



Former Bic Corporation Employees Eligible To Apply For Trade Act Benefits

WETHERSFIELD, July 6, 2018 – Former employees of Bic Corporation, located in Shelton, Connecticut, that produced stationary products, lighters and razors, were certified on June 25, 2018 as eligible to apply for federal Trade Adjustment Assistance. Employees were in the IT department and include leased workers with Bridgeton Computers, Grapevine Technology, Patwel Group, New England Systems, Merritt Staffing, ACG, and Kelly Services.

The Connecticut Labor Department is mailing an eligibility notice regarding the benefits to all affected employees and is providing information on how to apply for benefits. Employees eligible to apply for federal benefits are those who are or will be totally or partially separated from employment due to lack of work on or after June 5, 2017 and on or before June 25, 2020.

Available assistance may include training, income support in the form of Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA), and job search and relocation allowances for qualified workers who seek or obtain employment outside their normal commuting areas. Individuals 50 years of age and older who return to lower-paying work may be eligible to receive Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance (RTAA) wage subsidies.

Workers who believe they may qualify, yet do not receive eligibility information are urged to contact their nearest *American Job Center* for information and assistance. Those who need to apply for unemployment benefits are reminded that claims are now filed using the Internet or by telephone. Information about federal Trade Adjustment Assistance can be found on the Department of Labor’s website at www.ct.gov/dol and entering “Trade Act” in the search bar.

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