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Georgia Department of Labor will help laid-off workers at Shaw Industries in Trenton

ATLANTA - State Labor Commissioner Michael Thurmond said today that the Georgia Department of Labor will provide assistance to employees who are expected to lose their jobs at Shaw Industries in Dade County. The company manufactures spun yarn.

The company has notified officials of the Georgia Department of Labor that it plans to close its Plant 76, located at 13506 North Main St. in Trenton in November, affecting approximately 440 employees.

"The layoff at Shaw Industries in Trenton will create an unfortunate situation for the workers and their families," said Commissioner Thurmond.

"Georgia Department of Labor staff have talked with company officials and plans are underway to set up a transition center at the plant's site to provide services to help the laid-off workers get back to work as quickly as possible."

The labor department provides a wide range of transitional services to laid-off workers. These options include: on-site employee information sessions describing services available through the Georgia Department of Labor, assistance in filing claims for unemployment compensation, re-employment services, access to retraining opportunities, skills assessment and correlation with available employment opportunities, special workshops on career options and resume writing and interviewing skills.

The Georgia Department of Labor conducts job search workshops, career counseling, and provides resource centers in each office. Some job seekers may also be eligible for occupational/skills training, on-the-job training, General Education Development (GED) preparation and testing, and supportive services such as child-care assistance, transportation assistance and meals while enrolled in full-time training.

Dade County is served by the department's Northwest Georgia Career Center, located at 96 Stuart Rd. in Fort Oglethorpe. The telephone number is (706) 861-1990. However, affected workers may get assistance from any of the department's 53 career centers statewide.