to provide financial resources that target the individuals that Congress intended the Act to serve. States experience with alternative formulas may also provide

insights which may be used to improve the formulas for allotments to states.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which: (a) Enhance the utility, quality and clarity of the information to be collected; (b) 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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (c) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information.

III. Current Actions

DOL is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Approval to collect data on the allocation strategies used by states, the extent to which they rely exclusively on factors identified explicitly by WIA, and the extent to which they have plans to alter their allocation strategies in future years. There are two principal goals of the data collection: (1) To provide a national snapshot of the different allocation strategies states have adopted or are considering adopting, and (2) to identify alternative mechanisms by which states might consider allocating funds, which can then be incorporated into quantitative models estimating how allocations differ as a result of these alternative strategies.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Study of the WIA Allocation Formula.

OMB No: 1205-0NEW.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Total Respondents: 52.

Frequency: Once.

Total Responses: 52.

Average Time per Response: 60 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 52.

Total Burden Cost (assuming \$30/hour staff time): \$1,560.

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

Dated: April 1, 2002.

Gerard F. Fiala,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-05624]

AVX Corporation; Vancouver, WA; Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By application dated January 25, 2002, the company requested administrative reconsideration of the Department's negative determination regarding eligibility to apply for North American Free Trade Agreement-Transitional Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-TAA), applicable to workers and former workers of the subject firm. The denial notice was signed on January 3, 2002, and was published in the **Federal Register** on January 11, 2002 (67 FR 1511).

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(c) reconsideration may be granted under the following circumstances:

(1) If it appears on the basis of facts not previously considered that the determination complained of was erroneous;

(2) If it appears that the determination complained of was based on a mistake in the determination of facts not previously considered; or

(3) If in the opinion of the Certifying Officer, a misinterpretation of facts or of the law justified reconsideration of the decision.

The denial of NAFTA-TAA for workers engaged in activities related to the production of electric capacitors at AVX Corporation, Vancouver, Washington was based on the finding that criteria (3) and (4) of the group eligibility requirements of paragraph (a)(1) of section 250 of the Trade Act, as amended, were not met. The company did not shift production of electric capacitors to Canada or Mexico and did not import electric capacitors from Canada or Mexico. The predominant cause of worker separations at the subject plant was a domestic shift of production to an affiliated facility.

The petitioner alleges that the company did not shift plant production of electric capacitors to Mexico, but that production remained in the United States. The petitioner further indicates that subject plant activities of testing, visual inspecting, packaging, quality assurance and shipping functions were shifted to Mexico.

The shift in activities related to testing, visual inspecting, packaging, quality assurance and shipping functions from the subject plant to Mexico is irrelevant, since those worker

groups are engaged in support activities (non-production) rather than actual production of electric capacitors. Those workers are separately identifiable from the workers engaged in the production of electric capacitors.

The workers engaged in activities related to testing, visual inspecting, packaging, quality assurance and shipping at the subject firm do not produce an article within the meaning of section 250(a) of the Trade Act, as amended.

Conclusion

After review of the application for reconsideration and investigative findings, I conclude that there has been no error or misinterpretation of the law or of the facts which would justify reconsideration of the Department of Labor's prior decisions. Accordingly, the application is denied.

Signed at Washington, DC this 25th day of March 2002.

Edward A. Tomchick,
Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Investigations Regarding Certifications of Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance

Petitions for transitional adjustment assistance under the North American Free Trade Agreement-Transitional Adjustment Assistance Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182), hereinafter called (NAFTA-TAA), have been filed with State Governors under Section 250(b)(1) of Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, are identified in the Appendix to this Notice. Upon notice from a Governor that a NAFTA-TAA petition has been received, the Director of the Division of Trade Adjustment (DTAA), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Department of Labor (DOL), announces the filing of the petition and takes action pursuant to paragraphs (c) and (e) of Section 250 of the Trade Act.

The purpose of the Governor's actions and the Labor Department's investigations are to determine whether the workers separated from employment on or after December 8, 1993 (date of enactment of P.L. 103-182) are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Subchapter D of the Trade Act because