

Two Unions! One Fight! One Future!



SUPPORT CWA and IBEW TOGETHER at AT&T!

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ONE NATIONAL TABLE FOR ALL at\$t Inc. CWA and IBEW BARGAINING UNITS in 2009!

CWA Local Officers, representing current core sector contracts at AT&T Legacy, AT&T Midwest, AT&T West, AT&T East, AT&T Southwest, and AT&T Southeast, will be meeting in Dallas November 17-20, 2008. CWA International Officers and staff will also participate in these meetings in preparation of bargaining new AT&T contracts that expire on April 4, 2009. IBEW has not attended these ongoing CWA at\$t Inc. Bargaining Unit meetings thus far. IBEW and especially IBEW Locals representing core members at AT&T MUST be invited to this conference and future conferences.

I have actively participated in five (5) strikes as a CWA AT&T member (1968, 1971, 1983, 1986 & 2004) in addition to numerous job actions/mobilizations over the past 42 years. Obviously, Humpty-Dumpty (at\$t Inc.) has been put back together again. Therefore, I believe CWA and IBEW must be together at one National table for all at\$t Inc. Bargaining Unit Contracts in 2009.

The National Table must negotiate items such as:

All Jobs and Job Movement between the various CWA and IBEW Collective Bargaining Agreements, Wage increases and resolution of disparities in Pensions, Healthcare and the Alliance For Employee Growth & Development in the current CBA's.

Local Tables would negotiate all other issues in their respective CBA.

Today, at\$t Inc. is the largest union represented Company in the USA! CWA and IBEW National and Local leaders should be demanding that at\$t Inc. negotiate jobs and job movement, pensions and after employment benefits in 2009, not agree to give back pension and after employment benefits for new hires as in 2007 and the foreseeable future. These are benefits that brother members have died for in past strikes. In the best interests of all current CWA and IBEW at\$t Inc. members and retirees, ALL turf wars within the CWA and IBEW must end! We are the elected leaders of our unions and it's time to lead, or step aside! If there must be an enemy it should be at\$t Inc., not each other.

In Unity-Strength & Solidarity:

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