

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Office of the Secretary****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act Health Benefits Subsidy Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Evaluation****ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management (OASAM) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, "Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act Health Benefits Subsidy Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Evaluation," to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before May 10, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained from the RegInfo.gov Web site, <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, on the day following publication of this notice or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or sending an email to [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

Submit comments about this request to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-OASAM, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone: 202-395-6929/Fax: 202-395-6881 (these are not toll-free numbers), email: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This ICR is to conduct an evaluation of the impact of a subsidy for health benefits under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 provided. The subsidy was available to workers who experienced involuntary

termination of a job from September 2008 to May 2010, were eligible for COBRA benefits at the time of job loss, and were not eligible for certain other health insurance options. The overall aim of the evaluation is to determine whether and how people with employer-sponsored health insurance maintained health care coverage after employment termination and whether the COBRA subsidy provided by the ARRA led to increased health care coverage. The DOL seeks OMB approval to conduct a one-time survey of randomly selected unemployment insurance recipients as part of this evaluation.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL seeks OMB approval for this information collection under OMB ICR Reference Number 201109-1291-001. For additional information, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 12, 2011 (76 FR 77263).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should reference OMB ICR Reference Number 201109-1291-001. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the

use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Agency:* DOL-OASAM.

*Title of Collection:* Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act Health Benefits Subsidy Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Evaluation.

*OMB ICR Reference Number:* 201109-1291-001.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 26,000.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 31,800.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 5,217.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$0.

Dated: April 4, 2012.

**Michel Smyth,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-81,071]

**II-VI, Incorporated, Infrared Optics—Saxonburg Division, Saxonburg, PA; Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration**

By application dated February 21, 2012, a worker requested administrative reconsideration of the negative determination regarding workers' eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) applicable to workers and former workers of II-VI, Incorporated, Infrared Optics—Saxonburg Division, Saxonburg, Pennsylvania (subject firm). The determination was issued on February 8, 2012. The Department's Notice of determination was published in the **Federal Register** on February 14, 2012 (77 FR 8281). The workers were engaged in employment related to the production of infrared and CO<sub>2</sub> laser optics, and related materials.

The initial investigation resulted in a negative determination based on the findings that the subject firm has not experienced a decline in the sales or production of infrared and CO<sub>2</sub> laser optics, and related materials, from 2009 to 2010 or from January–October 2010 compared to the same period in 2011.

With respect to Section 222(a)(2)(B) of the Act, the investigation revealed that the workers' firm did not shift production of infrared and CO<sub>2</sub> laser optics, and related materials (or like or directly competitive articles), to a foreign country, or acquire the production of such articles from a foreign country.

With respect to Section 222(b)(2) of the Act, the investigation revealed that the subject firm is a Supplier to a firm that employed a group of workers who received a certification of eligibility under Section 222(a) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2272(a); however, the component parts supplied did not account for at least 20 percent of the production or sales or contribute importantly to workers' separation or threat thereof.

With respect to Section 222(b)(2) of the Act, the investigation revealed that the subject firm does not act as a Downstream Producer to a firm that employed a group of workers who received a certification of eligibility under Section 222(a) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2272(a).

Finally, the group eligibility requirements under Section 222(e) of the Act have not been satisfied because the workers' firm has not been publicly identified by the International Trade Commission as a member of a domestic industry in an investigation resulting in an affirmative finding of serious injury, market disruption, or material injury, or threat thereof.

In the request for reconsideration, the petitioner supplied new information regarding a possible decline in sales during the relevant period under investigation.

The Department of Labor has carefully reviewed the request for reconsideration and the existing record, and has determined that the Department will conduct further investigation to determine if the workers meet the eligibility requirements to apply for TAA.

### Conclusion

After careful review of the application, I conclude that the claim is of sufficient weight to justify reconsideration of the U.S. Department of Labor's prior decision. The application is, therefore, granted.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 27th day of March 2012.

**Del Min Amy Chen,**

*Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-75,152; TA-W-75,152A]

#### **Pratt and Whitney; A Subsidiary of United Technologies Corporation Cheshire Engine Center Including On-Site Leased Workers From Belcan Techservices, Universal Staffing and Kelly Services Cheshire, Connecticut; Pratt and Whitney A Subsidiary of United Technologies Corporation Far Group and Experimental Test Group East Hartford, Connecticut; 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 February 25, 2011, applicable to workers of Pratt and Whitney, Cheshire Engine Center, a subsidiary of United Technologies Corporation, including on-site leased workers from Belcan Techservices, Universal Staffing, and Kelly Services, Cheshire, Connecticut. The workers provide engine repair services. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on March 10, 2011 (76 FR 13233).

At the request of Connecticut State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm.

New company information shows that the East Hartford, Connecticut location of Pratt and Whitney, a subsidiary of United Technologies Corporation, FAR Group and Experimental Test Group, supplies/supports and operates as an extension of the Cheshire, Connecticut location of Pratt and Whitney, a subsidiary of United Technologies Corporation, Cheshire Engine Center. Both locations experienced worker separations during the relevant time period, due to the subject firm shifting its' overhaul and engine repair services to Singapore.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to include workers of the East Hartford, Connecticut facility of Pratt & Whitney, a subsidiary of United Technologies Corporation, FAR Group and Experimental Test Group.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-75,152 is hereby issued as follows:

"All workers of Pratt and Whitney, a subsidiary of United Technologies Corporation, Cheshire Engine Center,

including on-site leased workers from Belcan TechServices, Universal Staffing, and Kelly Services, Cheshire, Connecticut (TA-W-75,152) and Pratt and Whitney, a subsidiary of United Technologies Corporation, FAR Group and Experimental Test Group, East Hartford, Connecticut (TA-W-75,152)), who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after January 11, 2010 through February 25, 2013, and all workers in the group threatened with total or partial separation from employment on the 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 in Washington, DC, this 27th day of March 2012.

**Del Min Amy Chen,**

*Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-81,021]

#### **Bayer Cropscience, LP, Including On-Site Leased Workers From Jacobs PSG, Middough Associates, Inc., Adecco, CDI Engineering Solutions, Becht Engineering, Engineering Support Systems, Manufacturing Management Services, US Securities, WB Wells, Belcan, American Engineers, CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc., Digital Management Group, Mercury Air Group, Inc., Greenwood, and Professional Maintenance of Charleston (PMOC) Institute, West Virginia; 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 February 3, 2012, applicable to workers of Bayer Cropscience, LP, including on-site leased workers from Jacobs PSG, Middough Associates, Inc., Adecco, CDI Engineering Solutions, Becht Engineering, Engineering Support Systems, Manufacturing Management Services, US Securities, WB Wells, Belcan American Engineers, CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc., Digital Management Group, Mercury Air Group, Inc., Greenwood, and Professional Maintenance of Charleston (PMOC) Institute, West Virginia. The workers are engaged in activities related to the