

color, people with disabilities; low-skilled populations; and veterans, including transitioning service members); and

- Leverage and develop public policies that increase demand for American Apprenticeship and support sustainability.

The complete FOA and any subsequent FOA amendments in connection with this funding opportunity are described in further detail on ETA's Web site at <http://www.doleta.gov/grants/> or on <http://www.grants.gov>. The Web sites provide application information, eligibility requirements, review and selection procedures, and other program requirements governing this funding opportunity.

DATES: The closing date for receipt of applications under this announcement is April 30, 2015. Applications must be received no later than 4:00:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannette Flowers, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N-4716, Washington, DC 20210; Telephone: 202-693-3322. Sara Gallagher Williams is the Grant Officer for this FOA.

Signed December 12, 2014 in Washington, DC.

Eric D. Luetkenhaus,
Grant Officer/Division Chief, Employment and Training Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Labor Certification Process for the Temporary Employment of Aliens in Agriculture in the United States: 2015 Adverse Effect Wage Rates

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) of the Department of Labor (Department) is issuing this notice to announce the 2015 Adverse Effect Wage Rates (AEWRs) for the employment of temporary or seasonal nonimmigrant foreign workers (H-2A workers) to perform agricultural labor or services.

AEWRs are the minimum wage rates the Department has determined must be offered and paid by employers to H-2A workers and workers in corresponding employment for a particular occupation and area so that the wages of similarly

employed U.S. workers will not be adversely affected. 20 CFR 655.100(b). In this notice, the Department announces the annual update of the AEWRs.

DATES: Effective Date: This notice is effective *December 19, 2014*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William W. Thompson, Acting Administrator, Office of Foreign Labor Certification, U.S. Department of Labor, Room C-4312, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: 202-693-3010 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security will not approve an employer's petition for the admission of H-2A nonimmigrant temporary agricultural workers in the U.S. unless the petitioner has received from the Department an H-2A labor certification. The labor certification provides that: (1) There are not sufficient U.S. workers who are able, willing, and qualified and who will be available at the time and place needed to perform the labor or services involved in the petition; and (2) the employment of the foreign worker(s) in such labor or services will not adversely affect the wages and working conditions of workers in the U.S. similarly employed. 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a), 1184(c)(1), and 1188(a); 8 CFR 214.2(h)(5).

Adverse Effect Wage Rates for 2015

The Department's H-2A regulations at 20 CFR 655.120(l) provide that employers must pay their H-2A workers and workers in corresponding employment at least the highest of: (i) The AEWR; (ii) the prevailing hourly wage rate; (iii) the prevailing piece rate; (iv) the agreed-upon collective bargaining wage rate, if applicable; or (v) the Federal or State minimum wage rate, in effect at the time the work is performed.

Except as otherwise provided in 20 CFR part 655, subpart B, the region-wide AEWR for all agricultural employment (except those occupations deemed inappropriate under the special procedure provisions of 20 CFR 655.102) for which temporary H-2A certification is being sought is equal to the annual weighted average hourly wage rate for field and livestock workers (combined) in the State or region as published annually by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). 20 CFR 655.120(c) requires that the Administrator of the Office of Foreign Labor Certification publish the USDA field and livestock worker (combined) wage data as AEWRs in a **Federal**

Register notice. Accordingly, the 2015 AEWRs to be paid for agricultural work performed by H-2A and U.S. workers on or after the effective date of this notice are set forth in the table below:

TABLE—2015 ADVERSE EFFECT WAGE RATES

| State | 2015 AEWRs |
|----------------|------------|
| Alabama | \$10.00 |
| Arizona | 10.54 |
| Arkansas | 10.18 |
| California | 11.33 |
| Colorado | 11.37 |
| Connecticut | 11.26 |
| Delaware | 11.29 |
| Florida | 10.19 |
| Georgia | 10.00 |
| Hawaii | 12.98 |
| Idaho | 11.14 |
| Illinois | 11.61 |
| Indiana | 11.61 |
| Iowa | 12.62 |
| Kansas | 13.59 |
| Kentucky | 10.28 |
| Louisiana | 10.18 |
| Maine | 11.26 |
| Maryland | 11.29 |
| Massachusetts | 11.26 |
| Michigan | 11.56 |
| Minnesota | 11.56 |
| Mississippi | 10.18 |
| Missouri | 12.62 |
| Montana | 11.14 |
| Nebraska | 13.59 |
| Nevada | 11.37 |
| New Hampshire | 11.26 |
| New Jersey | 11.29 |
| New Mexico | 10.54 |
| New York | 11.26 |
| North Carolina | 10.32 |
| North Dakota | 13.59 |
| Ohio | 11.61 |
| Oklahoma | 10.35 |
| Oregon | 12.42 |
| Pennsylvania | 11.29 |
| Rhode Island | 11.26 |
| South Carolina | 10.00 |
| South Dakota | 13.59 |
| Tennessee | 10.28 |
| Texas | 10.35 |
| Utah | 11.37 |
| Vermont | 11.26 |
| Virginia | 10.32 |
| Washington | 12.42 |
| West Virginia | 10.28 |
| Wisconsin | 11.56 |
| Wyoming | 11.14 |

