

Appendix—Continued
[Petitions instituted on March 16, 1998]

TA-W	Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Date of petition	Product(s)
34,338	P.K. Electronics (Wkrs)	Scottsdale, AZ	03/09/98	Power Supplies.
34,339	AR Accessories (UPWU)	West Bend, WI	03/03/98	Purses, Wallets, Belts, etc.
34,340	Weyerhaeuser Co (Comp)	Springfield, OR	03/05/98	Particle Board Panels.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Job Training Partnership Act: Employment and Training Assistance for Dislocated Workers; Reallotment of Title III Funds

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor is publishing for public information the Job Training Partnership Act Title III (Employment and Training Assistance for Dislocated Workers) funds identified by States for reallotment, and the amount to be reallotted to eligible States.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Doug Holl, Office of Worker Retraining and Adjustment Programs, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, Room N-5426, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone: 202-219-5577 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Title III of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA or the Act), as amended by the Economic Dislocation and Worker Adjustment Assistance Act (EDWAA), the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) is required to recapture funds from States identified pursuant to section 303(b) of the Act, and reallot such funds by a Notice of Obligation (NOO) adjustment to current year funds to "eligible States" and "eligible high unemployment States," as set forth in section 303(a), (b), and (c) of JTPA. 29 U.S.C. 1653. The basic reallotment process was described in Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 4-88, dated November 25, 1988, Subject: Reallotment and Reallocation of Funds under Title III of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), as amended, 53 FR 43737 (December 2, 1988). The reallotment process for Program Year (PY) 1996 funds was described in Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 2-96, dated January 28, 1997, Subject: Reallotment of Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Title III Formula-Allotted Funds.

NOO adjustments to the PY 1997 (July 1, 1997-June 30, 1998) formula allotments are being issued based on expenditures reported to the Secretary by the States, as required by the

recapture and reallotment provisions at Section 303 of JTPA. 29 U.S.C. 1653.

Excess funds are recaptured from PY 1997 formula allotments, and are distributed by formula to eligible States and eligible high unemployment States, resulting in either an upward or downward adjustment to every State's PY 1997 allotment.

Unemployment Data

The unemployment data used in the formula for reallotments, relative numbers of unemployed and relative numbers of excess unemployed, were for the October 1996 through September 1997 period. Long-term unemployment data used were for calendar year 1996. The determination of "eligible high unemployment States" for the reallotment of excess unexpended funds was also based on unemployment data for the period October 1996 through September 1997, with all average unemployment rates rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent. The unemployment data were provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, based upon the Current Population Survey.

The table below displays the distribution of the net changes to PY 1997 formula allotments.

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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Employment and Training Administration
PY 1997 JTPA Title III Reallotment to States**

