A Federal Response to Trade Affected Worker Dislocation in the Textile Industry

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WHAT IS TAA?

• Trade Adjustment Assistance Helps Individuals Who Have Become Unemployed as a Result of Competition From Foreign Trade

• Program Goals
  – Encourage the Rapid Reemployment of TAA-Eligible Individuals
  – Provide Training and Income Support Where Necessary for a Worker to Achieve Reemployment
  – Assist Individuals to Obtain Reemployment in Fields Where they are Likely to Remain Employed and Earn Wages Comparable To their Prior Jobs
WHO MAY BE CERTIFIED?

- Workers who Have Lost their Jobs or Suffered a Reduction of Hours and Wages as a Result of Increased Imports or Shifts In Production Outside the United States
- Workers Whose Firm is a Supplier or Downstream Producer to a Firm Whose Workers are TAA-Certified
BENEFITS/SERVICES AVAILABLE TO CERTIFIED WORKERS?

• Benefits Provided Under Trade Act:
  • Training
  • Trade Readjustment Allowances
  • Relocation Allowances
  • Job Search Allowances
  • Health Coverage Tax Credit
  • ATAA Wage Subsidies

• Services Governor is Required to Make Available Under WIA:
  • Rapid Response
  • Core and Intensive Services
EST. # OF CERTIFIED WORKERS FOR TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS FY03-07
FY 2003 – FY 2007

- 953 Trade Certifications
- 77,168 Est. Workers
- 48% of the Certifications North/South Carolina
- 51% of Est. Number of Certified Workers were in North/South Carolina