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Between

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and

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PREAMBLE

This agreement is a Collective Bargaining Agreement (hereinafter referred to as “Agreement”) between the Northwest Crane Owners Association (hereinafter referred to as the “NWCOA” or “Employer”) on behalf of its member employers and any other employer who becomes signatory to this Agreement (member employers and other employer collectively hereinafter referred to as “Individual Employer(s)”) and Local 302 International Union of Operating Engineers, (hereinafter referred to as the “Union”), and shall constitute an Agreement between the parties hereto for the work, conditions and wage rates provided for herein in the territory outlined in Article 3.

ARTICLE 1 **PURPOSES OF AGREEMENT**

SECTION 1. The purposes of this Agreement is to promote the settlement of labor disagreements by conference, to prevent strikes and lockouts and to stabilize wages and working conditions in building, heavy highway construction and engineering work in the area affected.

SECTION 2. Bylaws of either party are not a part of this Agreement. It is agreed and understood between the parties hereto that this Agreement contains all the covenants, stipulations and provisions agreed upon by the parties hereto. No agent or representative of either party has authority to make any promise, inducement, or agreement contrary to the provisions herein.

SECTION 3. The NWCOA, acting on behalf of those individual member firms, having received a demand for recognition by the Union and having been presented with and accepting proof that the Union represents a majority of its employees, acknowledges and affirms that the Union is the sole and exclusive bargaining representative of its employees covered by the Principal Agreements under Section 9(a) of the National Labor Relations Act.

ARTICLE 2 **WORK AFFECTED**

SECTION 1. This Agreement shall cover all Highway, Building, Heavy Construction and Engineering projects including the loading and unloading of barges or other carriers of the Individual Employer's materials and equipment at loading facilities for the contractor's work performed by employer parties to this Agreement in the counties outlined in Article 3.

SECTION 2. For clarification, Heavy, Highway and Engineering projects are defined as follows: Construction of railroads, street railways, roads, highways, streets, alleys, sidewalks, curbs and

gutters, paving, (portland cement or asphaltic concrete), airports, bridges, overpasses, sewers, water mains, sanitation projects, irrigation projects, flood control projects, reclamation projects, reservoirs, dams, dikes, levees, revetments, channels, aqueducts, channel cutoffs, jetties, breakwaters, harbor developments, docks, dry docks, piers, abutments, retaining walls, transmission lines, duct lines, subways, shafts, tunnels, excavation of earth and rock, power generating projects, reinforced earthwork, and all other heavy construction and engineering operations in connection therewith, and all site clearing, demolition work, hazmat, pipeline and refinery work when covered by this Agreement.

SECTION 3. For further clarification, the term “Building” shall mean a building structure, including modifications thereof, or additions or repairs thereto, intended for use for shelter, protection, and comfort.

ARTICLE 3

TERRITORY OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall cover all work (as outlined in Article 2) performed by Individual Employers, party to this Agreement in the following counties: Clallam, Jefferson, Mason, Grays Harbor, Kitsap, Island, San Juan, King, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Kittitas, Okanogan, Chelan, Douglas, and Yakima in the State of Washington.

ARTICLE 4

EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION

SECTION 1. This Agreement shall be effective commencing, June 1, 2024, and shall continue in force and effect through May 31, 2028. Upon its expiration, this Agreement shall continue from year to year, June 1 through May 31 of each year, by automatic renewal unless changed or terminated. For the purpose of negotiating alterations in wages and other terms and conditions of employment, the NWCOA, or Local 302 may open this Agreement or any contract effectuated through automatic renewal by giving written “Notice of Opening” not later than sixty (60) nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date. “Notice of Opening” is in no way intended by the parties as a termination of nor shall it in anyway be construed as a termination of this Agreement or any annual contract effectuated through automatic renewal nor as forestalling automatic renewal as herein provided. The parties reserve the right to economic recourse in negotiations, except during the interval between the giving of “Notice of Opening” and the expiration date.

