

I hereby certify that the aforementioned determinations were issued during the period of February 27, 2012 through March 2, 2012. These determinations are available on the Department's Web site tradeact/taa/taa_search_form.cfm under the searchable listing of determinations or by calling the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance toll-free at 888-365-6822.

Dated: March 9, 2012.

Michael W. Jaffe,

Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Investigations Regarding Certifications of Eligibility To Apply For Worker Adjustment Assistance

Petitions have been filed with the Secretary of Labor under Section 221 (a) of the Trade Act of 1974 ("the Act") and are identified in the Appendix to this notice. Upon receipt of these petitions, the Director of the Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, has instituted investigations pursuant to Section 221 (a) of the Act.

The purpose of each of the investigations is to determine whether the workers are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Title II, Chapter 2, of the Act. The investigations will further relate, as appropriate, to the determination of the date on which total or partial separations began or threatened to begin and the subdivision of the firm involved.

The petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing, provided such request is filed in writing with the Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than March 29, 2012.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the investigations to the Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than March 29, 2012.

The petitions filed in this case are available for inspection at the Office of the Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5428, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 9th day of March 2012.

Michael Jaffe,

Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

APPENDIX

[40 TAA petitions instituted between 2/20/12 and 3/2/12]

TA-W	Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Date of institution	Date of petition
81348	Fashion Tech (Company)	Salt Lake City, UT	02/21/12	02/17/12
81349	Alcatel—Lucent (Workers)	Charlotte, NC	02/21/12	02/17/12
81350	Fashion Ability Inc. (Workers)	New York, NY	02/21/12	02/19/12
81351	Quanex Corporation/Truseal Technologies Inc. (Union)	Barbourville, KY	02/21/12	02/18/12
81352	Simclar, Inc. (Company)	Dayton, OH	02/21/12	02/17/12
81353	UBS Services LLC (Workers)	Jersey City, NJ	02/21/12	02/17/12
81354	ALCOA, Tennessee Operations (Union)	Alcoa, TN	02/21/12	02/07/12
81355	Sanmina—SCI Corporation (State/One-Stop)	Huntsville, AL	02/22/12	02/21/12
81356	The W.E. Bassett Company (Company)	Shelton, CT	02/22/12	02/08/12
81357	Tri-Fab (State/One-Stop)	Fremont, CA	02/22/12	02/10/12
81358	Clipper Windpower Inc. (Workers)	Carpinteria, CA	02/22/12	02/21/12
81359	Codi Inc. (Company)	Tower City, PA	02/23/12	02/22/12
81360	Robert Bosch, LLC (Union)	St. Joseph, MI	02/24/12	02/23/12
81361	The State Journal-Register (Workers)	Springfield, IL	02/24/12	02/17/12
81362	Prairie Mountain Publishing (Workers)	Boulder, CO	02/24/12	02/23/12
81363	FLABEG Automotive US Corporation (Company)	Brackenridge, PA	02/24/12	02/23/12
81364	Jeld Wen, Inc. (State/One-Stop)	Bend, OR	02/24/12	02/23/12
81365	Avaya, Audio and Video Group (State/One-Stop)	Highlands Ranch, CO	02/24/12	02/23/12
81366	Lumber Products, Sunrise Division (State/One-Stop)	Spokane Valley, WA	02/27/12	02/23/12
81367	Infinite Convergence Solutions (Workers)	Arlington Heights, IL	02/27/12	02/27/12
81368	CitiGroup (State/One-Stop)	Tampa, FL	02/27/12	02/24/12
81369	Versatile Entertainment, Inc. (Company)	Los Angeles, CA	02/27/12	02/24/12
81370	Intelius, Inc. (Workers)	Bothell, WA	02/27/12	02/24/12
81371	Flo-Pro, Inc. (Company)	Bedford, NH	02/27/12	02/24/12
81372	Simpson Lumber Co. LLC (Union)	Shelton, WA	02/27/12	02/21/12
81373	RS Medical (International Rehabilitative Services) (State/One-Stop)	Vancouver, WA	02/28/12	02/27/12
81374	Emhart Teknologies (State/One-Stop)	Campbellsville, KY	02/28/12	02/27/12
81375	Dow Jones Corporation (State/One-Stop)	Princeton, NJ	02/28/12	02/28/12
81376	Stanley Black and Decker, working from home in Houston, Texas (Workers)	Townson, MD	02/28/12	02/27/12
81377	Allied Motion Motor Products (Workers)	Owosso, MI	02/29/12	02/28/12
81378	Il-VI Inc. (Workers)	Saxonburg, PA	02/29/12	02/10/12
81379	IBM (State/One-Stop)	Phoenix, AZ	02/29/12	02/03/12
81380	YPG (Workers)	Blue Bell, PA	02/29/12	02/04/12
81381	Coplas, Inc. (State/One-Stop)	Shreveport, LA	03/01/12	02/29/12
81382	Vector Engineering Inc. (Workers)	Grass Valley, CA	03/01/12	02/28/12
81383	Impact Confections (State/One-Stop)	Roswell, NM	03/02/12	02/29/12

