



Alabama Department of Industrial Relations

News Release

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Employees of Ben-Mar Hosiery May Be Eligible for Additional Benefits

MONTGOMERY- Alabama Department of Industrial Relations Director Tom Surtees announced today that current and former employees of Ben-Mar Hosiery, located in Fort Payne, Alabama may be eligible for benefits under the federal Trade Adjustment Assistance Act of 2002. A petition filed on behalf Ben-Mar Hosiery employees was certified by the U.S. Department of Labor on November 17, 2011.

The U. S. Department of Labor found that the workers may have become unemployed as a result of increased imports. The petition covers periods of unemployment occurring on or after October 23, 2010 and before the termination date of November 17, 2013. Under the Trade Adjustment Assistance Act of 2002, displaced workers may be eligible for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) benefits such as training, job search and relocation assistance, and Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC). For additional information on the HCTC, they can call toll free 866-628-HCTC (4282), or visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov (IRS Keyword: HCTC).

If workers have exhausted their cash benefits under other state and federal

unemployment compensation programs, they could be eligible for additional weekly benefits equivalent to the amount they were receiving under other programs. In order to receive Trade Readjustment Allowance (TRA) benefits, workers must be enrolled in training or a waiver of the training requirement must be granted by the state Employment Service Division of the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations.

Surtees stated that potentially eligible individuals will be notified individually as soon as they are identified.

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Members of the media needing more information should contact Public Information Officer Jenna Murphy at (334) 353-1538.