ranking applicant receiving first consideration.

The Agency will notify, in writing, each applicant as to whether or not they were selected as the NFM. Applicants not selected for the NFM position will be provided appeal rights.

VII. Agency and National Fund Manager Agreement

The Agency will enter into an appropriate Agreement with the selected applicant. The Agency will work with the selected applicant to clearly define the NFM’s roles and responsibilities in accordance with this notice and section 4206. The Agreement will detail final provisions between the selected applicant and the Agency. If the Agency cannot reach agreement with the selected applicant on the terms and conditions for the Agreement, the Agency will approach the next best applicant to become the NFM.

VIII. For Further Information

If you wish further information concerning this Notice and the solicitation of the NFM, please contact: James Barham, Agricultural Economist, 202–690–1411, james.barham@washington.usda.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and Opportunity for Public Comment.

Pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2341 et seq.), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of these firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firm’s workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.