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Former Sorenson Lighted Controls Employees Eligible To Apply For Trade Act Benefits

WETHERSFIELD, January 15, 2016 – Former employees of Sorenson Lighted Controls, located in Hartford, Connecticut that worked in the manufacturing of indicator lights, were certified on December 13, 2015 as eligible to apply for federal Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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 October 14, 2014 and on or before December 13, 2017.

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 can now be 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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