AID TO FIRMS AND WORKERS AFFECTED BY IMPORTS TO BE DISCUSSED AT ATLANTA SEMINAR

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ATLANTA, Ga......A program to aid firms and workers in the Southeast affected by competition from imports will be the topic of a seminar being held here at Georgia Tech's Space Science and Technology Building on Tuesday, June 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Hardy Taylor of Georgia Tech says that the seminar will explain the operation of the Southeastern Trade Adjustment Assistance Center. The Center was recently set up at Georgia Tech's Engineering Experiment Station for the benefit of businesses and workers adversely affected by import competition.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide companies, communities, workers and unions with information on how the assistance program works, who is eligible, and exactly what can be provided under the program. Specific information will be provided on such services to business as technical assistance, loans and loan guarantees. Information will also be provided on assistance for workers including trade readjustment allowances, re-training and job searches.

Speakers at the seminar will be H.W. Williams, deputy assistant secretary of commerce for economic development; Marvin Fooks, the Labor Department's director of trade adjustment assistance; and Robert W. Springfield, associate director of the Southeastern Trade Adjustment Assistance Center.

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Serving eight states in the Southeast, the Center is funded by the Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce, which, along with the U.S. Department of Labor, is sponsoring the seminar. A registration fee of $9.00, which includes the cost of a luncheon, will be charged.

Anyone interested in attending the seminar should contact Hardy Taylor at the Southeastern Trade Adjustment Assistance Center, Georgia Tech, Engineering Experiment Station, Atlanta, Ga. 30332, phone (404) 894-3816/3858.

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