

COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meetings of the New Hampshire and District of Columbia Advisory Committees

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a planning meeting of the New Hampshire Advisory Committee to the Commission is rescheduled for Friday, February 8, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. (ET), at the New Hampshire State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301. The purpose of the planning meeting is to plan future activities. The purpose of the press conference is to re-release committee report on Goffstown Prison. This meeting was initially scheduled for Friday, February 1, 2013; same time and location (FR/Vol. 78, No. 14/Tuesday, January 22, 2013/pages 4380–4381).

Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a planning meeting of the District of Columbia Advisory Committee to the Commission is rescheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2013, 12:00 p.m. (ET) at 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 1150, Conference Room, Washington, DC 20425. The purpose of the meeting is project planning. This meeting was initially scheduled for February 12, 2013 (FR/Vol. 78, No. 18/Monday, January 28, 2013/Notices, page 5772).

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments. The comments must be received in the regional office by Friday, March 8, 2013 for the New Hampshire Advisory Committee and Tuesday, March 19, 2013 for the District of Columbia Advisory Committee. Comments may be mailed to the Eastern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425, faxed to (202) 376–7548, or emailed to ero@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Eastern Regional Office at 202–376–7533. Persons needing accessibility services should contact the Eastern Regional Office at least five working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Records generated from these meetings may be inspected and reproduced at the Eastern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of these advisory

committees are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, www.usccr.gov, or to contact the Eastern Regional Office at the above phone number, email or street address.

The meetings will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC, on January 31, 2013.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 8, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Miriam Kearse, Eligibility Examiner, Trade Adjustment Assistance Division, Room 71028, Economic Development Administration, Washington, DC 20230, telephone (202) 482–3963, facsimile (202) 482–2883 (or via the Internet at miriam.j.kearse@eda.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

EDA administers the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms (TAAF) Program, which is authorized

under chapters 3 and 5 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2341 *et seq.*) (Trade Act), and the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011 (Pub. L. 112–40) which reauthorized the program, through a national network of 11 non-profit and university-affiliated Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers (TAACs), each of which serves a different geographic service region. EDA certifies firms as eligible to participate in the TAAF Program and provides funding to allow eligible client-firms to receive adjustment assistance through the TAACs. The information collected on Form ED–840P and relevant supporting documentation is used to determine if a firm is eligible to participate in the program. In accordance with the Trade Act and EDA's regulations as set out at 13 CFR part 315, EDA must verify that the following have occurred: (1) A significant reduction in the number or proportion of the workers in the firm, a reduction in the workers' wage or work hours, or an imminent threat of such reductions; (2) sales or production of the firm have decreased absolutely, as defined in EDA's regulations, or sales or production, or both, of any article or service accounting for at least 25 percent of the firm's sales or production has decreased absolutely; and (3) an increase in imports of articles or services like or directly competitive with those produced or provided by the petitioning firm, which has contributed importantly to the decline in employment and sales or production of that firm. Additionally, the firm must demonstrate that its customers have reduced purchases from the firm in favor of buying items or services from foreign suppliers. The use of the form standardizes and limits the information collected as part of the certification process and eases the burden on applicants and reviewers alike.

In addition, after being determined eligible for TAAF Program assistance using Form ED–840P, firms must create an EDA-approved adjustment proposal, which is each firm's business plan to remain viable in the current global economy, in order to receive financial assistance under the TAAF Program. Each adjustment proposal must meet certain requirements as set out in the Trade Act and EDA's regulation at 13 CFR 315.6. This notice also includes an estimate for adjustment proposals.

II. Method of Collection

Form ED–840P may be obtained in Portable Document Format (PDF) from EDA or the TAACs upon request. TAACs are responsible for preparing the application on the firm's behalf.