APPENDIX—Continued

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TA-W	Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Date of institution	Date of petition
81384	Industrial Plastics (Union)	Valley City, OH	03/02/12	03/02/12
81385	Pfizer, Inc. (State/One-Stop)	Groton, CT	03/02/12	02/27/12
81386	W Scott & Co. (Workers)	St. Joseph, MO	03/02/12	03/01/12
81387	Eastman Kodak (Workers)	Kettering, OH	03/02/12	03/01/12

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Notice of Listening Sessions on Implementation of Unemployment Insurance Provisions of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Pub. L. 112-96)

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice and request for participation in listening sessions.

SUMMARY: This notice announces listening sessions designed to gain input from employers, labor organizations, State workforce agencies, and relevant program experts on the implementation of provisions of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 related to Short Time Compensation (STC) and Self Employment Assistance (SEA) programs. Specifically the Department of Labor (Department) is interested in hearing from stakeholders on the following issues:

- Model State legislation to support implementation of the two programs;
- Guidance and technical assistance to States; and
- Reporting requirements.

Times and Dates: The listening sessions for the STC and SEA programs are as follows:

Short Time Compensation

Monday, March 19, 2012 at 1 p.m. EST.
Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 3 p.m. EST.

Self Employment Assistance

Monday, March 19, 2012 at 3 p.m. EST.
Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 1 p.m. EST.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

To Register: You must be a registered user of Workforce3 One to participate in the listening sessions. To register for Workforce 3 One go to www.workforce3one.org. To register for the listening sessions please visit: <https://www.workforce3one.org/view/1001206655621113753/info> to register.

Once an individual has registered, an email will be sent with detailed instructions for accessing the listening session and for dialing into the conference call line. The listening sessions will be recorded. Space is limited, so please only register for one STC session and one SEA session.

Background: The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Pub. L. 112-96) (Act) includes within it Title II—Unemployment Benefit Continuation and Program Improvement, which contains Subtitle D—Short-Time Compensation Program, that has new provisions that promote significant expansion of the STC program (also known as work sharing) and Subtitle E—Self-Employment Assistance, both provide incentives for States to implement these programs. Below are summaries of the provisions for both the STC and SEA programs in the Act.

Short Time Compensation Program

The Act codifies and expands the existing definition of STC by amending section 3306, Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA), to add a new subsection defining “short-time compensation program” as a program under which:

- Employer participation is voluntary;
- Employers reduce employee hours in lieu of layoffs;
- The reduction of hours is at least 10 percent and not more than 60 percent and employees are not disqualified from unemployment compensation;
- Employees receive a pro rata share of unemployment benefits that they would have received if totally unemployed;
- Employees meet work availability and work search requirements if they are available for their workweek as required;
- Eligible employees may participate in appropriate training, either employer sponsored or funded under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998;
- Employers are required to certify that, if health and retirement benefits are provided, those benefits will not be

reduced due to participation in the STC program; and

- The State unemployment insurance agency requires the employer to submit a written plan describing how the requirements of this subsection will be implemented, with an estimate of the number of layoffs that would have occurred but for the STC program; the plan must be consistent with employer obligations under Federal law.

The Act provides for a transition period and effective date for existing programs that can be either the date the State changes its law or 2 years and 6 months after the enactment of the Act. Except for the transition period, the STC provisions are effective upon enactment, pending guidance from the Department.

The Act provides for two ways that States may implement and/or expand their STC programs. To encourage States to implement permanent STC programs, the Act provides for 100 percent reimbursement of the amount of STC paid under a program meeting the new definition for an STC program in section 3306(v), up to 26 times the amount of regular compensation, including dependents’ allowances, payable to the individual under State law. However, no payments may be made to a State for STC benefits paid to an individual who is employed on a seasonal, temporary, or intermittent basis. States operating an STC program under the old definition will be eligible for 2 years of reimbursement until they amend their laws to conform to the new definition under 3306(v). Payments are available for STC programs for weeks of unemployment beginning on or after February 22, 2012, and ending on or before the date that is 3 years and 6 months after the date of enactment.

To enable States that need to enact new State legislation, which could take time, the Act also provides for a temporary Federal STC program. If a State’s law does not provide for payment of STC, States may enter into an agreement with the Secretary OF Labor (Secretary) such that the State will be paid, by way of reimbursement, one-half of the amount of STC paid to individuals pursuant to the agreement, and any additional administrative