SECTION 2. Except by mutual written agreement, termination of this Agreement or any annual contract effectuated through automatic renewal, must to the exclusion of all other methods, be perfected by giving written “Notice of Termination” not later than sixty (60) not more than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date, whereupon the contract shall, on its expiration date, terminate. Effective termination eliminates automatic renewal.

SECTION 3. Any “Notice of Opening” or “Notice of Termination” given in hand within sixty (60) days of any expiration date shall be absolutely null and void and completely ineffective for all purposes.

ARTICLE 5
UNION RECOGNITION AND HIRING PROCEDURES

SECTION 1. Hiring practices and maintenance of Union membership shall be under the Appendix "3" attached hereto and hereby made a part of this Agreement.

SECTION 2. There will be no discrimination against any employee because of past or present union activities or because of race, creed, sex, age, or color.

SECTION 3. Wherever words denoting a specific gender are used in this Agreement, they are intended and shall be construed so as to apply equally to either gender.

ARTICLE 6
SUBCONTRACTORS

SECTION 1. If an Individual Employer bound by this Agreement contracts or subcontracts any work covered by this Agreement to be done at the job site for the construction, alteration or repair of a building structure or other work to any person or proprietor who is not signatory to this Agreement, the Individual Employer shall require such subcontractor to be bound to all the provisions of this Agreement for the duration of his project only, or such Individual Employer shall maintain daily records of the subcontractors' employees' job site hours and be liable for payment of the difference of these Employees' wages, Health & Security, Pension and Apprenticeship-Retraining contributions in accordance with this Agreement.

SECTION 2. Whenever the Individual Employer is obligated to satisfy governmental subcontracting requirements, the Union and the Individual Employer by mutual agreement may waive this provision, prior to commencement of the work in the event an Individual Employer and Union are unable to find qualified competitive Union subcontractors-to meet these requirements.

ARTICLE 7
HOLIDAYS

Holidays recognized by this Agreement shall be New Year's Day, Memorial Day (last Monday in May), Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Any holiday which falls on a Sunday shall be observed as a holiday on the following Monday. A holiday shall be a twenty-four (24) hour period, beginning with the regular starting time of the first shift on the date of the holiday and all single shift hours that fall on a holiday shall be paid at the holiday rate of pay. No work shall be performed on Labor Day except to protect life and property or by written mutual agreement of the Union and the Individual Employer. If any of the listed holidays falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be a regular workday.

ARTICLE 8
MEALS AND REST PERIODS

SECTION 1. MEAL PERIODS. Employees shall not be required to work more than five (5) hours from the start of the shift without at least a one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour unpaid meal period. This meal period shall not begin earlier than three and one-half ($3\frac{1}{2}$) hours after the start of the shift.

- A. Late Meal. If employees are required to work past five (5) hours, they shall be paid one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour at the applicable overtime rate and must be allowed time to eat their meal which shall be considered as time worked. The one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour meal period shall not be scheduled at the end of the shift.
- B. Missed Meal. If not allowed time to eat their meal, an additional one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour for a total of one (1) hour at the applicable overtime rate shall be added to the hours worked.
- C. Meal Beyond Shift. Employees required to work more than two (2) hours after the end of the regular shift shall be allowed a second meal period, which shall be considered as time worked, and if it is impractical for the employees to leave the job, they shall be provided a meal by the Individual Employer.
- D. Missed Meal Beyond Shift. If not allowed a second meal period, an additional one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour for a total of one (1) hour at the applicable overtime rate shall be added to the hours worked.
- E. Meal – Ten Hour Shift. In the event that the Individual Employer establishes a ten (10) hour shift, the above meal periods shall be at mid-shift. Employees' meal period may be staggered during the period of three and one-half ($3\frac{1}{2}$) to five (5) hours from the start of the shift to cover necessary work of a continuous nature.
- F. Additional Meals. A meal period is required every five (5) hours after the second meal period and shall be considered as time worked. If not allowed to eat their meal, an additional one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour at the applicable overtime rate shall be added to time worked for a total of one (1) hour at the applicable overtime rate.

SECTION 2. REST PERIODS.

