DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

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Jeld-Wen, Inc., Hawkins Window Division, Including On-Site Leased Workers of Nicolet Staffing, Hawkins, WI; Notice of Negative Determination on Reconsideration

On December 3, 2009, the Department issued an Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration for the workers and former workers of the subject firm. The Department’s Notice of determination was published in the Federal Register on December 11, 2009 (74 FR 65795).

The initial investigation resulted in a denial based on the findings that subject firm and customer imports of wood- and aluminum-clad windows and patio doors did not contribute to worker group separations and that the subject firm neither shifted to, nor acquired from, a foreign country the production of like or directly competitive articles.

In the request for reconsideration, the petitioners requested that additional customer surveys be conducted. During the reconsideration investigation, the Department conducted a survey of six additional major declining customers of the subject firm regarding their purchases of wood- and aluminum-clad windows and patio doors during 2007, 2008, January through April 2008, and January through April 2009. The survey included one customer who accounted for 17 percent of the subject firm’s total sales during 2007 and 2008, and another customer who accounted for 14 percent of the subject firm’s total sales during January through May 2009. In total, the surveyed accounted for 91 percent of the decline in total subject firm sales from 2007 to 2008, and 20 percent of the decline in total subject firm sales during January through April 2009 as compared with the same four months in 2008.


Conclusion

After reconsideration, I affirm the original notice of negative determination of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance for workers and former workers of Jeld-Wen, Inc., Hawkins Window Division, including on-site leased workers of Nicolet Staffing, Hawkins, Wisconsin. Signed at Washington, DC, this 16th day of July 2010.

Del Min Amy Chen, Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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Employee Benefits Security Administration

Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans; Nominations for Vacancies

Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 88 Stat. 895, 29 U.S.C. 1142, provides for the establishment of an Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans (the Council), which is to consist of 15 members to be appointed by the Secretary of Labor (the Secretary) as follows: three representatives of employee organizations (at least one of whom shall be a representative of an organization whose members are participants in a multiemployer plan); three representatives of employers (at least one of whom shall be a representative of employers maintaining or contributing to multiemployer plans); one representative each from the fields of insurance, corporate trust, actuarial counseling, investment counseling, investment management, and accounting; and three representatives from the general public (one of whom shall be a person representing those receiving benefits from a pension plan).

No more than eight members of the Council shall be members of the same political party.

Members shall be persons qualified to appraise the programs instituted under ERISA. Appointments are for terms of three years. The prescribed duties of the Council are to advise the Secretary with respect to the carrying out of his or her functions under ERISA, and to submit to the Secretary, or his or her designee, recommendations with respect thereto. The Council will meet at least four times each year.

The terms of five members of the Council expire on November 14, 2010. The groups or fields they represent are as follows: (1) Employee organizations (representing an organization whose members are participants in a multiemployer plan); (2) employers (representing employers maintaining or contributing to multiemployer plans); (3) accounting; (4) insurance; and (5) the general public. The Department of Labor is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse ERISA Advisory Council.

Accordingly, notice is hereby given that any person or organization desiring to recommend one or more individuals for appointment to the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans, to represent any of the groups or fields specified in the preceding paragraph, may submit recommendations to Larry Good, ERISA Advisory Council Executive Secretary, Frances Perkins Building, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Suite N–5623, Washington, DC 20210, or to good.larry@dol.gov. Recommendations must be submitted on or before September 17, 2010. Recommendations may be in the form of a letter, resolution or petition, signed by the person making the recommendation or, in the case of a recommendation by an organization, by an authorized representative of the organization. Recommendations should include the position for which the nominee is recommended and the nominee’s full name, mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address. The recommendation also must state that the candidate will accept appointment to the Council if offered.

Nominees will be contacted to provide information on their political affiliation and their status as registered lobbyists. Nominees should be aware of the time commitment for attending meetings and actively participating in the work of the Council. Historically, this has meant a commitment of 15–20 days per year.

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