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TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE LETTER NO. 2-03, Change 1

TO:

ALL STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

ALL STATE WORKFORCE LIAISONS

FROM:

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Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT:

Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) for Older Workers

Questions and Answers

1. <u>Purpose</u>. To answer questions related to the administration of the Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) program that have arisen since the issuance of Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 2-03.

2. References.

- Trade Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-619, as amended)
- Trade Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-210)
- The Workforce Investment Act of 1998
- 20 CFR Part 617
- 29 CFR Part 90
- TEGL No. 11-02
- Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) No. 24-03
- TEGL No. 2-03.

The amendments to the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program may also be referred to as the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of 2002 (the Act or the Trade Act). These amendments were included in Title I of the Trade Act of 2002.

3. <u>Background.</u> TEGL No. 2-03 provided interim operating instructions for states to use in implementing the ATAA program. Since the issuance of TEGL 2-03, the Department has received questions concerning the operation of the ATAA program. The attachment restates the questions raised and provides the answers to those questions.

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- **4.** Action Required. State administrators should distribute this advisory to appropriate staff. States must adhere to the requirements of federal law that are contained in this advisory.
- 5. <u>Inquiries</u>. States should direct all inquiries to the appropriate ETA Regional Office.

Attachment: Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) Questions and Answers