

eligibility requirements in either paragraph (a)(2)(A) or (a)(2)(B) of section 222 of the Trade Act must be met. It is determined in this case that the requirements of (a)(2)(B) of section 222 have been met.

The investigation was initiated on March 21, 2006 in response to a petition filed by a union official on behalf of workers at Paris Accessories, Inc., Walnutport, Pennsylvania. The workers were engaged in the production of knit dickies, knit hats, ski band and ski masks.

Employment at the subject plant has declined, and the subject firm has shifted the production of knit dickies, knit hats, ski band and ski masks to a country (Mexico) that is a party to a Free Trade Agreement and the Dominican Republic, a beneficiary country under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act with the United States.

Paris Accessories, Inc., Walnutport, Pennsylvania workers were previously certified (TA-W-54,465) for trade adjustment assistance. That certification expires on April 21, 2006.

In addition, in order for the Department to issue a certification of eligibility to apply for ATAA, the group eligibility requirements of Section 246 of the Trade Act must be met. The Department has determined in this case that the requirements of Section 246 have been met.

A significant number of workers at the firm are age 50 or over and possess skills that are not easily transferable. Competitive conditions within the industry are adverse.

Conclusion

After careful review of the facts obtained in the investigation, I conclude that there was a shift in production from the workers firm or subdivision to Mexico and Dominican Republic of articles that are like or directly competitive with those produced by the subject firm or subdivision. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following certification:

“All workers at Paris Accessories, Inc., Walnutport, Pennsylvania, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after April 22, 2006 through two years from the date of certification are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, and are also eligible to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance under Section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974.”

Signed in Washington, DC this 7th day of April, 2006.

Elliott S. Kushner,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-57,810]

Stone Apparel, a Subsidiary of Stone International, LLC; Industrias Orion S.A. DE C.V.; Columbia, SC; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273), and section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974 (26 U.S.C. 2813), as amended, the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance on September 16, 2005, applicable to workers of Stone Apparel, a subsidiary of Stone International, LLC, Columbia, South Carolina. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on October 31, 2005 (70 FR 62347).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers finished and distributed men's and boy's underwear.

New information shows that in July 2005, Industrias Orion S.A. DE C.V. purchased the manufacturing operations of Stone Apparel, a subsidiary of Stone International, Columbia, South Carolina. Some workers separated from employment at the subject firm had their wages reported under the separate Unemployment Insurance (UI) tax account for Industrias Orion S.A. DE C.V., Columbia, South Carolina.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to properly reflect this matter.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Stone Apparel, a subsidiary of Stone International, LLC who were adversely affected by a shift in production to El Salvador.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-57,810 is hereby issued as follows:

“All workers of Stone Apparel, a subsidiary of Stone International, LLC, Industrias Orion S.A. DE C.V., Columbia, South Carolina, who became totally or

partially separated from employment on or after August 19, 2004, through September 16, 2007, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, and are also eligible to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance under section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974.”

Signed at Washington, DC this 13th day of April 2006.

Richard Church,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA); Notice of Incentive Funding Availability for Program Year (PY) 2004 Performance

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, in collaboration with the Department of Education, announces that 23 States are eligible to apply for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) (Pub. L. 105-220, 29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.) incentive awards under the WIA Regulations.

DATES: The 23 eligible States must submit their applications for incentive funding to the Department of Labor by June 12, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit applications to the Employment and Training Administration, Office of Performance and Technology, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-5206, Washington, DC 20210, Attention: Karen A. Staha, 202-693-3031 (phone), 202-693-3490 (fax), e-mail: staha.karen@dol.gov. Please be advised that mail delivery in the Washington, DC area has been inconsistent because of concerns about anthrax contamination, and the resulting treatment of incoming mail. States are encouraged to submit applications via e-mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office of Performance and Technology: Karen A. Staha (phone: 202-693-3031 or e-mail: staha.karen@dol.gov) or Traci DiMartini (phone: 202-693-3698 or e-mail: dimartini.traci@dol.gov). (This is not a toll-free number.) Information may also be found at the Web site: <http://www.doleta.gov/performance>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Twenty-three (23) States (see Appendix) have qualified to receive a share of the \$16.5

million available for incentive grant awards under WIA section 503. These funds, which were contributed by the Department of Education from appropriations for the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act and the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act, are available for the eligible States to use through June 30, 2008, to support innovative workforce development and education activities that are authorized under title I (Workforce Investment Systems) or title II (the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA)) of WIA, or under the Perkins Act (Pub. L. 105-332, 20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.). In order to qualify for a grant award, a state must have exceeded performance levels, agreed to by the Secretaries, Governor, and State Education Officer, for outcomes in WIA title I, adult education (AEFLA), and vocational education (Perkins Act) programs. The goals included placement after training, retention in employment, and improvement in literacy levels, among other measures. After review of the performance data submitted by States to the Department of Labor and to the Department of Education, each Department determined which States would qualify for incentives for its program(s). (The Appendix at the bottom of this notice details the eligibility of each state by program.) These lists of eligible States were compared, and States that qualified under all three programs are eligible to apply for and receive an incentive grant award. The amount that each state is eligible to receive was determined by the Department of Labor and the Department of Education and is based on WIA section 503(c) (20 U.S.C. 9273(c)), and is proportional to the total funding received by these States for the three Acts.