- A. The nature of the construction work covered by this agreement allows intermittent rest periods. Individual Employers shall provide such intermittent rest periods as work flow permits, not to exceed to 10 minutes for each 4 hours worked. Scheduled rest periods are not required, nor allowed.
- B. Such intermittent rest periods shall be taken on the work site, at the employee's place of work.
- C. It will be the responsibility of each employee to take such intermittent rest periods. If an employee does not take a rest period, then the employee must notify his supervisor and a rest period will be provided.

ARTICLE 9

PAY DAY

SECTION 1. Employees shall be paid in full once each week (on the same day), but in no event shall more than five (5) days' wages be withheld (Saturday, Sunday and holidays excluded).

If the regular payday falls on a Holiday, the employees shall be paid on the last regular workday before the holiday.

The Individual Employer will have the following options of making payment: negotiable check made on a local bank, paid prior to quitting time at job site, direct deposit in employees' bank account, or by mail.

The Individual Employer shall furnish to each employee at the time of payment of wages, an itemized statement showing the pay basis (i.e., hours or days worked), rate or rates of pay, gross wages, and all deductions for that pay period. In addition, the name, address, and phone number of the Individual Employer shall be indicated.

No adjustment of disputed pay will be made unless the Employee or the Union shall make a claim in writing to the Individual Employer's representative within fifteen (15) days from the pay period in question, or from the date of any pay adjustment.

SECTION 2. Employees who quit, shall be paid not later than the next regular pay period.

SECTION 3. When Employees are laid off or discharged, they shall be paid in full immediately. Employees laid off or discharged, who are paid by direct deposit in their bank accounts, shall be paid not later than the next regular business day. In the event that the employee is not paid immediately, he shall receive two (2) hours' pay at the appropriate hourly wage rate for each twenty-four (24) hour period for the first forty-eight (48) hours. Thereafter the Employee will be paid four (4) hours pay at the appropriate hourly wage rate for each twenty-four (24) hour period until said check is mailed to an address of the Employee's choice. The postmark on the envelope will serve as the cutoff for any penalty.

SECTION 4. If the payment is not made expressly as provided in this article, then the Employee shall be paid two (2) hours pay at the appropriate hourly wage rate for each twenty-four (24) hour period for the first forty-eight (48) hours (Saturday, Sunday and holidays excepted). Thereafter, the employee will be paid four (4) hours' pay at the appropriate hourly wage rate for each twenty-four (24) hour period until payment is made. In the case of payment by mail, the postmark on the envelope will serve as the cutoff for any penalty.

ARTICLE 10

UNION REPRESENTATIVE

SECTION 1. The Union representatives shall have access to all places where employees covered by this agreement are employed provided, they do not unduly interfere with the work of employees, and that they fully comply with the safety and security procedures established for the projects. On

projects with restricted access, the Individual Employer will cooperate with the Union officials in this regard as far as regulations permit.

SECTION 2. One or more working Stewards from among the members working on the job may be appointed by the Union to represent the members on the job. The Individual Employer shall be informed in writing of the names of the appointed Stewards. Only such Stewards shall be accorded recognition by the Individual Employer. The designated Union Representative shall be consulted by the Individual Employer prior to a job Steward's termination or layoff. The job Steward shall normally discuss issues arising under this Agreement with the job supervisor and transmit to the Union Representative all disputes emanating from the job. The job Steward(s) shall be among the last working members terminated provided they are qualified for the remaining work available on the job.

Although there shall be no non-working Stewards, it is recognized that the Steward has an important function in maintaining harmony and cooperation on the job.

ARTICLE 11

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES/GRIEVANCES

SECTION 1. In cases of violation, misunderstandings, or differences in interpretation of this Agreement, there shall be no cessation or stoppage of work. Both parties pledge their immediate cooperation to eliminate the above-mentioned possibilities, and the procedure in Section 2 is outlined for this purpose.

SECTION 2. In the event that a dispute arising on the job the following procedure will be followed to address the dispute:

Step One: In the event that a dispute arising on the job cannot be satisfactorily adjusted on the job between the representative of the Union involved and the Individual Employer, the dispute shall promptly (not later than fifteen (15) working days), be referred to the authorized representative of the Union and the Individual Employer or their authorized representative. Should they fail to effect a settlement, the matter shall proceed to Step Two. By mutual agreement Step Two may be waived.

