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IAM / AIR WISCONSIN COFPS NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE – UNITED RFP

As we approach the amendable date of the current Agreement, a significant amount of work has gone into preparing for negotiations with the Company. The call for proposals, released in June 2011, generated proposals that have been screened and processed in preparation for submitting to the Company and the Negotiating Committee is scheduled for the Collective Bargaining Preparation course for later on in December of this year.

In late August of this year, United Airlines notified all current ground service providers that it intends to solicit new bids via a Request for Proposal (RFP) for sub-contracted cities. The Company in turn briefed District Lodge 142 of this development. During the last two months, we have had frequent conversations with the Company to get updates on the status of the ongoing RFP process. As of the last call with the Company on Monday of this week, it has become readily apparent that the normal Section 6 negotiations process will have to be escalated due to RFP developments. The fact that the RFP process is preceding negotiations is something this membership has faced before. While it is not a preferable position to be in, it is something that we have to react to. While all sub-contracted cities will come up for bid over time, IAD has become a city with an immediate focus and certain time constraints. The COPFS Agreement will remain a single Agreement for Air Wisconsin cities regardless of the RFP process.

In an effort to prevent a negative effect on the membership by not participating in direct talks with the Company over the RFP process, negotiations will begin next Monday in ATW with the full Negotiating Committee participating. The Committee will remain resolute in negotiating the best Agreement possible regardless of the external forces.

This RFP process will generate a lot of discussions around the System and it remains as important as ever not to listen to rumors. This Negotiating Committee is the only source for up to date and 100% accurate information. Please contact us with any questions you may have or reach out via your local Shop Steward. Updates and bulletins on Air Wisconsin and other District Lodge 142 activities can always be found on the Web at www.iamdl142.org. With best wishes, we remain

Sincerely and fraternally,

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