

The Department's denial of NAFTA-TAA for the same worker group was based on the finding that criteria (3) and (4) of the group eligibility requirements of paragraph (a)(1) of section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, were not met. There was no shift in production of powder metal parts from the subject firm to Mexico or Canada, nor were there company imports of like or directly competitive products from Mexico or Canada.

The petitioner asserts that the subject firm took some of the key management staff to the Powder Metal Products plant in Mexico and production there has increased. Although not elaborated on in the initial investigation, the company acknowledged a recent acquisition of a plant in Mexico. That plant, however, serves the auto market in that country and none of the production was shifted from Logan, Ohio to Mexico, nor will any of the production be coming back to the United States.

The petitioner also provided a shipping label from Metal Powder Specialties in Logan, Ohio, to an address in Mexico. The shipping label to Mexico, by itself, does not present any new information which would warrant worker certification.

Conclusion

After review of the application and investigative findings, I conclude that there has been no error or misinterpretation of the law or of the facts which would justify reconsideration of the Department of Labor's prior decisions. Accordingly, the application is denied.

Signed at Washington, DC this 26th day of December 2000.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-4288]

Posies Inc., Rockport, ME; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Title V of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-183) concerning transitional adjustment assistance, hereinafter called NAFTA-TAA and in accordance with section 250(a), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2331), an investigation was

initiated on November 13, 2000, in response to a petition filed on behalf of workers at Posies Inc., Rockport Maine.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, D.C. this 28th day of December, 2000.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[Docket No. NAFTA-03838 and NAFTA-03838A]

Rugged Sportswear, Siler City, North Carolina; Rugged Sportswear, Walstonburg, North Carolina; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with section 250(a), Subchapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2273), the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance on May 30, 2000, applicable to workers of Rugged Sportswear, Siler City, North Carolina. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on June 8, 2000 (65 FR 36470).

At the request of the company, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New information shows that worker separations occurred at the subject firms' Walstonburg, North Carolina facility when it closed in October, 2000. The workers were engaged in the production of sweat shirts, sweat pants and sweat shorts.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to include the workers at the Walstonburg, North Carolina location of Rugged Sportswear.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Rugged Sportswear who were adversely affected by a shift of production to Mexico.

The amended notice applicable to NAFTA-03838 is hereby issued as follows:

"All workers of Rugged Sportswear, Siler City, North Carolina (NAFTA-03838) and Walstonburg, North Carolina (NAFTA-03838A) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after

March 31, 1999 through May 30, 2002 are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 15th day of December, 2000.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 01-002]

5th Digital Earth Community Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Lead Agency).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Interagency Digital Earth Working Group will hold the 5th Digital Earth Community Meeting that will focus on accomplishments thus far, and the future of Digital Earth. The intent of this meeting is to continue the efforts of enabling and facilitating the evolution of Digital Earth, a digital representation of the planet that will allow people to access and apply geo-spatial data from multiple resources. Federal, state, and local government along with private industry, academia and others will participate in presentations, workshops and panel discussions. Together we will educate and empower each other to continue to develop the Digital Earth environment.

DATES: Wednesday, January 31, 2001 from 8 am to 5 pm. Registration beginning at 7:30 am.

ADDRESSES: Capitol Union Building, Penn State University at Harrisburg, 777 W. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register for the meeting, please contact PSU Continuing Education at 717-948-6505 or e-mail: pshceweb@psu.edu. If you would like to present at this meeting, please contact Dr. Todd Bacastow at 814-863-0049 or e-mail bacastow@psu.edu. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, January 24, 2001. This is an outreach service of the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Format: The one day session will concentrate on presentations, workshops, and panel discussions. The status of The National Digital Earth Initiative, What is Digital Earth and It's Community, Using Digital Earth Guidelines, Developing Applications,

Involving Students, and Data Accessibility will all be discussed. Upcoming conferences, organizational committees and collaborative efforts will be addressed as well. There will be space available for personal demonstrations—and discussions throughout the day. Although the meeting is open to all interested parties, time availability for presentations and demonstrations is limited and will be allocated on a first come basis. All interested parties must contact Dr. Todd Bacastow by January 17, 2001.

Web Information: Additional details on the Community Meeting will be posted to www.digitalearth.gov in the near future.

Dated: January 2, 2001.

Thomas S. Taylor,

NASA Digital Earth Program Manager.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Comment Request: National Science Foundation Proposal/Award Information—Grant Proposal Guide

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request renewed clearance of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting OMB clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be received by March 12, 2001 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the information collection and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne Plimpton on (703) 292-7556 or send e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: "National Sciences Foundation Proposal/Award Information-Grant Proposal Guide"

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0058.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2003.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend with revision an information collection for three years.

Proposed Project: The National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (Public Law 81-507) set forth NSF's mission and purpose:

"To promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense."
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The Act authorized and directed NSF to initiate and support:

- Basic scientific research and research fundamental to the engineering process;
- Programs to strengthen scientific and engineering research potential;
- Science and engineering education programs at all levels and in all the various fields of science and engineering;
- Programs that provide a source of information for policy formulation; and
- Other activities to promote these ends.

Over the years, NSF's statutory authority has been modified in a number of significant ways. In 1968, authority to support applied research was added to the Organic Act. In 1980, The Science and Engineering Equal Opportunities Act gave NSF standing authority to support activities to improve the participation of women and minorities in science and engineering.

Another major change occurred in 1986, when engineering was accorded equal status with science in the Organic Act. NSF has always dedicated itself to providing the leadership and vision needed to keep the words and ideas embedded in its mission statement fresh and up-to-date. Even in today's rapidly

changing environment, NSF's core purpose resonates clearly in everything it does: promoting achievement and progress in science and engineering and enhancing the potential for research and education to contribute to the Nation. While NSF's vision of the future and the mechanisms it uses to carry out its charges have evolved significantly over the last four decades, its ultimate mission remains the same.

Use of the Information: The regular submission of proposals to the Foundation is part of the collection of information and is used to help NSF fulfill this responsibility by initiating and supporting merit-selected research and education projects in all the scientific and engineering disciplines. NSF receives more than 30,000 proposals annually for new projects, and makes approximately 10,000 new awards. Support is made primarily through grants, contracts, and other agreements awarded to approximately 2,800 colleges, universities, academic consortia, nonprofit institutions, and small businesses. The awards are based mainly on evaluations of proposal merit submitted to the Foundation (proposal review is cleared under OMB Control No. 3145-0060).

The Foundation has a continuing commitment to monitor the operations of its information collection to identify and address excessive reporting burdens as well as to identify any real or apparent inequities based on gender, race, ethnicity, or disability of the proposed principal investigator(s)/project director(s) or the co-principal investigator(s)/co-project director(s).

Burden on the Public: The Foundation estimates that an average of 120 hours is expended for each proposal submitted. An estimated 38,000 proposals are expected during the course of one year. These 4,560,000 public burden hours annually.

Dated: January 8, 2001.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

NSF Reports Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Computational Infrastructure & Research; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meetings of the Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Computational Infrastructure & Research (#1185):