

also intends to award a cooperative agreement to an organization(s) to conduct research on exploitive child labor and forced labor in the carpet sectors of Nepal, Pakistan, and India. ILAB intends to solicit cooperative agreement applications from qualified organizations (i.e., any commercial, international, educational, or non-profit organization capable of successfully developing and implementing child labor and/or research projects) to implement these projects. Please refer to <http://www.dol.gov/ILAB/grants/main.htm> for examples of previous notices of availability of funds and solicitations for cooperative agreement applications.

Information on the specific sectors, geographical regions, and funding levels for the potential projects in the countries listed above will be addressed in a solicitation(s) for cooperative agreement applications to be published prior to September 30, 2007. Potential applicants should not submit inquiries to USDOL for further information on these award opportunities until after USDOL's publication of the solicitations. For a list of frequently asked questions on Solicitations for Cooperative Agreement Applications, please visit <http://www.dol.gov/ILAB/faq/faq36.htm>.

USDOL intends to hold a bidders' meeting on June 14, 2007, to answer questions potential applicants may have on this Solicitation for Cooperative Agreement process. Please see below for more information on the bidders' meeting.

DATES: Key Dates: Specific solicitations for cooperative agreement applications will be published in the **Federal Register** and remain open for at least 30 days from the date of publication. All cooperative agreement awards will be made on or before September 30, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submission Address: Applications, in response to solicitations published in the **Federal Register**, must be delivered to: U.S. Department of Labor, Procurement Services Center, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-4306, Attention: Lisa Harvey, Washington, DC, 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lisa Harvey. E-mail address: harvey.lisa@dol.gov. All inquiries should make reference to the USDOL Combating Child Labor Through Education—Solicitations for Cooperative Agreement Applications.

Bidders' Meeting: A bidders' meeting is scheduled to be held in Washington, DC, at the Department of Labor on Thursday, June 14, 2007, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The purpose of this

meeting is to provide potential applicants with the opportunity to ask questions concerning this Solicitation for Cooperative Agreement process. To register for the meeting, please call or e-mail Ms. Doris Senko (Phone: 202-693-4843; E-mail: senko.doris@dol.gov) by June 1, 2007. Please provide Ms. Senko with contact information including name, organization, address, phone number, and e-mail address of the attendees.

Background Information: Since 1995, USDOL has supported technical cooperation programming to combat exploitive child labor internationally through the promotion of educational opportunities for children-in-need. In total, the U.S. Congress has appropriated to USDOL over U.S. \$595 million to support activities to combat exploitive child labor internationally. In turn, ILAB has signed cooperative agreements with various organizations to support international technical assistance projects to combat abusive child labor in over 75 countries around the world.

USDOL international programming to combat exploitive child labor through education seeks to nurture the development, health, safety, and enhanced future employability of children around the world by withdrawing or preventing children from involvement in exploitive labor and providing them with access to basic education, vocational training and other services. Eliminating exploitive child labor depends, in part, on improving access to, quality of, and relevance of educational and training opportunities for children under 18 years of age. Without improving such opportunities, children withdrawn from exploitive forms of labor may not have viable alternatives to child labor and may be more likely to return to such work or resort to other hazardous means of subsistence.

International projects funded by USDOL to combat exploitive child labor seek to:

1. Withdraw or prevent children from involvement in exploitive child labor through the provision of direct educational and training services;

2. Strengthen policies on child labor and education, the capacity of national institutions to combat child labor, and formal and transitional education systems that encourage working children and those at risk of working to attend school;

3. Raise awareness of the importance of education for all children and mobilize a wide array of actors to improve and expand education infrastructures

4. Support research and the collection of reliable data on child labor; and

5. Ensure the long-term sustainability of these efforts.

When working to eradicate exploitive child labor, USDOL strives to complement existing efforts, to build on the achievements of and lessons learned from these efforts, to expand impact and build synergies among actors, and to avoid duplication of resources and efforts.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 20th day of April, 2007.

Lisa Harvey,
Grant Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

137th Meeting of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, the 137th open meeting of the full Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans will be held on May 11, 2007.

The session will take place in Room S-2508, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 1:45 p.m. to approximately 4:30 p.m., is to swear in the new members, introduce the Council Chair and Vice Chair, receive an update from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Employee Benefits Security Administration, and determine the topics to be addressed by the Council in 2007.

