

**ECONOMIC DISLOCATION AND WORKER  
ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE ACT  
(EDWAA)  
Employment & Training Administration  
U.S. Department of Labor**

**DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM USES**

The purpose of the Economic Dislocation and Worker Adjustment Assistance Act is to provide retraining and readjustment assistance to dislocated workers unlikely to return to their previous industries or occupations. Services include rapid response, occupational skills training, basic and remedial response, occupational skills training, basic and remedial education, job search and placement, supportive services such as child care and transportation allowances, relocation assistance, and needs related payments for dislocated workers who have exhausted their unemployment insurance.

**DESCRIPTION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Formula funds distributed to states and discretionary grants from Governor's Reserve or National Reserve Accounts are available to provide services.

**BENEFICIARY ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible program participants are workers who have been laid off or have notification of termination and who are unlikely to return to the same or similar jobs from which they were terminated. This includes workers who lose their jobs because of plant closings or mass layoffs; long-term unemployed persons with limited local opportunities for jobless due to general economic conditions or natural disasters.

**AUTHORIZATION**

The Job Training Partnership Act of 1982, as amended, Title III, Public Law 97-300.  
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 17.246.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Contact the local government agency in your area that administers the JTPA program or your nearest State employment services office, or write to the Employment and Training Administration, Office of Work-Based Learning, Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone (202) 219-5577.