

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-58,768]

**O'Mara Incorporated, Rutherford College, NC; Notice of Termination of Investigation**

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, an investigation was initiated on February 1, 2006 in response to a petition filed by a company official on behalf of workers of O'Mara Incorporated, Rutherford College, North Carolina.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently, the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC this 10th day of February, 2006.

**Linda G. Poole,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-58,177]

**Rexnord Disc Coupling Operation; Coupling Division Warren, PA; Notice of Negative Determination on Reconsideration**

On January 18, 2006, the Department issued an Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration for the workers and former workers of the subject firm. The Department's notice was published in the **Federal Register** on January 30, 2006 (71 FR 4938).

The petition for the workers of Rexnord Disc Coupling Operation, Coupling Division, Warren, Pennsylvania was denied because sales and production declined from 2003 through 2004, and January through October 2005 over the corresponding 2004 period. The initial determination also stated that productions shifted from the subject facility to another production facility in Alabama.

In the request for reconsideration, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Local Lodge #2304, alleged that the subject firm increased imports, is shifting production to China and importing the finished product.

During the reconsideration investigation, the Department contacted both the union representative and a

company official to discuss the union's allegations.

According to the union representative, the workers produced flexible couplings and the subject company was importing coupling components. The imported components were either assembled at the subject facility into completed flexible couplings or shipped to other domestic plants for assembly into flexible couplings. The subject facility closed in December 2005 when operations were consolidated with an affiliated coupling production plant in Auburn, Alabama.

Subsequent conversations with the company official confirmed that coupling components, and not finished flexible couplings, were imported and that operations at the Warren, Pennsylvania plant were consolidated with the Auburn, Alabama facility.

In order to establish import impact, the Department must consider imports that are like or directly competitive with those produced at the subject firm. In the case at hand, the Department must consider imports of article which are like or directly competitive with flexible couplings produced at the subject company's Warren, Pennsylvania facility. Because coupling components are not like or directly competitive with finished flexible couplings, increased imports of coupling components cannot be the basis for Trade Adjustment Assistance certification for the subject worker group.

**Conclusion**

After review of the application and investigative findings, I conclude that there has been no error or misinterpretation of the law or of the facts which would justify reconsideration of the Department of Labor's prior decision. Accordingly, the application is denied.

Signed at Washington, DC this 13th day of February 2006.

**Elliott S. Kushner,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request****AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request clearance for this collection.

In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting OMB clearance of this collection for no longer than three years.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information of respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received by May 2, 2006, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the information collection and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to [splimpton@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpton@nsf.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne Plimpton on (703) 292-7556 or send e-mail to [splimpton@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpton@nsf.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Evaluation of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program.

*OMB Control No.:* 3145-New.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Not applicable.

*Abstract:* The National Science Foundation (NSF) funded a program, called Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program (HBCU-UP), designed to help institutions strengthen the quality of their undergraduate STEM programs. The Urban Institute is conducting an evaluation of the HBCU-UP program. Using a mixed-methods approach, UI researchers will conduct an evaluation