Step Two: The dispute shall be referred to a Board of Conciliation within fifteen (15) working days or at the option of either party this Step may be waived, and the matter will proceed to Step Three. This Board shall consist of two (2) persons who have no direct involvement in the dispute, appointed by each party. If these four (4) persons cannot effect a settlement within seven (7) days after the dispute has been referred to them the matter shall proceed to Step Three.

Step Three: The issue shall be referred to mediation. The parties shall request a mediator from the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service or other mutually acceptable services. This person shall serve as the mediator to resolve the dispute. The expense of employing the mediator shall be borne equally by both parties and each party shall be responsible for their own attorney fees and costs. Should the parties fail to reach agreement, the matter shall proceed to Step Four.

Step Four: The parties shall request a list of seven arbitrators from the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service or other acceptable services and shall alternately strike names until only one name remains. This person shall serve as the arbitrator to resolve the dispute. The expense of employing the arbitrator shall be borne equally by both parties and each party shall be responsible for their own attorney fees and costs.

Any decision of the Board shall be within the scope and terms of this Agreement. It may also provide retroactivity not exceeding sixty (60) days from the date the grievance was filed and shall state the effective date. Decision by this Board shall be rendered within twenty (20) days, or at their discretion, after the dispute is referred to them, and such decision shall be final and binding upon all parties. By mutual agreement, the aforementioned time frames in this Article may be waived or extended.

ARTICLE 12

SETTLEMENT OF JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES

SECTION 1. There will be no strikes, no work stoppages or slowdowns or other interference with the work because of jurisdictional disputes.

SECTION 2. The Individual Employer shall be responsible for all jurisdictional assignments. In issuing such assignments, the Individual Employer shall be guided by decisions of record and/or jurisdictional agreements of record. Craft jurisdiction is neither determined nor awarded by classifications appearing in any labor agreement.

SECTION 3. Where a jurisdictional dispute involves any Union or Individual Employer not a party to the procedures established by the Impartial Jurisdictional Disputes Board and is not resolved between the Unions, it shall be referred for resolution to the International Unions, with which the disputing Unions are affiliated. The resolution of the disputes shall be reduced to writing signed by representatives of the International Unions, and the Individual Employer will abide by the resolution. The disputed work shall continue as assigned by the Individual Employer until the dispute has been resolved. The provisions of Section 1 apply to disputes covered by this paragraph.

ARTICLE 13

STRIKES AND PICKET LINES

SECTION 1. It is mutually agreed that there shall be no strikes, lockouts or other slowdown or cessation of work by either party on account of any labor differences pending the utilization of the grievance machinery, as set forth in Article 11.

SECTION 2. Employees shall not be discharged, disciplined, or permanently replaced for any protected activity related to the recognition of a primary picket line as recognized in Section 7 of the NLRA.

SECTION 3. As required by law, employees shall be furnished to the Individual Employer during labor disputes with other construction crafts and the Individual Employer will endeavor to work as long as economically possible during these periods.

ARTICLE 14 **SAFETY MEASURES**

SECTION 1. The Individual Employer and the employee will conform to all Federal and State health and safety regulations applicable to work covered by this Agreement and shall have adequate shelters available where necessary, with heat, where the workers can change and dry their clothes and store their tools. On all projects covered by this Agreement, there shall be provided by the Individual Employer, at all times during construction, sanitary facilities consisting of a reasonable number of toilets and urinals. Fresh drinking water will be available to the workers. The Individual Employer will furnish welding equipment, including all leathers, hard hats, eye protection, ear protection, respirators, safety belts and lanyards, and reflective vests.

SECTION 2. This Agreement is not intended to and shall not be construed as creating, imposing, or adopting on the Union or representatives any state common-law duties in the areas of safety.

