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TO: Workforce Florida, Inc and Regional Workforce Boards

FROM: Jois A. Scott, Program Manager, One-Stop and Program Support

SUBJECT: Operating Instructions for Implementing the Amendments to the Trade

Act of 1974 Enacted by the Trade Act of 2002 – Revised Eligibility Requirements for Trade Readjustment Assistance (TRA) and Health

Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) - Change 3

PURPOSE:

To issue Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) regarding the revised interpretation of the deadline for enrollment in approved training as a condition of Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA) and its effect on Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) eligibility.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Please review the TEGL 11-02, Change 3 and ensure that your local TAA Coordinator is familiar with the revised interpretation. As outlined in the link below, an eligible trade-affected worker may receive TRA benefits and become eligible for HCTC without being enrolled in training, participating in training, having completed training or having received a training waiver. One-Stop and Program Support (OSPS) and Unemployment Compensation (UC) staff are working to refine our process and ensure that our management information system allow us to comply with federal guidance.

Since HCTC eligibility is handled at the state and federal level through information provided by the employer, this change will have no impact on your current process. However, we are sharing this information with you at this time since local one-stop staff may receive inquiries from customers regarding this change.

LINK:

http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL11-02_ch3.pdf