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Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA) Secretary Victoria Bradshaw Issues Statement Applauding Federal Assistance for Employees of New United Motor Manufacturing Inc. (NUMMI).

Sacramento - Secretary Victoria Bradshaw today issued the following statement after the Federal Department of Labor certified that NUMMI workers scheduled to be laid off are eligible to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA):

“I would like to applaud the Federal Government for their quick turn around of the State’s application for certification. The 4,700 workers who are going to lose their jobs at the NUMMI plant in Fremont are now eligible to apply for much needed assistance and retraining. I along with Governor Schwarzenegger take getting people back to work as our number one priority and we are committed to providing the resources and the tools to get not only the displaced NUMMI employees retrained and working but all Californians. The auto industry is changing and the Schwarzenegger Administration has an unwavering commitment to training in clean and green technologies that will open the doors to new careers in these industries for all Californians.”

In addition to the application for TAA certification for NUMMI employees, the State is working on eligibility for the employees of NUMMI suppliers that will be affected by the closure of the plant in Fremont.

The NUMMI plant was operated for 25 years as a joint venture of General Motors and Toyota and is scheduled to close April 1. Department of Labor certification for Trade Adjustment Assistance status means that workers will receive paid training in new skills, financial benefits, health care coverage and other forms of special assistance.

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