ARTICLE 15 **SAVINGS CLAUSE**

SECTION 1. This Agreement is not intended to and shall not be construed to permit acts which violate any valid Federal or State law.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this Agreement or the application of such provision shall in any court or other Governmental action, be held invalid, the remaining provisions and their application shall not be affected thereby. Provided, however, upon such invalidation the parties signatory hereto agree to immediately meet to re-negotiate such provisions affected. The parties agree to arrive at a mutually satisfactory replacement within sixty (60) days unless a definite extension of time is mutually agreed to. In the event that the parties are unable to negotiate a replacement, the matter shall be resolved through the provisions of Article 11.

ARTICLE 16 **HOURS OF WORK**

SECTION 1. SINGLE SHIFT OPERATION

- A. Eight (8) hours shall constitute a day's work, five (5) days shall constitute a week's work, Monday through Friday.
- B. A single shift operation shall be restricted to the hours between 5:00 am and 6:00 pm and eight (8) hours of continuous employment (except for meal period) shall constitute a day's work Monday through Friday of each week.
- C. Four ten (10) hour shifts at the straight time rate may be established Monday through Thursday or Tuesday through Friday. There shall be no overlapping of four/ten (10) shifts between crews on the same operation of an Individual Employer's project. In the event the job is down due to weather conditions, then Friday may, at the option of the Individual Employer, be worked as a make-up day. All hours worked in excess of ten (10) hours a day or forty (40) hours a week must be compensated at the overtime rate.
- D. No employee shall be discharged, laid off, or disciplined, replaced, or transferred for refusing to work a make-up day.
- E. In the event of a civil emergency such as, but not limited to, earthquakes, floods, or fires, starting time of the shift may be made to fit the emergency and eight (8) hours in any twenty-four (24) hour period may be worked at straight time. In order to work such shift, mutual agreement shall be received.
- F. Special Shifts: When due to conditions beyond the control of the Individual Employer or when an owner (not acting as the contractor), a government agency or the contract specifications requires that work can only be performed outside the regular day shift, then a special shift may be worked at the straight time rate. The starting time of work will be arranged to fit such conditions of work. Such shift shall consist of eight (8) hours work for eight (8) hours pay or ten (10) hours work for ten (10) hours pay for four/ten shifts. A special shift premium will be added to the base wage, as defined in Appendix 1, Schedule A, and shall be paid for each hour worked during a special shift. This premium pay does not apply to work outside the normal shift that is paid in accordance with Article 17, Overtime.
- G. Holiday Week: In the event that a holiday is celebrated during the week (Monday through Friday), the remaining four (4) days of the week may be worked as a four/ten shift at the straight time rate.

SECTION 2. MULTIPLE SHIFT OPERATION.

Shifts may be established when considered necessary by the Individual Employer. The Individual Employer shall notify the Union of either a two (2) or three (3) shift operation. Shift hours and rates will be as follows:

- A. Two Shift Operation: On a two consecutive shift operation, the second shift shall be paid the special shift premium which shall be added to the base wage for each hour worked, as defined in Appendix 1, Schedule A. This premium pay does not apply to work outside the normal shift that is paid in accordance with Article 17, Overtime. Each shift must be

scheduled for at least eight (8) hours except as provided for in Section 1 of this Article. On a two-shift operation, the second shift shall be established for a minimum of three (3) days.

Once the starting times are established for the two-shift operation, they shall not be changed except upon three (3) working days written notice to the Union.

B. Three Shift Operation: On a three-shift operation, the following shall apply:

First Shift - The regular hours of work on the first shift of three shift operations shall be eight (8) hours of continuous employment, except for meal period at mid-shift, between the hours of 5:00 am and 6:00 pm.

Second Shift - The second shift shall consist of seven and one-half (7½) hours of continuous employment, except for meal period at mid-shift, and shall be paid for at eight (8) hours the straight time hourly wage rate.

Third Shift - The third shift shall consist of seven (7) consecutive hours of employment, except for meal period at mid-shift, and shall be paid for at eight (8) hours the straight time hourly wage rate.

