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# **KMC Music, Inc. Employees Eligible to Apply for Trade Act Benefits**

WETHERSFIELD, June 25, 2014 – Former employees of KMC Music, Inc. in New Hartford, Connecticut who produced high end guitars, were certified on June 3, 2014 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 April 30, 2013, and on or before June 3, 2016.

Available assistance may include: training; income support in the form of Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA); 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 Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) wage subsidies.

Workers who 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 taken over the Internet or by telephone. Information can be found on the Department of Labor's Web site at [www.ct.gov](http://www.ct.gov).

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