

identify the subject firm title name to read "United States Leather, Lackawanna Leather, including leased workers of Temporary Alternatives, Inc., d/b/a Snelling Temporaries".

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-38,436 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of United States Leather, Lackawanna Leather, El Paso, Texas, including leased workers of Temporary Alternatives, Inc. d/b/a Snelling Temporaries, El Paso, Texas engaged in employment related to the production of leather hides used for the production of car seats at United States Leather, Lackawanna Leather, El Paso, Texas who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after December 1, 1999 through December 20, 2002 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 5th day of January, 2001.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustments Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Disclosure Obligations Under ERISA; Notice of Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This document reopens and extends the period for submitting information on the disclosure obligation of fiduciaries of employee benefit plans governed by ERISA. Comments were originally requested in a notice of request for information published in the **Federal Register** on September 14, 2000 (65 FR 55858). Under that notice, written comments from the public were requested to be submitted to the Department of Labor on or before January 12, 2001.

DATES: The period for submission of written comments to the Department of Labor is reopened and extended through February 22, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments (preferably, at least six copies) should be addressed to the Office of Regulations and Interpretations, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Room N-5669, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. Attention: Disclosure RFI. All comments received will be available for

public inspection at the Public Disclosure Room, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-1513, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Goodwin or Susan Lahne, Office of Regulations and Interpretations, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Room N-5669, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 219-8671; or Patricia Arzuaga, Plan Benefits Security Division, Office of the Solicitor, Room N-4611, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-5625. These are not toll-free numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 14, 2000, the Department of Labor (Department) published a request for information in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 55858) regarding the disclosure obligations of fiduciaries of employee benefit plans subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). That notice requested information from the public as to whether it would be in the interest of plans and their participants and beneficiaries for the Department to undertake action to clarify the extent of fiduciary duties under ERISA regarding disclosure and the interaction of fiduciary duty with the specific disclosure requirements of Title I of ERISA. The request for information contained several specific questions and hypothetical factual scenarios and asked the public to address their written comments to these issues.

The Department has received requests from some members of the public for additional time to prepare comments in response to the request for information. Due to the complexity of the issues presented, the Department believes it is appropriate to grant such additional time. Therefore, this notice reopens and extends the period during which comments on the disclosure obligations of plan fiduciaries may be submitted. Accordingly, comments on the questions discussed in the notice of request for information published in the **Federal Register** on September 14, 2000 (65 FR 55858) are requested to be submitted to the Department on or before February 22, 2001.

Authority: 29 U.S.C. 1143; Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1-87, 52 FR 13139.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 17th day of January 2001.

Leslie B. Kramerich,

Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Wage and Hour Division

[Administrative Order No. 665]

Special Industry Committee for All Industries in American Samoa; Appointment; Convention; Hearing

1. Pursuant to sections 5 and 6(a)(3) of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) of 1938, as amended (29 U.S.C. 205, 206(a)(3)), and Reorganization Plan No. 6 of 1950 (3 CFR 1949-53 Comp., p. 1004) and 29 CFR Part 511, I hereby appoint special Industry Committee No. 24 for American Samoa.

2. Pursuant to sections 5, 6(a)(3) and 8 of FLSA, as amended (29 U.S.C. 205, 206(a)(3), and 208), reorganization Plan No. 6 of 1950 (3 CFR 1949-53 Comp., p. 1004), and 29 CFR Part 511, I hereby:

(a) Convene the above-appointed industry committee;

(b) Refer to the industry committee the question of the minimum rate or rates for all industries in American Samoa to be paid under section 6(a)(3) of the FLSA, as amended; and,

(c) Give notice of the hearing to be held by the committee at the time and place indicated.

The industry committee shall investigate conditions in such industries, and the committee, or any authorized subcommittee thereof, shall hear such witnesses and receive such evidence as may be necessary or appropriate to enable the committee to perform its duties and functions under the FLSA.