C. Multiple shift (a two or three shift) operation will not be construed on the entire project if at any time it is deemed advisable and necessary for the Individual Employer to multiple shift a specific operation. Those groups of employees only who relieve first shift groups of employees and such first shift groups of employees who are relieved by groups of employees on a second shift, and on a three shift operation those groups of employees who relieve the groups of employees on a second shift, shall be construed as working multiple shifts. The intent of this clause shall be construed so as to recognize that a “reliever group” and a “relief group” does not necessarily mean “person for person” relief.

D. It is understood and agreed that when the first shift of a multiple shift (a two or three shift) operation is started at the basic straight time rate or at a specific overtime rate, all shifts of that day's operation shall be completed at that rate. On a two-shift operation, the second shift shall be paid the special shift premium for each hour worked, as defined in Appendix 1, Schedule A. This premium pay does not apply to work outside the normal shift that is paid in accordance with Article 17, Overtime.

ARTICLE 17 **OVERTIME**

SECTION 1. Work performed in excess of eight (8) hours of straight time per day, or ten (10) hours of straight time per day when four ten (10) hour shifts are established, or forty (40) hours of straight time per week, Monday through Friday, or outside the normal shift (6pm-5am) and all work on Saturdays, shall be paid at time and one-half the straight time rate. All work performed after 6:00 pm Saturday to 5:00 am Monday and Holidays and hours worked in excess of 12 hours in a single shift shall be paid at double the straight time rate of pay. The Individual Employer shall have the sole discretion to assign overtime work to employees. Primary consideration for overtime

work shall be given to employees regularly assigned to the work to be performed on overtime situations.

SECTION 2. After an employee has worked eight (8) hours at an applicable overtime rate, all additional hours shall be at the applicable overtime rate until such time as the employee has had a break of ten (10) hours or more.

SECTION 3. When an employee returns to work without at least ten (10) hours' time off since their previous shift, all such time shall be a continuation of a shift and paid at the applicable overtime rate until he/she shall have the ten (10) hours rest period.

ARTICLE 18

REPORTING AND MINIMUM HOURS PAY

SECTION 1. Reporting Pay – Employees reporting for work and not put to work shall receive two (2) hours pay at the regular straight time rate, unless notified not to report at the end of the previous shift or two (2) hours prior to the start of a shift. The Individual Employer may require employees to remain at the jobsite for the two (2) hours to receive such reporting pay.

It is understood that it shall be the responsibility of the Individual Employer to secure from each employee a telephone number by which he or she can be contacted. The Individual Employer will make every effort to notify employees of any shift cancellation. If the employee does not, at the Individual Employer's request, furnish a telephone number or fails to inform the Individual Employer of any change of number at which they may be reached, then the Individual Employer shall be relieved of any responsibility of notification and shall not have to pay show-up time.

When employees, including new hires, reporting for work arrive on the job unprepared to perform the work required (for example, under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or inadequately clothed), the Individual Employer shall not be expected to put such individuals to work nor shall they be entitled to reporting pay if not put to work.

Reporting pay on overtime days shall be a minimum of two (2) hours at the applicable overtime wage rate.

SECTION 2. Minimum Hours – Employees who start work and work less than four (4) hours shall be paid four (4) hours; they shall be paid six (6) hours if required to work more than four (4) hours, they shall be paid eight (8) hours if required to work more than six (6) hours; and they shall be paid ten (10) hours if required to work more than eight (8) hours on a regularly established ten (10) hour shift.

SECTION 3. If any employee refuses to start work or if any employee stops work on his own volition, the minimum set forth in Section 2 above shall not apply.

SECTION 4. Employees called to work and who are put to work on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays shall be compensated at the applicable overtime rate and as outlined in SECTION 2 Minimum Hours.

SECTION 5. When a shift is suspended due to inclement weather, after the two (2) hour minimum, employees shall be paid for actual time worked.

SECTION 6. When an employee is “called out” to work without at least ten (10) hours’ time off since their previous shift, all such “call out” time shall be paid at the overtime rate until he shall have the ten (10) hours rest period.