Pursuant to the H-2A regulations at 20 CFR 655.173, the Department will publish a separate **Federal Register** notice in early 2015 to announce (1) the allowable charges for 2015 that employers seeking H-2A workers may charge their workers for providing them three meals a day; and (2) the maximum travel subsistence reimbursement which

a worker with receipts may claim in 2015.

Portia Wu,

Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-82,253]

Cardinal Health, Financial Shared Services West and Customer Care Pricing and Contracts, Including On-Site Leased Workers From Aerotek, Excel Staffing, Experis Finance (Manpower), Ricoh, USA, Dawson Creative, Mergis Group and Tailored Management Albuquerque, New Mexico; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended ("Act"), 19 U.S.C. 2273, the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on December 21, 2012, applicable to workers of Cardinal Health, Financial Shared Services West, including on-site leased workers from Aerotek, eXcel Staffing, and Experis Finance (Manpower), Albuquerque, New Mexico. The workers are engaged in activities related to back office financial services. The Department's Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on January 10, 2013 (78 FR 2289). The certification was amended on February 8, 2013 to include on-site leased from Ricoh, USA, Dawson Creative, Mergis Group, and Tailored Management were employed on-site at the Albuquerque, New Mexico location of the subject firm. The Department's Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on February 22, 2013 (78 FR 12358).

The Department reviewed the certification applicable to the workers and former workers of the subject firm. New information shows that worker separations in Customer Care Pricing and Contracts (C&P), at the Albuquerque, New Mexico location are attributable to the acquisition of services from a foreign country that was the basis for the original certification. Based on these findings, the Department is amending this certification to include workers of Customer Care Pricing and Contracts (C&P) at the Albuquerque, New Mexico location of the subject firm.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-82,253 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers from Cardinal Health, Financial Shared Services West and Customer Care Pricing and Contracts, including Aerotek, eXcel Staffing, Experis Finance (Manpower), Ricoh, USA, Dawson Creative, Mergis Group, and Tailored Management, Albuquerque, New Mexico, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after December 13, 2011 through December 21, 2014, and all workers in the group threatened with total or partial separation from employment on the date of certification through December 21, 2014, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 1st day of December 2014.

Michael W. Jaffe,

Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2006-0040]

SGS North America, Inc.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA announces its final decision to expand the scope of recognition for SGS North America, Inc., as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL).

DATES: The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on December 19, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

Press inquiries: Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N-3647, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-1999; email: meilinger.francis2@dol.gov.

General and technical information: Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Acting Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N-3655, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2110; email:

robinson.kevin@dol.gov. OSHA's Web page includes information about the NRTL Program (see <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Notice of Final Decision

OSHA hereby gives notice of the expansion of the scope of recognition of SGS North America, Inc. (SGS), as an NRTL. SGS's expansion covers the addition of four test standards to its scope of recognition.

OSHA recognition of an NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified by 29 CFR 1910.7. Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within its scope of recognition and is not a delegation or grant of government authority. As a result of recognition, employers may use products properly approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require testing and certification of the products.

The Agency processes applications by an NRTL for initial recognition, or for expansion or renewal of this recognition, following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the Agency publish two notices in the **Federal Register** in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides its preliminary finding and, in the second notice, the Agency provides its final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL's scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. OSHA maintains an informational Web page for each NRTL that details its scope of recognition. These pages are available from the Agency's Web site at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html>.

SGS submitted an application, dated May 28, 2014 (OSHA-2006-0040-0014, Exhibit 14-3—SGS Request for Expansion), to expand its recognition to include four¹ additional test standards. OSHA staff performed a detailed analysis of the application packet and reviewed other pertinent information. OSHA did not perform any on-site reviews in relation to this application.

OSHA published the preliminary notice announcing SGS's expansion application in the **Federal Register** on

¹ In its application, SGS initially requested expansion for 5 standards. However, documentation for the fifth standard, UL 859, was submitted late and the review of SGS's capabilities for that standard will be handled separately.