	COL 1	COL 2	COL 3	COL 4	COL 5	COL 6
Alabama	4.6	0	3,417	0	1,185	1,185
Alaska	7.5	70,938	0	0	0	(70,938)
Arizona	4.9	0	4,437	0	1,539	1,539
Arkansas	5.3	0	3,077	3,077	1,067	4,144
California	6.6	14,571	75,496	75,496	26,191	87,116
Colorado	3.5	0	2,285	0	793	793
Connecticut	5.2	0	4,603	4,603	1,597	6,200
Delaware	4.6	0	645	0	224	224
District of Columbia	7.7	0	1,888	1,888	655	2,543
Florida	4.9	0	14,181	0	4,919	4,919
Georgia	4.5	0	5,394	0	1,871	1,871
Hawaii	6.1	0	2,353	2,353	816	3,169
Idaho	5.1	0	1,390	0	482	482
Illinois	4.8	0	12,553	0	4,355	4,355
Indiana	3.4	0	3,572	0	1,239	1,239
Iowa	3.3	0	1,703	0	591	591
Kansas	4.1	0	1,655	0	574	574
Kentucky	5.4	0	5,431	5,431	1,884	7,315
Louisiana	6.1	0	8,081	8,081	2,803	10,884
Maine	4.7	0	1,253	0	435	435
Maryland	4.6	0	4,775	0	1,656	1,656
Massachusetts	4.0	0	4,609	0	1,599	1,599
Michigan	4.3	0	6,808	0	2,362	2,362
Minnesota	3.4	0	2,839	0	985	985
Mississippi	5.5	0	3,910	3,910	1,356	5,266
Missouri	4.2	0	4,031	0	1,398	1,398
Montana	4.9	0	952	0	330	330
Nebraska	2.5	0	645	0	224	224
Nevada	4.7	0	1,528	0	530	530
New Hampshire	3.1	0	745	0	259	259
New Jersey	5.6	0	14,271	14,271	4,951	19,222
New Mexico	6.8	0	4,026	4,026	1,397	5,423
New York	6.3	0	37,567	37,567	13,033	50,600
North Carolina	3.8	0	4,367	0	1,515	1,515
North Dakota	2.8	0	267	0	92	92
Ohio	4.7	0	9,908	0	3,437	3,437
Oklahoma	3.7	0	1,814	0	629	629
Oregon	5.6	0	4,986	4,986	1,730	6,716
Pennsylvania	5.1	0	14,823	0	5,142	5,142
Puerto Rico	13.0	0	16,438	16,438	5,702	22,140
Rhode Island	5.1	0	1,183	0	410	410
South Carolina	5.3	0	5,511	5,511	1,912	7,423
South Dakota	2.9	0	292	0	101	101
Tennessee	5.2	0	6,126	6,126	2,125	8,251
Texas	5.5	0	26,733	26,733	9,274	36,007
Utah	3.1	0	802	0	278	278
Vermont	4.0	0	426	0	148	148
Virginia	4.2	0	4,765	0	1,653	1,653
Washington	5.4	0	8,156	8,156	2,829	10,985
West Virginia	7.0	264,596	0	0	0	(264,596)
Wisconsin	3.5	0	2,961	0	1,027	1,027
Wyoming	4.7	0	427	0	148	148
NATIONAL TOTAL	5.1	350,105	350,105	228,653	121,452	0

COLUMN 1 Unemployment rate for 12 month period

COLUMN 2 Amount of funds subject to recapture

COLUMN 3 Initial distribution of total recaptured dollars among all "eligible" States

COLUMN 4 Step 1: For "eligible high unemployment" States, amount equal to Column 3

COLUMN 5 Step 2: Remaining dollars distributed to all "eligible" States

COLUMN 6 Total: Column 4 (Step 1) + Column 5 (Step 2) less Column 2 (recaptured amount)

Explanation of Table

Column 1: This column shows each State's unemployment rate for the twelve months ending September 1997.

Column 2: This column shows the amount of excess funds which are subject to recapture. PY 1997 funds in an amount equal to the excess funds identified will be recaptured from such States and distributed as discussed below.

Column 3: This column shows total excess funds initially distributed among all "eligible States" by applying the regular Title III formula. "Eligible States" are those with unexpended PY 1996 funds at or below the level of 20 percent of their PY 1996 formula allotments as described above.

Column 4: Eligible States with unemployment rates higher than the national average, which was 5.1 percent for the 12-month period, are "eligible high unemployment States." These eligible high unemployment States received amounts equal to their share of the excess funds (the amounts shown in column 3) according to the regular Title III formula. This is Step 1 of the reallocation process. These amounts are shown in column 4 and total \$228,653.

Column 5: The sum of the remaining shares of available funds (\$121,452) is distributed among all eligible States, again using the regular Title III allotment formula. This is Step 2 of the reallocation process. These amounts are shown in column 5.

Column 6: Net changes in PY 1997 formula allotment are presented. This column represents the decreases in Title III funds shown in column 2, and the increases in Title III funds shown in columns 4 and 5. NOOs in the amounts shown in column 6 are being issued to the States listed.