ARTICLE 19

MANAGEMENT RIGHTS CLAUSE

SECTION 1. The Individual Employer retains full and exclusive authority for the management of its operation subject to the provisions of this Agreement. The Individual Employer shall direct its working forces at its sole prerogative including, but not limited to, hiring, promotion, transfer, layoff, or discharge for just cause as traditionally practiced within the Construction Industry. The Individual Employer shall utilize the most efficient methods or techniques of construction, tools, or labor-saving devices. There shall be no limitations upon the choice of materials or design except those imposed by safety and health considerations.

SECTION 2. The foregoing enumeration of management rights shall not be deemed to exclude other functions not specifically set forth.

SECTION 3. It shall not be a violation of this Agreement when the Individual Employer considers it necessary to shut down to avoid possible loss of human life because of an emergency situation that could endanger the life and safety of an employee. In such cases, employees will be compensated only for actual time worked. In the case of a situation described above whereby the Individual Employer requests the employees to stand by, the employees will be compensated for the “standby time.”

If such a condition continues, the Individual Employer agrees to give timely notice to members of the next shift scheduled to report for duty. In the event timely notice is not given, employees who report for work at their regular reporting time and are not put to work shall be paid “show up pay.”

This article shall be subject to the grievance procedure set forth in Article 11.

ARTICLE 20

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

SECTION 1. Both parties recognize that there may be extenuating circumstances when it is to the mutual interest of both parties to modify the terms of this Agreement. In that event, it will not be a violation of this Agreement for the parties to meet and mutually agree to make such modifications to meet a specific need on a specific project.

In order to maximize the effect of this provision, all crafts will be requested to act uniformly. Employees of a craft should be treated equally under this provision. The General Contractor shall encourage their subcontractors to comply with any modifications granted under this provision.

ARTICLE 21

PRE-DETERMINED WAGE RATE PROJECTS

SECTION 1. In the event the Individual Employer bids a public job or project being awarded by a Federal, state, county, city or other public entity which is to be performed at a pre-determined and/or prevailing wage rate established by the Department of Labor, pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C., Section 3141 et.seq., whose regulations are contained in 29 CFR Parts 1,3,5,6, and 7, and which determinations are published in the Federal Register or by the Director of the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries, pursuant to RCW 39.12.010 to RWC 39.12.900, the published hourly wage set forth in said public work at the time of bid shall apply for the first 24 months of the project from the date the contractor is permitted to proceed with work and upon request, the Employer will provide the date. Notwithstanding the above, project agreements may be mutually agreed upon to allow use of the pre-determined wage for the duration of a project to exceed twenty-four (24) months.

The fringe benefit contribution rates shall be those as established and maintained by this Agreement and any fringe increases are the responsibility of the Individual Employer.

SECTION 2. In the event the specifications include an escalator provision covering wages, such amount will be included as an increase to wages to the extent that the Individual Employer may recover in the escalator claim.

ARTICLE 22

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

SECTION 1. Labor and Management are committed to providing employees with a drug-free and alcohol-free workplace. It is the goal to protect the health and safety of employees and to promote a productive workplace and protect the reputation of Labor and Management and the employees.

SECTION 2. Consistent with those goals, the NWCOA and the Individual Employers prohibit the use, manufacture, possession, distribution, or sale, at its employment sites, of drugs, drug paraphernalia or alcohol. A testing program, pursuant to the Substance Abuse Program, may be instituted, upon mutual consent of Labor and Management which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld to monitor compliance with this policy.

SECTION 3. If the Individual Employer implements a Substance Abuse Program according to the terms of this Article on a project, all subcontractors will be required to have and implement a substance abuse program.

SECTION 4. An acceptable Substance Abuse Program is contained in a separate addendum to this Agreement. It is not a part of this Agreement and modifications to this Substance Abuse Program, by mutual agreement of an employer and the union, will not constitute a change to this agreement. Mutual agreement will not be unreasonably withheld.

