

# ***Trade Act Program—Trade Adjustment Assistance***

## ***Description:***

Trade Adjustment (TAA) is available to workers who lose their jobs or whose hours of work and wages are reduced as a result of increased *foreign* imports. Individuals eligible for Trade Adjustment Assistance must be laid-off from a plant that has been certified through the U. S. Department of Labor. The certification process is initiated by a petition filed by a group of three or more workers, their union or other authorized representative, or the company affected.

Michigan Works office staff can provide the petition form and give guidance on the procedures to follow to file a certification petition.

Eligible individuals may receive a variety of benefits and reemployment services to help unemployed workers prepare for and obtain suitable employment.

- ◆ Career and employment counseling
- ◆ Classroom training (up to 104 weeks possible)
- ◆ On-the-job training
- ◆ Job search assistance
- ◆ Information on relocation allowance
- ◆ Information on Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA) that may be payable following exhaustion of unemployment benefits