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ALABAMA EMPLOYEES OF NUCOR STEEL MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA – Workers of Nucor Steel Birmingham, Inc., a Division of Nucor Corporation, including on-site leased workers from ITAC Solutions, PangeaTwo, Randstad, Peopleready Florida, Inc., and Staffmark, Birmingham, Alabama, who were engaged in activities related to the production of steel concrete reinforcing bar (rebar), may be eligible for benefits under the federal Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015 (TAARA 2015). A petition filed on behalf of workers of Nucor Steel Birmingham, Inc., Birmingham, Alabama, was certified by the U.S. Department of Labor on September 28, 2018, according to Secretary Fitzgerald Washington, Alabama Department of Labor.

The International Trade Commission (ITC) found that an industry in the United States is materially injured because of imports of rebar from Japan and Turkey. The firm was publicly identified by name by the ITC as a member of a domestic industry. The petition covers periods of unemployment occurring on or after July 7, 2016 through July 7, 2018. Under the TAARA 2015 Act, displaced workers may be eligible for benefits such as training, job search and relocation assistance, and Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC). For additional information on the HCTC, they can visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov/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. To receive Trade Readjustment Allowance (TRA) benefits, workers must enroll in training within 26 weeks of the certification date or their last qualifying separation or a waiver of the training requirement must be granted by the state Employment Service Division of the Alabama Department of Labor.

Nucor Steel Birmingham, Inc., was also certified for Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance (RTAA). Employees who are 50 years of age and older, who obtain full time employment after their separation from the affected employer, may be eligible for training and allowances under the RTAA program.

Washington stated that potentially eligible employees will be notified individually as soon as they are identified.

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