The committee shall meet in executive session to commence its investigation at 9:00 a.m. and begin its public hearing at 11:00 a.m. on June 4, 2001, in Pago Pago, American Samoa.

3. The rate or rates recommended by the committee shall not exceed the rate prescribed by section 6(a) or 6(b) of the FLSA, as amended by the Fair Labor Standards Amendments of 1996, of \$5.15 an hour effective September 1, 1997.

The committee shall recommend to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor the highest minimum rate or rates of wages for such industries that it determines, having due regard to economic and competitive conditions, will not

substantially curtail employment in such industries, and will not give any industry in American Samoa a competitive advantage over any industry in the United States outside of American Samoa.

4. Where the committee finds that a higher minimum wage may be determined for employees engaged in certain activities or in the manufacture of certain products in the industry than may be determined for other employees in the industry, the committee shall recommend such reasonable classifications within the industry as it determines to be necessary for the purpose of fixing for each classification the highest minimum wage rate that can be determined for it under the principles set forth herein and in 29 CFR part 511.10, that will not substantially curtail employment in such classification and will not give a competitive advantage to any group in the industry. No classification shall be made, however, and no minimum wage rate shall be fixed solely on a regional basis or on the basis of age or sex. In determining whether there should be classifications within an industry, in making such classifications, and in determining the minimum wage rates for such classifications, the committee shall consider, among other relevant factors, the following:

(a) Competitive conditions as affected by transportation, living, and production costs;

(b) Wages established for work of like or comparable character by collective labor agreements negotiated between employers and employees by representatives of their own choosing; and

(c) Wages paid for work of like or comparable character by employers who voluntarily maintain minimum wage standards in the industry.

5. Prior to the hearing, the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, shall prepare an economic report containing the information that has been assembled pertinent to the matters referred to the committee. Copies of this report may be obtained at the Office of the Governor, Pago Pago, American Samoa, and the National Office of the Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. Upon request, the Wage and Hour Division will mail copies to interested persons who make written request to the Wage and Hour Division. To facilitate mailing, such persons should make advance written request to the Wage and Hour Division. The committee will take official notice of the facts stated in this report. Parties,

however, shall be afforded an opportunity to refute such facts by evidence received at the hearing.

6. The provisions of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 511, will govern the procedure of this industry committee. Copies of this part of the regulations will be available at the Office of the Governor, Pago Pago, American Samoa, and at the National Office of the Wage and Hour Division. The proceedings will be conducted in English but in the event a witness should wish to testify in Samoan, an interpreter will be provided. As a prerequisite to participation as a party, interested persons shall file six copies of a pre-hearing statement at the aforementioned Office of the Governor of American Samoa and six copies at the National Office of the Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. Each pre-hearing statement shall contain the data specified in 29 CFR 511.8 of the regulations and shall be filed not later than May 11, 2001. If such statements are sent by airmail between American Samoa and the mainland, such filing shall be deemed timely if postmarked within the time provided.

Signed at Washington, DC this 17th day of January 2001.

Alexis M. Herman,
Secretary of Labor.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Alan T. Waterman Award Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Alan T. Waterman Award Committee (1172).

Date and Time: Monday, March 5, 2001, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Mrs. Susan E. Fannoney, Executive Secretary, Room 1220, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703/306-1906.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations in the selection of the Alan T. Waterman Award recipient.

Agenda: To review and evaluate nominations as part of the selection process for awards (NSF-00-123).

Reason for Closing: The nominations being reviewed include information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute

unwarranted invasions of personal privacy. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: January 16, 2001.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Biological Sciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Biological Sciences (1754).

Date & Time: February 12-13, 2001; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Eve Barak, Acting Deputy Division Director, Molecular and Cellular Biosciences, Room 655, NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 292-8440.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the Nanoscale Interdisciplinary Research Teams competition under Program Announcement 00-119 as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government Sunshine Act.

Dated: January 17, 2001.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Biological Sciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Biological Sciences (1754).

Date and Time: February 5 and 6, 2001, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.