

reasonable evidence that such total or partial separation is imminent;

Like articles means articles which are substantially identical in their intrinsic characteristics.

Partial separation means either:

(1) A reduction in an employee's work hours to 80 percent or less of the employee's average weekly hours during the year of such reductions as compared to the preceding year; or

(2) A reduction in the employee's weekly wage to 80 percent or less of his/her average weekly wage during the year of such reduction as compared to the preceding year.

Person means individual, organization or group.

The record means:

(1) A petition for certification of eligibility to qualify for adjustment assistance;

(2) Any supporting information submitted by the petitioner;

(3) Report of the EDA investigation in regard to the petition; and

(4) Any information developed during the investigation or in connection with any public hearing held on the petition.

Recipient means a firm, Trade Adjustment Assistance Center or other party receiving adjustment assistance or through which adjustment assistance is provided under the Trade Act.

A significant number or proportion of workers means 5 percent of the firm's work force or 50 workers, whichever is less. An individual farmer is considered a significant number or proportion of workers.

Substantial interest means a direct, material, economic interest in the certification or noncertification of the petitioner.

Technical Assistance means assistance provided to firms or industries under Chapter 3 of Title II of the Trade Act.

A totally separated worker means an employee who has been laid off or whose employment has been terminated by his/her employer for lack of work.

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§315.3 Confidential business information.

EDA will follow the procedures set forth in 15 CFR 4.7, and submitters should so designate any information they believe confidential.

§315.4 Eligible applicants.

(a) Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers (TAACs) are eligible applicants. A TAAC can be:

(1) A university affiliate;

(2) State or local government affiliate;

(3) Non-profit organization.

(b) Firms;

(c) Organizations assisting or representing industries in which a substantial number of firms or workers have been certified as eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under sections 223 or 251 of the Trade Act including the following:

(1) Existing agencies;

(2) Private individuals;

(3) Firms;

(4) Universities;

(5) Institutions;

(6) Associations;

(7) Unions; or

(8) Other non-profit industry organizations.

§315.5 Selection process.

(a) TAACs are selected in accordance with the following:

(1) Currently funded TAACs are invited by EDA to submit either new or amended applications, provided they have performed in a satisfactory manner and complied with previous and/or current conditions in their cooperative agreements with EDA and contingent upon availability of funds. Such TAACs shall submit an application on a form approved by OMB, as well as a proposed budget, narrative scope of work, and such other information as requested by EDA. Acceptance of an application or amended application for a cooperative agreement does not assure funding by EDA; and

(2) New TAACs will be invited to submit proposals, and if they are acceptable, EDA will invite an application on a form approved by OMB. An application will be accompanied by a narrative scope of work, proposed budget