

Burlington Homes of Maine, Inc. Workers Qualify for Trade Adjustment Assistance

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"I could not be more pleased with this news and I'm glad that the U.S. Department of Labor recognized the importance of covering all these workers under TAA," Michaud said.

Last month, the Burlington Homes of Maine, Inc filed a petition to receive assistance under the Trade Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA/ATAA). This petition came after declining sales in 2006, 2007, January and February of 2008, and increased imports led to the decline in sales and lay-offs of workers.

"Having yet another certification for Trade Adjustment Assistance reminds us that unfair trade practices continue to cripple our economy," Michaud emphasized. "Our state has lost 23 percent of its manufacturing base since NAFTA. Plain and simple - our trade policies are simply not working - and we need to do something about it. I encourage the employees of Burlington Homes to visit the Career Center for information on Trade Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance, and to become aware of the resources that are available to assist in this difficult transition."