

Signed at Washington, DC, this 11th day of June, 2003.

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Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Investigations Regarding Certifications of Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

Petitions have been filed with the Secretary of Labor under section 221(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 ("the Act") and are identified in the Appendix to this notice. Upon receipt of these petitions,

the Director of the Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, has instituted investigations pursuant to section 221(a) of the Act.

The purpose of each of the investigations is to determine whether the workers are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Title II, Chapter 2, of the Act. The investigations will further relate, as appropriate, to the determination of the date on which total or partial separations began or threatened to begin and the subdivision of the firm involved.

The petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing, provided such request is filed in writing with the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment

Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than July 7, 2003.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the investigations to the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than July 7, 2003.

The petitions filed in this case are available for inspection at the Office of the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room C-5311, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 16th day of June 2003.

Timothy Sullivan,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

APPENDIX

[Petitions instituted between 06/02/2003 and 06/06/2003]

TA-W	Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Date of institution	Date of petition
51,914	Tecumseh Products Company (Comp)	Douglas, GA	06/02/2003	05/23/2003
51,915	Foremost Fisheries, Inc. (Comp)	Seattle, WA	06/02/2003	05/30/2003
51,916	Twin City E.D.M., Inc. (Comp)	Fridley, MN	06/02/2003	05/28/2003
51,917	Liberty Embroidery Wentworth Corp. (Wkrs)	Madison, NC	06/02/2003	05/19/2003
51,918	Alstom USA, Inc. (Wkrs)	Charleroi, PA	06/02/2003	05/30/2003
51,919	Chevron—Texaco (Wkrs)	Concord, CA	06/02/2003	05/09/2003
51,920	O'Sullivan Industries Holdings (Comp)	Lamar, MO	06/02/2003	05/29/2003
51,921	Nortel Networks (Wkrs)	RTP, NC	06/02/2003	05/24/2003
51,922	PDC Pharmaceutical Systems LLC (Comp)	Hartland, WI	06/02/2003	05/30/2003
51,923	Sanmina—SCI (Wkrs)	Lynchburg, VA	06/02/2003	05/19/2003
51,924	Software Spectrum (Comp)	Liberty Lake, WA	06/02/2003	05/27/2003
51,925	F/V Martle (Comp)	Blaine, WA	06/03/2003	05/26/2003
51,926	State of Alaska Commercial Fisheries (Comp)	Manokotak, AK	06/03/2003	05/20/2003
51,927	Sound Fish, Inc. F/V New York (Comp)	Blaine, WA	06/03/2003	06/02/2003
51,928	Joan Fabrics Corporation (Comp)	Newton, NC	06/03/2003	06/02/2003
51,929	LeSporsac (Wkrs)	Stearns, KY	06/03/2003	05/27/2003
51,930	Richards Industries (Wkrs)	Frenchburg, KY	06/03/2003	05/27/2003
51,931	New Stamco, Inc. (Comp)	New Bremen, OH	06/03/2003	05/21/2003
51,932	Northwest Airlines, Inc (Wkrs)	Anchorage, AK	06/03/2003	05/19/2003
51,933	Vigorelli Sportswear (Comp)	McMinnville, TN	06/03/2003	05/22/2003
51,934	Darwood Manufacturing Co. (Comp)	Pelham, GA	06/03/2003	05/30/2003
51,935	Corning Cable Systems (Wkrs)	Keller, TX	06/03/2003	05/23/2003
51,936	Weslaco Materials Warehouse (Comp)	Weslaco, TX	06/03/2003	05/15/2003
51,937	Magne Quench UG, Inc. (USWA)	Valparaiso, IN	06/03/2003	05/30/2003
51,938	Eureka Company (The) (Comp)	El Paso, TX	06/03/2003	06/02/2003
51,939	Standard Mercerizing and Specialty Yarn (UNI)	Chattanooga, TN	06/03/2003	05/30/2003
51,940	Broyhill Furniture Industries, Inc. (Comp)	Rutherfordton, NC	06/04/2003	005/27/2003
51,941	Midland Steel Products Company (UAW)	Solon, OH	06/04/2003	005/19/2003
51,942	V.C. Textile, Inc. (Wkrs)	Miami, FL	06/04/2003	005/29/2003
51,943	F/V Carolina (Comp)	Wasilla, AK	06/04/2003	06/02/2003
51,944	F/V Dawn (Comp)	Craig, AK	06/04/2003	05/08/2003
51,945	Tom Kouremetis (Comp)	Kodiak, AK	06/04/2003	05/30/2003
51,946	Towle Manufacturing Company (Comp)	N. Dighton, MA	06/04/2003	06/02/2003
51,947	Alltrista Consumer Products Co. (Comp)	Strong, ME	06/04/2003	05/21/2003
51,948	American Tool Companies (Comp)	Beatrice, NE	06/04/2003	06/03/2003
51,949	Peerless Corporation (Comp)	Ironton, OH	06/04/2003	06/02/2003
51,950	Shipley Company (Comp)	Moss Point, MS	06/04/2003	05/21/2003
51,951	Fishing Vessel (F/V) ULU (Comp)	Dillingham, AK	06/05/2003	06/04/2003
51,952	F/V Ms. Ingrid (Comp)	Sand Point, AK	06/05/2003	06/03/2003
51,953	Wm Jette and Sons, Inc. (Comp)	Providence, RI	06/05/2003	05/28/2003
51,954	Facility Pro (Wkrs)	Allentown, PA	06/05/2003	05/15/2003
51,955	Gilmour Manufacturing (Comp)	Somerset, PA	06/05/2003	06/04/2003
51,956	Plexus (Wkrs)	Neenah, WI	06/06/2003	06/04/2003
51,957	Temme Mold and Engineering (Comp)	Evansville, IN	06/06/2003	06/03/2003

