

**SUMMARY:** Curia New York, Inc. has applied to be registered as an importer of basic class(es) of controlled substance(s). Refer to Supplementary Information listed below for further drug information.

**DATES:** Registered bulk manufacturers of the affected basic class(es), and applicants therefore, may submit electronic comments on or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration on or before October 9, 2024. Such persons may also file a written request for a hearing on the application on or before October 9, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** The Drug Enforcement Administration requires that all comments be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal,

which provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on the web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Please go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions at that site for submitting comments. Upon submission of your comment, you will receive a Comment Tracking Number. Please be aware that submitted comments are not instantaneously available for public view on <https://www.regulations.gov>. If you have received a Comment Tracking Number, your comment has been successfully submitted and there is no need to resubmit the same comment. All requests for a hearing must be sent to: (1) Drug Enforcement Administration, Attn: Hearing Clerk/OALJ, 8701

Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152; and (2) Drug Enforcement Administration, Attn: DEA Federal Register Representative/DPW, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152. All requests for a hearing should also be sent to: Drug Enforcement Administration, Attn: Administrator, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 21 CFR 1301.34(a), this is notice that on August 6, 2024, Curia New York, Inc., 33 Riverside Avenue, Rensselaer, New York 12144, applied to be registered as an importer of the following basic class(es) of controlled substance(s):

Controlled substance	Drug code	Schedule
Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid .....	2010	I
ANPP (4-Anilino-N-phenethyl-4-piperidine) .....	8333	II
Poppy Straw Concentrate .....	9670	II

The company plans to import the listed controlled substances for bulk manufacturing into other controlled substances to be distributed to their customers. No other activities for these drug codes are authorized for this registration.

Approval of permit applications will occur only when the registrant's business activity is consistent with what is authorized under 21 U.S.C. 952(a)(2). Authorization will not extend to the import of Food and Drug Administration-approved or non-approved finished dosage forms for commercial sale.

**Marsha L. Ikner,**  
Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Employment and Training Administration**

**Labor Surplus Area Classification**

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to announce the annual Labor Surplus Area (LSA) list for fiscal year (FY) 2025.

**DATES:** The annual LSA list is effective October 1, 2024, for all States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lucas Arbulu or Donald Haughton,

Office of Workforce Investment, Employment and Training Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room C-4514, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: Lucas Arbulu (202) 693-2611 (this is not a toll-free number), or Donald Haughton (202) 693-2784 (this is not a toll-free number), or email [arbulu.lucas.w@dol.gov](mailto:arbulu.lucas.w@dol.gov), or [haughton.donald.w@dol.gov](mailto:haughton.donald.w@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Labor's regulations implementing Executive Orders 12073 and 10582 are set forth at 20 CFR part 654, subpart A. These regulations require the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) to classify jurisdictions as LSAs pursuant to the criteria specified in the regulations, and to publish annually a list of LSAs. Pursuant to those regulations, ETA is hereby publishing the annual LSA list.

In addition, the regulations provide exceptional circumstance criteria for classifying LSAs when catastrophic events, such as natural disasters, plant closings, and contract cancellations are expected to have a long-term impact on labor market area conditions, discounting temporary or seasonal factors.

**Eligible Labor Surplus Areas**

A LSA is a civil jurisdiction that has a civilian average annual unemployment rate during the previous two calendar years of 20 percent or more above the average annual civilian unemployment rate for all states during the same 24-month reference period.

ETA uses only official unemployment estimates provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in making these classifications. The average unemployment rate for all states includes data for the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The LSA classification criteria stipulate a civil jurisdiction must have a "floor unemployment rate" of 6 percent or higher to be classified an LSA. Any civil jurisdiction that has a "ceiling unemployment rate" of 10 percent or higher is classified an LSA.

Civil jurisdictions are defined as follows:

1. A city of at least 25,000 population on the basis of the most recently available estimates from the Bureau of the Census; or
2. A town or township in the States of Michigan, New Jersey, New York, or Pennsylvania of 25,000 or more population and which possess powers and functions similar to those of cities; or
3. All counties, except for those counties which contain any type of civil jurisdictions defined in "1" or "2" above; or
4. A "balance of county" consisting of a county less any component cities and townships identified in "1" or "2" above; or
5. A county equivalent which is a town in the States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont or a municipio in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

### Procedures for Classifying Labor Surplus Areas

The Department of Labor (DOL) issues the LSA list on a fiscal year basis. The list becomes effective each October 1, and remains in effect through the following September 30. The reference period used in preparing the current list was January 2022 through December 2023. The national average unemployment rate (including Puerto Rico) during this period is rounded to 3.66 percent. Twenty percent higher than the national unemployment rate during this period is rounded to 4.39 percent. Since this percent is below the floor rate, the qualifying rate is 6 percent.

