

[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The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn with the intention to refile the petition when increased company imports of product transferred offshore become evident.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