

The amended notice applicable to TA–W–81,445 and TA–W–81,445A are hereby issued as follows:

All workers from Worley Parsons Group, a subsidiary of Worley Parsons Corporation, Accounts Payable, including on-site leased workers from GAS Unlimited, The Mergis Group and Tatum LLC, Pasadena, Texas (TA–W–81,445) and Worley Parsons Group, a subsidiary of Worley Parsons Corporation, Accounts Payable, including on-site leased workers from GAS Unlimited, The Mergis Group and Tatum LLC, Bellaire, Texas (TA–W–81,445A), who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after March 22, 2011 through April 30, 2014, and all workers in the group threatened with total or partial separation from employment on date of certification through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 29th day of November 2012.

Elliott S. Kushner,

Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA–W–81,905]

Welded Tube—Berkeley Including On-Site Leased Workers From Snelling, Aerotek and Express Personnel Services, Huger, SC; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (“Act”), 19 U.S.C. 2273, the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on October 10, 2012, applicable to workers of Welded Tube—Berkeley, including on-site leased workers from Snelling and Aerotek, Huger, South Carolina. The workers are engaged in activities related to the production of steel pipe. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on October 29, 2012 (77 FR 65583).

At the request of South Carolina State, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New information from the company shows that workers leased from Express Personnel Services were employed on-site at the Huger, South Carolina location of Welded Tube—Berkeley. The Department has determined that these workers were sufficiently under the control of Welded

Tube—Berkeley to be considered leased workers.

The intent of the Department’s certification is to include all workers of the subject firm who were adversely affected by increased customer imports of steel pipe.

Based on these findings, the Department is amending this certification to include workers leased from Express Personnel Services working on-site at the Huger, South Carolina location of the subject firm.

The amended notice applicable to TA–W–81,905 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers from Welded Tube—Berkeley, including on-site leased workers from Snelling, Aerotek and Express Personnel, Huger, South Carolina, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after August 20, 2011, through October 10, 2014, and all workers in the group threatened with total or partial separation from employment on date of certification through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 29th day of November 2012.

Elliott S. Kushner,

Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Notice of Determinations Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2273) the Department of Labor herein presents summaries of determinations regarding eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance for workers by (TA–W) number issued during the period of November 19, 2012 through November 23, 2012.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made for workers of a primary firm and a certification issued regarding eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance, each of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222(a) of the Act must be met.

I. Under Section 222(a)(2)(A), the following must be satisfied:

(1) A significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers’ firm have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated;

(2) The sales or production, or both, of such firm have decreased absolutely; and

(3) One of the following must be satisfied:

(A) Imports of articles or services like or directly competitive with articles produced or services supplied by such firm have increased;

(B) Imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles into which one or more component parts produced by such firm are directly incorporated, have increased;

(C) Imports of articles directly incorporating one or more component parts produced outside the United States that are like or directly competitive with imports of articles incorporating one or more component parts produced by such firm have increased;

(D) Imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles which are produced directly using services supplied by such firm, have increased; and

(4) The increase in imports contributed importantly to such workers’ separation or threat of separation and to the decline in the sales or production of such firm; or

II. Section 222(a)(2)(B) all of the following must be satisfied:

(1) A significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers’ firm have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated;

(2) One of the following must be satisfied:

(A) There has been a shift by the workers’ firm to a foreign country in the production of articles or supply of services like or directly competitive with those produced/supplied by the workers’ firm;

(B) There has been an acquisition from a foreign country by the workers’ firm of articles/services that are like or directly competitive with those produced/supplied by the workers’ firm; and

(3) The shift/acquisition contributed importantly to the workers’ separation or threat of separation.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made for adversely affected workers in public agencies and a certification issued regarding eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance, each of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222(b) of the Act must be met.

(1) A significant number or proportion of the workers in the public agency have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated;

(2) The public agency has acquired from a foreign country services like or directly competitive with services which are supplied by such agency; and

(3) The acquisition of services contributed importantly to such workers' separation or threat of separation.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made for adversely affected secondary workers of a firm and a certification issued regarding eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance, each of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222(c) of the Act must be met.

(1) A significant number or proportion of the workers in the workers' firm have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated;

(2) The workers' firm is a Supplier or Downstream Producer to a firm that employed a group of workers who received a certification of eligibility under Section 222(a) of the Act, and such supply or production is related to the article or service that was the basis for such certification; and

(3) Either—

(A) The workers' firm is a supplier and the component parts it supplied to the firm described in paragraph (2) accounted for at least 20 percent of the

production or sales of the workers' firm; or

(B) A loss of business by the workers' firm with the firm described in paragraph (2) contributed importantly to the workers' separation or threat of separation.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made for adversely affected workers in firms identified by the International Trade Commission and a certification issued regarding eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance, each of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222(f) of the Act must be met.

(1) The workers' firm is publicly identified by name by the International Trade Commission as a member of a domestic industry in an investigation resulting in—

(A) An affirmative determination of serious injury or threat thereof under section 202(b)(1);

(B) An affirmative determination of market disruption or threat thereof under section 421(b)(1); or

(C) An affirmative final determination of material injury or threat thereof under section 705(b)(1)(A) or 735(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671d(b)(1)(A) and 1673d(b)(1)(A));

(2) The petition is filed during the 1-year period beginning on the date on which—

(A) A summary of the report submitted to the President by the International Trade Commission under section 202(f)(1) with respect to the affirmative determination described in paragraph (1)(A) is published in the **Federal Register** under section 202(f)(3); or

(B) Notice of an affirmative determination described in subparagraph (1) is published in the **Federal Register**; and

(3) The workers have become totally or partially separated from the workers' firm within—

(A) The 1-year period described in paragraph (2); or

(B) Notwithstanding section 223(b)(1), the 1-year period preceding the 1-year period described in paragraph (2).