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[Petitions instituted between 06/02/2003 and 06/06/2003]

TA-W	Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Date of institution	Date of petition
51,958	UTI Star Guide (CO)	Arvada, CO	06/06/2003	06/04/2003
51,959	Fiskars Brands (Comp)	Opelika, AL	06/06/2003	05/29/2003
51,960	Agilent Technologies, Inc. (Wkrs)	Palo Alto, CA	06/06/2003	06/03/2003
51,961	3M (Comp)	Eagar, MN	06/06/2003	05/30/2003
51,962	Vibratech, Inc. (UAW)	Alden, NY	06/06/2003	06/03/2003
51,963	Nortel Networks (Wkrs)	RTP, NC	06/06/2003	05/19/2003
51,964	L.E. Smith Glass (AFGWU)	Mt. Pleasant, PA	06/06/2003	05/28/2003
51,965	Copperweld Corporation (Comp)	Birmingham, AL	06/06/2003	05/28/2003
51,966	Springs Window Fashions (Comp)	Wausau, WI	06/06/2003	06/04/2003
51,967	Reading Anthracite Co. (Wkrs)	Pottsville, PA	06/06/2003	05/29/2003
51,968	International Uranium Corp. (Wkrs)	Blanding, UT	06/06/2003	05/23/2003
51,969	Knaack Manufacturing Co. (Wkrs)	Payson, UT	06/06/2003	06/03/2003
51,970	Northwest Airlines (MN)	St. Paul, MN	06/06/2003	05/06/2003
51,971	Fulton Bellows and Components (USWA)	Knoxville, TN	06/06/2003	06/05/2003
51,972	Ken-Marc Sales Corp. (Comp)	Maspeth, NY	06/06/2003	06/05/2003
51,973	Briggs and Stratton (PACE)	Wauwatosa, WI	06/06/2003	06/02/2003
51,974	ICT Group (Wkrs)	Christiansburg, VA	06/06/2003	05/30/2003
51,975	Walstenburg Apparel Corp. (Comp)	Walstenburg, NC	06/06/2003	05/30/2003

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration****Notice of Availability of Funds and Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA) for Business-Led H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants****AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration.**SUMMARY:** The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), announces the availability of approximately \$50 million in grant funds for technical skills training programs.

Technical skills training grants were authorized under the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998 (ACWIA), as amended. Fees paid by employers who bring foreign workers into the United States to work in high skill or specialty occupations on a temporary basis under H-1B nonimmigrant visas finance these grants. Twenty-five percent of the grants are to be awarded to business partnerships and seventy-five percent are to be awarded to local workforce investment boards established under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

This notice applies to the 25 percent of the total funds available for technical skills training grants that are required by ACWIA to be awarded to business partnerships that consist of at least two businesses or a business-related nonprofit organization that represents more than one business. The

partnership may also include any educational, labor, faith-based or community organization, or workforce investment board.

H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants are focused on addressing the high skill technology shortages of American businesses and are a long-term solution to domestic skill shortages in high skill and high technology occupations. H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants are aimed at raising the technical skills levels of American workers so they can take advantage of the new technology-related employment opportunities. Raising the skill level of American workers will, in turn, help businesses reduce their dependence on skilled foreign professionals permitted to work in the United States using H-1B visas. H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants are not intended to address labor shortages due to reasons other than technical skills shortages.

At least eighty percent of the grants are to be awarded to projects that train workers in high technology, information technology, and biotechnology skills, including skills needed for software and communications services, telecommunications, systems installation and integration, computers and communications hardware, advanced manufacturing, health care technology, biotechnology and biomedical research and manufacturing, and innovation services.

Grant funds awarded under the 25 percent provision may be used only to carry out a strategy that would otherwise not be eligible for funds provided through workforce investment boards under the 75 percent provision. Applicants must explain the barriers

that prevent them from meeting the 75 percent eligibility criteria. An announcement of the solicitation for grant applications (SGA/DFA 03-100) for the 75 percent of grants to be awarded to local boards was published in the **Federal Register** on January 6, 2003.

In awarding H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants, every effort will be made to fairly distribute grants across rural and urban areas and across the different geographic regions of the United States. It is anticipated that individual awards will not exceed \$3 million.

This solicitation provides background information and describes the application submission requirements, the process that eligible entities must use to apply for funds covered by this solicitation, and how grantees will be selected.

DATES: The closing date for receipt of applications under this announcement is September 22, 2003. Applications must be received at the address below no later than 4 pm EST (Eastern Standard Time). Grant applications received after this date will not be considered.

ADDRESSES: Mailed applications must be addressed to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Division of Federal Assistance, Attention: Mamie D. Williams, SGA/DFA 03-114, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-4203, Washington, DC 20210. Telefacsimile (FAX) applications will not be accepted. Applicants are advised that mail delivery in the Washington area may be delayed due to mail