Equitable Procedures

Pursuant to section 303(d) of the Act, Governors of States required to make funds available for reallocation shall prescribe equitable procedures for making funds available from the State and substate grantees. 29 U.S.C. 1653(d).

Distribution of Funds

Funds are being reallocated by the Secretary in accordance with section 303(a), (b), and (c) of the Act, using the factors described in section 302(b) of the Act. 29 U.S.C. 1652(b) and 1653(a), (b), and (c). Distribution within States of funds allotted to States shall be in accordance with section 302(c) and (d) of the Act (29 U.S.C. 1652(c) and (d)), and the JTPA regulation at 20 CFR 631.12(d).

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 25th day of March, 1998.

Raymond J. Uhalde,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration****Investigations Regarding Certifications of Eligibility To Apply for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance**

Petitions for transitional adjustment assistance under the North American Free Trade Agreement—Transitional Adjustment Assistance Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182), hereinafter called (NAFTA-TAA), have been filed with State Governors under Section 250(b)(1) of Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, are identified in the Appendix to this

Notice. Upon notice from a Governor that a NAFTA-TAA petition has been received, the Acting Director of the Office Trade Adjustment Assistance (OTAA), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Department of Labor (DOL), announces the filing of the petition and takes actions pursuant to paragraphs (c) and (e) of Section 250 of the Trade Act.

The purpose of the Governor's actions and the Labor Department's investigations are to determine whether the workers separated from employment after December 8, 1993 (date of enactment of Pub. L. 103-182) are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Subchapter D of the Trade Act because of increased imports from or the shift in production to Mexico or Canada.

The petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing with the Acting Director of OTAA at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) in Washington, DC provided such request is filed in writing with the Acting Director of OTAA not later than April 13, 1998.

Also, interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the petitions to the Acting Director of OTAA at the address shown below not later than April 13, 1998.

Petitions filed with the Governors are available for inspection at the Office of the Acting Director, OTAA, ETA, DOL, Room C-4318, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Signed at Washington, DC this 27th day of March, 1998.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

APPENDIX

Subject firm	Location	Date received at Governor's office	Petition No.	Articles produced
American Garment (Wkrs)	El Paso, TX	02/06/1998	NAFTA-2,177	Stone Wash & Dye Clothes.
Oxford Automotive (UAW)	Winchester, IN	01/05/1998	NAFTA-2,178	Automotive stampings.
U.S. Kids Apparel (Comp)	Canton, GA	02/03/1998	NAFTA-2,179	Children's Clothing.
Eagle Veneer (Wkrs)	Harrisburg, OR	02/05/1998	NAFTA-2,180	Finished Plywood.
MIJA Industries (Co.)	Plymouth, MA	02/05/1998	NAFTA-2,181	Pressure gauges.
ChamberDoor Industries, Inc ()	Hot Springs, AR	02/02/1998	NAFTA-2,182	Doors.
Federal Mogul (UAW)	Greenville, MI	01/16/1998	NAFTA-2,183	Bearings for auto engines.
Michigan Carton (GCIU)	Battle Creek, MI	01/15/1998	NAFTA-2,184	Folding cartons printed on paper-board.
Gambro Healthcare (Co.)	Deland, FL	02/10/1998	NAFTA-2,185	On-off dialysis kits.
Niagara Mohawk Power Corp ()	Syracuse, NY	02/10/1998	NAFTA-2,186	Electric Power Generation.
Kwikset Corporation (Wkrs)	Anaheim, CA	02/17/1998	NAFTA-2,187	Handlesets, levers, doorknobs.
Donna Maria's Sewing (Co.)	Ripley, WV	02/11/1998	NAFTA-2,188	Women's clothing.
Oh My Goodknits (Wkrs)	Allentown, PA	02/17/1998	NAFTA-2,189	Infant and adult knit apparel.
Weyerhaeuser (IAM)	North Bend, OR	02/04/1998	NAFTA-2,190	Logging operations.
Cooper Industries (Wkrs)	Cullman, AL	02/17/1998	NAFTA-2,191	Hand tools.