The States eligible to apply for incentive grant awards, and the amounts they are eligible to receive, are listed below:

State	Amount of award
1. Arizona	\$709,618
2. Colorado	680,253
3. Connecticut	673,907
4. Delaware	646,569
5. Georgia	762,930
6. Illinois	941,250
7. Indiana	717,986
8. Iowa	665,157
9. Kentucky	716,581
10. Maryland	711,961
11. Massachusetts	712,003
12. Michigan	817,852
13. Minnesota	699,205
14. Nebraska	651,792
15. Nevada	661,574
16. North Dakota	644,150
17. Oklahoma	688,143
18. Oregon	714,422
19. Pennsylvania	853,980
20. South Carolina	709,298
21. Tennessee	740,699
22. West Virginia	685,054
23. Wisconsin	713,988

These eligible states must submit their applications for incentive funding to the Department of Labor by June 12, 2006. As set forth in the provisions of WIA section 503(b)(2) (20 U.S.C. 9273(b)(2)), 20 CFR 666.220(b) and Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 20-01, Change 4, Application Process for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Section 503 Incentive Grants, Program Year 2004 Performance, which is available at <http://www.doleta.gov/performance/>, the application must include assurances that:

A. The legislature of the state was consulted with respect to the development of the application.

B. The application was approved by the Governor, the eligible agency for adult education (as defined in section 203(4) of WIA (20 U.S.C. 9202(4))), and the state agency responsible for vocational and technical education programs (as defined in section 3(9) of Perkins Act (20 U.S.C. 2302(9)).

C. The state and the eligible agency, as appropriate, exceeded the state adjusted levels of performance for WIA title I, the state adjusted levels of performance for the AEFLA, and the performance levels established for Perkins Act programs.

In addition, states are requested to provide a description of the planned use of incentive grants as part of the application process, to ensure that the state's planned activities are innovative and are otherwise authorized under the WIA title I, the AEFLA, and/or the Perkins Act as amended, as required by WIA section 503(a). TEGL No. 20-01, Change 4 provides the specific application process that states must follow to apply for these funds.

The applications may take the form of a letter from the Governor, or designee, to the Assistant Secretary of Labor, Emily Stover DeRocco, Attention: Karen A. Staha, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-5206, Washington, DC 20210. In order to expedite the application process, states are encouraged to submit their applications electronically to Karen Staha at staha.karen@dol.gov. The incentive grants will be awarded by June 30, 2006.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 21st day of April, 2006.

Emily Stover DeRocco,
Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.

APPENDIX

[States with an asterisk exceeded performance levels for AEFLA, Perkins Act, and WIA Title 1B.]

State	PY 2004-05 exceeded state performance levels			
	WIA (Title I)	AEFLA (Adult Education)	Perkins Act (Vocational Education)	WIA Title I; AEFLA; Perkins Act
Alabama	X	X	.....
Alaska .....	.....	X	X	
Arizona*	X	X	X	X
Arkansas .....	.....	X	.....
California .....	.....	.....	X	
Colorado*	X	X	X	X
Connecticut*	X	X	X	X
District of Columbia .....	.....	X	X	
Delaware*	X	X	X	X
Florida	X	.....	X	
Georgia*	X	X	X	X
Hawaii .....	.....	.....	X	
Idaho .....	.....	X	X	
Illinois*	X	X	X	X

APPENDIX—Continued

[States with an asterisk exceeded performance levels for AEFLA, Perkins Act, and WIA Title 1B.]

State	PY 2004–05 exceeded state performance levels			
	WIA (Title I)	AEFLA (Adult Education)	Perkins Act (Vocational Education)	WIA Title I; AEFLA; Perkins Act
Indiana*	X	X	X	X
Iowa*	X	X	X	X
Kansas		X	X	
Kentucky*	X	X	X	X
Louisiana		X	X	
Maine			X	
Maryland*	X	X	X	X
Massachusetts*	X	X	X	X
Michigan*	X	X	X	X
Minnesota*	X	X	X	X
Mississippi			X	
Missouri		X	X	
Montana		X	X	
Nebraska*	X	X	X	X
Nevada*	X	X	X	X
New Hampshire		X	X	
New Jersey			X	
New Mexico	X			
New York	X		X	
North Carolina			X	
North Dakota*	X	X	X	X
Ohio		X	X	
Oklahoma*	X	X	X	X
Oregon*	X	X	X	X
Pennsylvania*	X	X	X	X
Puerto Rico			X	
Rhode Island			X	
South Carolina*	X	X	X	X
South Dakota		X		
Tennessee*	X	X	X	X
Texas	X		X	
Utah			X	
Vermont			X	
Virginia		X	X	
Washington	X		X	
West Virginia*	X	X	X	X
Wisconsin*	X	X	X	X
Wyoming		X	X	

States with an asterisk exceeded performance levels for AEFLA, Perkins Act, and WIA Title 1B.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Workforce Investment Act; Native American Employment and Training Council

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, and section 166(h)(4) of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) [29 U.S.C. 2911(h)(4)], notice is hereby given of the

next meeting of the Native American Employment and Training Council as constituted under WIA.

Time and Date: The meeting will begin at 2:45 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on Wednesday, May 17, 2006, and continue until 5 p.m. that day. The meeting will reconvene at 1:15 p.m. CST on Thursday, May 18, 2006, and adjourn at approximately 5 p.m. on that day. The period from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on May 18 will be reserved for participation and presentation by members of the public. The meeting will reconvene at 9 a.m. CST on Friday, May 19, 2006, and will adjourn at 12 p.m.

Place: All sessions will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Tulsa, 100 East Second Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103.

Status: The meeting will be open to the public. Persons who need special accommodations should contact the

Designated Federal Official (DFO), Ms. Athena Brown, at (202) 693-3737 by May 5, 2006.

Matters to be Considered: The formal agenda will focus on the following topics: (1) Introduction of New/ Reappointments to Council; (2) Strategic Planning for Economic Development; (3) Workgroup Reports; (4) White House Interagency Task Force and Building Workforce Capacity/Education Workgroups; and (5) Training and Technical Assistance Regional Sessions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Athena Brown, DFO, Indian and Native American Programs, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room C-4311, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.