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Washington D.C. - Congressman John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, announced today that workers of Standard Forged Products, LLC, who have become totally or partially separated from employment, are eligible for retraining or wage subsidies under federal programs designed to return trade-affected workers to the work force more quickly.

All workers of Standard Forged Products, LLC, Axle Forging Division, a subsidiary of Trinity Industries, located in Johnstown, who lose their job on or after June 8, 2006, are eligible for two years to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA).

An investigation by the U.S. Department of Labor was initiated last month in response to a petition filed by the United Steelworkers of America, Local 2632, on behalf of the workers of Standard Forged Products, LLC. The company supplies rough turned railcar axles and the Department of Labor found that a loss of business with a manufacturer of finished axles for railroad cars contributed to the separation of workers at Standard Forged Products, LLC.

Services under TAA include two years of eligibility for income support, relocation and job search allowances, a health coverage tax credit and occupational training. For workers age 50 and older who find new, lower-wage jobs within 26 weeks of separation, ATAA helps bridge the salary gap by providing subsidies of up to half of the difference between the old and new wage levels. Workers may be paid up to a maximum of \$10,000 during a two-year eligibility period.