

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Office of the Secretary****President's Council on the 21st Century Workforce; Notice of Establishment**

Establishment of the Council: This notice is published in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and advises of the establishment of the President's Council on the 21st Century Workforce. Section 2 of Executive Order 13218, issued on June 20, 2001, provides for the establishment of the Council. The Council is to terminate 2 years from the date of the executive order unless extended by the President prior to such date.

Purpose of the Council: The Council is to provide information and advice to the President (through the Secretary of Labor), to the Office of the 21st Century Workforce (within the Department of Labor), and to other appropriate Federal officials addressing to issues related to the 21st century workforce. These activities are to include: (1) Assessing the effects of rapid technological changes, demographic trends, globalization, changes in work processes, and the need for new and enhanced skills for workers, employers, and other related sectors of society; (2) examining current and alternate approaches to assisting workers and employers in adjusting to and benefitting from such changes, including opportunities for workplace education, retraining, access to assistive technologies and workplace supports, and skills upgrading; (3) identifying impediments to the adjustment to such changes by workers and employers and recommending approaches and policies that could remove those impediments; (4) assisting the Office of the 21st Century Workforce in reviewing programs carried out by the Department of Labor and identifying changes to such programs that would streamline and update their effectiveness in meeting the needs of the workforce; and (5) analyzing such additional issues relating to the workforce and making such reports as the President or the Secretary of Labor may request.

Composition of the Council: The membership of the Council will consist of the Secretary of Labor and Director of the Office of Personnel Management, serving as *ex officio* members, and not more than thirteen additional members appointed by the President. These additional members are to include individuals who represent the views of business and labor organizations,

Federal, State, and local governments, academicians and educators, and such other associations and entities as the President determines are appropriate. The Secretary of Labor is to be the Chairperson of the Council. The Council is to meet at least two times a year.

Federal Advisory Committee Act and Charter: The Council will function solely as an advisory body and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The charter of the Council will be filed in accordance with that Act and copies of the charter will be available upon request.

Comments: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding the establishment of the Council. Such comments should be addressed to Shelley Hymes, Director of the Office of the 21st Century Workforce, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-2514, Washington, DC 20210.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 29th day of January, 2002.

Elaine L. Chao,

Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-39,813B and NAFTA-5176]

Greenwood Mills, Lindale Manufacturing Company, Lindale, Georgia; Dismissal of Application for Reconsideration

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(C) an application for administrative reconsideration was filed with the Director of the Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance for workers at Greenwood Mills, Lindale Manufacturing Co., Lindale, Georgia. The application contained no new substantial information which would bear importantly on the Department's determination. Therefore, dismissal of the application was issued.

TA-W-39,813B and NAFTA-5176

Greenwood Mills, Lindale Manufacturing Company, Lindale, Georgia (January 4, 2002)

Signed at Washington, DC, this 24th day of January, 2002.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Division 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 and NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance**

In accordance with section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of Labor herein presents summaries of determinations regarding eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance for workers (TA-W) issued during the period of January, 2002.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made and a certification of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance to be issued, each of the group eligibility requirements of section 222 of the Act must be met.

(1) that a significant number or proportion of the workers in the workers' firm, or an appropriate subdivision thereof, have become totally or partially separated,

(2) that sales or production, or both, of the firm or subdivision have decreased absolutely, and

(3) that increases of imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles produced by the firm or appropriate subdivision have contributed importantly to the separations, or threat thereof, and to the absolute decline in sales or production.

Negative Determinations for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In each of the following cases the investigation revealed that criterion (3) has not been met. A survey of customers indicated that increased imports did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the firm.

TA-W-39,873; Iomega Corp., Ogden, UT
TA-W-40,315; BPB America, Meridian, MS
TA-W-40,546; Midland Steel Products Co., Janesville, WI
TA-W-40,332; Creative Leather and Vinyl, Brookfield, WI

In the following cases, the investigation revealed that the criteria for eligibility have not been met for the reasons specified.

Increased imports did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the firm.

TA-W-39,465; Baltic Dyeing and Finishing, Passaic, NJ
TA-W-40,590; Alfa Laval, Inc., Formerly Known as Tri-Clover, Kenosha, WI
TA-W-39,333; Republic Paperboard Co LLC, Denver Mill, Commerce City, CO
TA-W-39,960; B-Way Corp., Elizabeth, NJ
TA-W-40,328; Drexel Heritage Furnishings, Inc., Machine Shop, Morganton, NC