

Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015 (TAARA 2015)

Recently, the Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 5-15 issued by the United States Department of Labor (USDOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA): TEGL 5-15: Operating Instructions for Implementing the Amendments to the Trade Act of 1974 Enacted by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015 (TAARA 2015).

The direct link to this guidance can be found at:

http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=3863

Employers and workers are encouraged to file a trade petition as soon as possible if you believe that a worker group may be eligible for TAA certification under 2015 Act criteria. The 2015 Act provides that all certifications of petitions filed between June 29, 2015 and 11:59PM EST September 27, 2015, will include worker separated on or after January 4, 2014, instead of one-year impact date that applies to certification of all other petitions. When a petition dated on or after September 28, 2015 is certified, the one-year impact date will apply, and the certification will no longer cover workers separated more than one year before the petition date.

Effective September 28, 2015, **incumbent workers who are cover under petition numbers 85,000 to 89,999 will be eligible under** Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015 (TAARA 2015). Incumbent workers are encourage to contact RI TRA unit at 401-462-9166 to start trade services.