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**REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY
FOR THE ALTERNATIVE TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE (ATAA) PROGRAM FOR
OLDER WORKERS**

Suggested Supplement to Petition for Trade Adjustment Assistance

In addition to a determination of eligibility to apply for regular TAA, do the petitioners seek a determination of eligibility to apply for the Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) Older Workers Program for workers 50 years of age or older? If so, check "yes" below and attach to the Petition for Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Yes _____

If you do not check "yes" above, the petitioning worker group will not be considered for eligibility certification under the ATAA program. If you do check yes, and the worker group is determined to be eligible for the ATAA program, the individual workers within the certified worker group who meet individual ATAA eligibility criteria will have the option of choosing ATAA or TAA benefits and services.

Criterion that must be met for group certification include:

1. A significant number of adversely affected workers in the petitioning workers' firm are 50 years of age or older;
2. The adversely affected workers in the petitioning workers' firm possess job skills that are not easily transferable to other employment; and
3. The competitive conditions within the adversely affected workers industry are adverse.

Additional criteria that must be met for individual eligibility include:

1. A worker must be at least 50 years of age
2. The worker must obtain different, full-time reemployment within 26 weeks of separation from adversely affected employment
3. Reemployment wages on an average annual basis must be less than wages earned in the adversely affected employment
4. The worker may not earn more than \$50,000 per year in new employment
5. The worker must be certified as eligible to apply for TAA benefits

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