To ensure that all areas classified as labor surplus meet the requirements, when a city is part of a county and meets the unemployment qualifier as a LSA, that city is identified in the LSA list, the balance of county, not the entire county, will be identified as a LSA if the balance of county also meets the LSA unemployment criteria. The data on the current and previous years' LSAs are available at [www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/lsa](http://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/lsa).

### Petition for Exceptional Circumstance Consideration

The classification procedures also provide criteria for the designation of LSAs under exceptional circumstances criteria. These procedures permit the regular classification criteria to be waived when an area experiences a significant increase in unemployment which is not temporary or seasonal and which was not reflected in the data for the 2-year reference period. Under the program's exceptional circumstance procedures, LSA classifications can be made for civil jurisdictions, Metropolitan Statistical Areas or Combined Statistical Areas, as defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. In order for an area to be classified as a LSA under the exceptional circumstance criteria, the State Workforce Agency must submit a petition requesting such classification to the Department of Labor's ETA.

The current criteria for an exceptional circumstance classification are:

1. An area's unemployment rate is at least 6 percent for each of the three most recent months; and
2. A projected unemployment rate of at least 6 percent for each of the next 12 months because of an event.

When submitting such a petition, the State Workforce Agency must provide documentation that the exceptional circumstance event has occurred. The State Workforce Agency may file

petitions on behalf of civil jurisdictions, Metropolitan Statistical Areas, or Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

State Workforce Agencies may submit petitions in electronic format to [arbulu.lucas.w@dol.gov](mailto:arbulu.lucas.w@dol.gov), [haughton.donald.w@dol.gov](mailto:haughton.donald.w@dol.gov), or in hard copy to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Investment, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room C-4514, Washington, DC 20210, Attention Lucas Arbulu. Data collection for the petition is approved under OMB 1205-0207, expiration date May 31, 2026.

**José Javier Rodríguez,**  
*Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Administration.*

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### MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

[MCC FR 24-04]

#### Millennium Challenge Corporation Candidate Country Report for Fiscal Year 2025

**AGENCY:** Millennium Challenge Corporation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, as amended, requires the Millennium Challenge Corporation to publish a report that identifies countries that are "candidate countries" for Millennium Challenge Account assistance during Fiscal Year 2025. The report is set forth in full below.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 7707(a))

Dated: September 3, 2024.

**Peter E. Jaffe,**  
*Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary.*

#### Millennium Challenge Corporation Candidate Country Report for Fiscal Year 2025

##### Summary

This report to Congress is provided in accordance with section 608(a) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 7701, 7707(a) (the Act).

The Act authorizes the provision of assistance for global development through the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) for countries that enter into a Millennium Challenge Compact with the United States to support policies and programs that advance the progress of such countries to achieve lasting economic growth and

poverty reduction. The Act also authorizes the provision of assistance to countries for the purpose of assisting such country to become compact eligible. The Act requires MCC to take a number of steps in selecting countries to which MCC will seek to provide assistance, including determining the countries that will be eligible countries for fiscal year (FY) 2025 based on (a) a country's demonstrated commitment to (i) just and democratic governance, (ii) economic freedom, and (iii) investments in its people; (b) the opportunity to reduce poverty and generate economic growth in the country; and (c) the availability of funds to MCC. These steps include the submission to the congressional committees specified in the Act and publication in the **Federal Register** of reports on the following:

- The countries that are "candidate countries" for FY 2025 are based on their per capita income levels and their eligibility to receive assistance under U.S. law and countries that would be candidate countries but for specified legal prohibitions on assistance (section 608(a) of the Act);

- The criteria and methodology that the MCC Board of Directors (the Board) will use to measure and evaluate the relative policy performance of the "candidate countries" consistent with the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of section 607 of the Act in order to determine "eligible countries" from among the "candidate countries" (section 608(b) of the Act); and

- The list of countries determined by the Board to be "eligible countries" for FY 2025, identification of such countries with which the Board will seek to enter into compacts, and a justification for such eligibility determination and selection for compact negotiation (section 608(d) of the Act).

This report is the first of three required reports listed above.

#### Candidate Countries for FY 2025

The Act requires the identification of all countries that are candidate countries for purposes of eligibility for MCC assistance for FY 2025 and the identification of all countries that would be candidate countries for purposes of eligibility for MCC assistance but for specified legal prohibitions on assistance. Qualification as a candidate country is defined in sections 606(a) and (b) of the Act, under which:

A country will be a candidate country in the low income category for FY 2025 if it:

- has a per capita income that is not greater than the World Bank's lower middle income country threshold for