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Former RBS-Citizens Bank Employees Eligible To Apply For Trade Act Benefits

WETHERSFIELD, October 30, 2015 – Former employees of RBS-Citizens Bank, National Association, located in Bridgeport, Connecticut were certified on October 16, 2015 as eligible to apply for federal Trade Adjustment Assistance. The employees provided insurance products and services.

The employees have been certified as a result of the [Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015](#). Signed into law by President Obama on June 29, 2015 it changes the group eligibility requirements to now include service sector employees.

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 January 1, 2014 and on or before October 16, 2017.

Available assistance may include training, income support in the form of Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA), and 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 are now taken over the Internet or by telephone. Information about federal Trade Adjustment Assistance can be found on the Connecticut Department of Labor's website at www.ct.gov/dol by entering "Trade Act" into the search bar.

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