Organizations or members of the public wishing to submit a written statement may do so by submitting 25 copies on or before May 4, 2007 to Larry Good, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Suite N-5623, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Statements received on or before May 4, 2007 will be included in the record of the meeting. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Advisory Council should forward their requests to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 693-8668. Oral presentations will be limited to ten minutes, time permitting, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities who need special

accommodations should contact Larry Good by May 4 at the address indicated.

Further, in accordance with section 512(a)(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and its implementing regulations issued by the General Services Administration (GSA), the charter for the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans has been renewed.

The Advisory Council will report to the Secretary of Labor. It will function solely as an advisory body and will operate in accordance with its charter and with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. For further information, contact Larry I. Good, Executive Secretary, Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-8668.

Signed at Washington, DC this 20th day of April, 2007.

Bradford Campbell,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

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Bartech Group, Inc., Anderson, IN; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, an investigation was initiated on March 26, 2007 in response to a petition filed on behalf of workers of Bartech Group, Inc., Anderson, Indiana.

The petition regarding the investigation has been deemed invalid. The petition was signed by one dislocated worker of the subject firm. A petition filed by workers requires three signatures of workers at the subject firm. Consequently, the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 19th day of April, 2007.

Richard Church,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-60,753]

CERF Brothers Bag Co., Inc.; Design and Product Development Department; Earth City, MO; Determination Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance

On March 16, 2007, the Department issued an Affirmative Determination Regarding Application on Reconsideration applicable to workers and former workers of the subject firm. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on March 22, 2007 (72 FR 13526-13527).

The previous investigation initiated on January 12, 2007, resulted in a negative determination issued on February 16, 2007, was based on the finding that the worker group was engaged in distribution of products manufactured abroad and workers did not produce an article within the meaning of Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974. The denial notice was published in the **Federal Register** on February 27, 2007 (72 FR 8795).

To support the request for reconsideration, the petitioner supplied additional information regarding a specific department within the subject firm and production performed by workers of this department. The petitioner stated that workers of Design and Product Development Department of the subject firm manufactured samples for marketing purposes.

Upon further contact with the subject firm's company official, it was revealed that workers employed at the CERF Brothers Bag Co., Inc., Design and Product Development Department, Earth City, Missouri manufactured prototypes and samples (carry bags, daypacks, and cargo bags) and these workers were separately identifiable from other workers at the subject firm.

Having conducted a further investigation on reconsideration, it was revealed that the subject firm ceased production of prototypes and samples (carry bags, daypacks, and cargo bags) manufactured by the Design and Product Development Department, while increasing its reliance on imported prototypes and samples from 2005 to 2006.

In accordance with Section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974 (26 U.S.C. 2813), as amended, the Department of Labor herein presents the results of its investigation regarding certification of

eligibility to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance (ATAA) for older workers.

The group eligibility criteria for the ATAA program that the Department must consider under Section 246 of the Trade Act are:

1. Whether a significant number of workers in the workers' firm are 50 years of age or older.
2. Whether the workers in the workers' firm possess skills that are not easily transferable.
3. The competitive conditions within the workers' industry (i.e., conditions within the industry are adverse).

The ATAA investigation revealed that a significant number of workers in the workers' at CERF Brothers Bag Co., Inc., Design and Development Department, Earth City, Missouri are not 50 years of age or older during the relevant time period and thus criterion (1) has not been met.

Conclusion

After careful review of the facts obtained in the investigation, I determine that increases of imports of articles like or directly competitive with prototypes and samples (carry bags, daypacks, and cargo bags), produced by CERF Brothers Bag Co., Inc., Design and Product Development Department, Earth City, Missouri, contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of workers and to the decline in sales or production at that firm or subdivision. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following certification:

Workers of CERF Brothers Bag Co., Inc., Design and Product Development Department, Earth City, Missouri, engaged in employment related to the production of prototypes and samples of carry bags, daypacks, and cargo bags, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after January 10, 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.

I also determine that workers of CERF Brothers Bag Co., Inc., Earth City, Missouri, excluding the Design and Product Development Department, are denied eligibility to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

I further determine that workers of CERF Brothers Bag Co., Inc., Earth City, Missouri are denied eligibility to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance under Section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974.