Affirmative Determinations for Worker Adjustment Assistance

The following certifications have been issued. The date following the company name and location of each determination references the impact date for all workers of such determination.

The following certifications have been issued. The requirements of Section 222(a)(2)(A) (increased imports) of the Trade Act have been met.

TA-W No.	Subject firm	Location	Impact date
82,023	US Mouldings, LLC	Manning, SC	October 1, 2011.
82,075	Trane U.S. Inc., Tyler Operations/Residential Solutions, Remedy Intelligent Staffing.	Tyler, TX	October 12, 2011.

The following certifications have been issued. The requirements of Section 222(a)(2)(B) (shift in production or services) of the Trade Act have been met.

TA-W No.	Subject firm	Location	Impact date
82,061	Matrix Telecom, Inc., Customer Service Department, Platinum Equity	Atmore, AL	October 5, 2011.
82,108	Axa Equitable Life Insurance Company, AXA Financial, Benefits, Payment and Accounting Group, Kelly Services, etc.	Syracuse, NY	October 23, 2011.
82,143	Brake Parts Inc., Affinia Group, Nesco Resource	Stanford, KY	November 8, 2011.

Negative Determinations for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In the following cases, the investigation revealed that the eligibility

criteria for worker adjustment assistance have not been met for the reasons specified.

The investigation revealed that the criteria under paragraphs (a)(2)(A)

(increased imports) and (a)(2)(B) (shift in production or services to a foreign country) of section 222 have not been met.

TA-W No.	Subject firm	Location	Impact date
81,948	Vacumet Corporation, Paper Division	Morristown, TN	
82,029	Oregon Catholic Press, Employers Overload	Portland, OR	
82,085	Randstad US, LP, FKA Spherion Staffing, Hewlett-Packard, Business Critical Systems, etc.	Fort Collins, CO	

I hereby certify that the aforementioned determinations were issued during the period of November 19, 2012 through November 23, 2012. These determinations are available on the Department's Web site *tradeact/taa/taa_search_form.cfm* under the searchable listing of determinations or by calling the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance toll free at 888-365-6822.

Dated: November 28, 2012.

Elliott S. Kushner,

Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Investigations Regarding 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 Office 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, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than December 31, 2012.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the investigations to the Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than December 31, 2012.

The petitions filed in this case are available for inspection at the Office of the Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5428, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 29th day of November 2012.

Elliott S. Kushner,

Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

APPENDIX

[10 TAA petitions instituted between 11/19/12 and 11/23/12]

TA-W	Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Date of institution	Date of petition
82162	Crane Payment Solutions, Inc. (Company)	Salem, NH	11/20/12	11/19/12
82163	Delphi Connection Systems US, Inc. (Company)	Mount Union, PA	11/20/12	11/19/12
82164	Karastan (Company)	Eden, NC	11/20/12	11/19/12
82165	Hostess (16 Locations in Michigan) (State/One-Stop)	MI	11/20/12	11/19/12
82166	Technicolor Creative Services (State/One-Stop)	Glendale, CA	11/21/12	11/20/12
82167	Hostess Brands (Union)	Seattle, WA	11/21/12	11/19/12
82168	Foamworks, Inc. (State/One-Stop)	Morristown, TN	11/21/12	11/21/12
82169	T-Systems North America (State/One-Stop)	Andover, MA	11/23/12	11/21/12
82170	TI Automotive (Company)	Cynthiana, KY	11/23/12	11/21/12
82171	Pearson Inc., Pearson Imaging Center (Workers)	Upper Saddle River, NJ	11/23/12	11/21/12

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Request for Information (RFI): Use of National Science Foundation Overseas Offices in Paris, Tokyo, Beijing by Broader Stakeholder Community

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Request for information (RFI).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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DATES: To be considered, submissions must be received by January 18, 2013.

SUMMARY: *Purpose:* As part of an assessment investigating the function of the three National Science Foundation

overseas offices, this RFI seeks to solicit input from as large a set of stakeholders as possible.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

NSF's current strategic plan states that "NSF envisions a nation that capitalizes on new concepts in science and engineering and provides global leadership in advancing research and education." Because science and engineering are increasingly global, NSF's Office of International Science and Engineering (OISE) seeks to ensure that U.S. institutions and researchers are globally engaged, are able to advance their research through international collaboration, and maintain U.S. leadership within the global scientific community. To pursue its goals in these areas, OISE operates three international

offices. NSF opened its first international office in Tokyo in 1960. Two decades later, the NSF Europe Office, affiliated with UNESCO, opened in Paris and in 2006 the NSF Beijing office was opened.

The major functions of these three offices are:

- **Facilitation:** Promote collaboration between the science and engineering communities of the United States and the respective country/region.
- **Representation:** Serve as a liaison between NSF and agencies, institutions and researchers.
- **Reporting:** Monitor and report on science and engineering developments and policies.

In responding to the following questions, please provide as much detail regarding each interaction and with which office, wherever possible.