SECTION 5. Any grievance related to any Employer's substance abuse program shall be resolved through Article 11, Settlement of Disputes/Grievance, of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 23
LIGHT DUTY RETURN TO WORK

It is agreed that the Individual Employer may return an injured member to light duty status when allowed by the member's doctor. When such light duty work is available, light duty functions may not be work of another craft or work under classifications covered by this Agreement and its Schedule "A" classifications. At no time will the member's total earnings be less than his/her full-time loss compensation under industrial insurance. Further, the member will be provided with a full fringe package, as per the collective bargaining agreement, over and above total remuneration. Should the member on light duty have to be laid off, due to no work available, the Individual Employer will not adversely affect his/her ability to continue to receive loss time benefits from the Industrial Insurance Division of Labor and Industries (including self-insured employers), provided they are still medically eligible.

ARTICLE 24
TRAINING TIME PAY

Employers may offer up to a maximum of forty (40) hours annually of training sessions provided, which shall be compensated at the Group IV hourly wage rate.

APPENDIX 1

SCHEDULE “A-1”

CLASSIFICATIONS AND WAGE SCALES

This Schedule “A-1” shall cover all work performed by Individual Employers party to this Agreement in the following counties: King, Snohomish, Island, San Juan, Skagit and Whatcom.

On all work covered by this Agreement, and in all instances in which equipment is operated in the performance of work covered by this Agreement, such work shall be performed and such equipment shall be operated by employees obtained in accordance with this Agreement (Appendix “3” Hiring and Union Recognition) and they and each of them shall be employed in the classifications and at the wage scales following:

NOTE: ONLY ZONE “1” RATES ARE SHOWN FOR ALL CLASSIFICATIONS. REFER TO SCHEDULE “C” FOR ZONE “2” AND “3” RATE ADJUSTMENTS

WAGES				
Effective Date				
Group	June 1, 2024	June 1, 2025	June 1, 2026	June 1, 2027**
IAAA	\$63.89	\$67.28	\$70.85	TBD
IAA	\$63.03	\$66.38	\$69.90	TBD
IA	\$62.10	\$65.41	\$68.89	TBD
I	\$61.25	\$64.51	\$67.94	TBD
II	\$60.46	\$63.68	\$67.07	TBD
III	\$59.79	\$62.98	\$66.36	TBD
IV	\$56.02	\$59.03	\$62.20	TBD

DEDUCTIONS FROM WAGES				
	June 1, 2024	June 1, 2025	June 1, 2026	June 1, 2027
Dues Check-Off	1.75% GW	1.75% GW	1.75% GW	1.75% GW
Union Programs	\$0.30	\$0.30	\$0.30	\$0.30
Political programs (Voluntary)	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05

FRINGE BENEFITS				
	June 1, 2024	June 1, 2025	June 1, 2026	June 1, 2027**
Health & Security	*\$10.02	*\$10.37	*\$10.72	TBD
Pension	\$15.70	\$16.25	\$16.80	TBD
Apprenticeship Training/Retraining	\$0.80	\$0.90	\$1.00	TBD
National Training	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	TBD
Contract Administration	\$0.04	\$0.04	\$0.04	TBD

*This includes the \$2 per hour that is shifted temporarily to supplement the pension.

**Effective June 1, 2027, the Union will allocate an increase of 4.5% of the total package to be divided between wages and benefits.

APPENDIX 1

SCHEDULE “A-2”

CLASSIFICATIONS AND WAGE SCALES

This Schedule “A-2” shall cover all work performed by Individual Employers, party to this Agreement in the following counties: Clallam, Jefferson, Mason, Grays Harbor, Kitsap, Kittitas, Okanogan, Chelan, Douglas, and Yakima.

On all work covered by this Agreement, and in all instances in which equipment is operated in the performance of work covered by this Agreement, such work shall be performed and such equipment shall be operated by employees obtained in accordance with this Agreement (Appendix “3” Hiring and Union Recognition) and they and each of them shall be employed in the classifications and at the wage scales following:

NOTE: ONLY ZONE “1” RATES ARE SHOWN FOR ALL CLASSIFICATIONS. REFER TO SCHEDULE “C” FOR ZONE “2” AND “3” RATE ADJUSTMENTS

WAGES				
Effective Date				
Group	June 1, 2024	June 1, 2025	June 1, 2026	June 1, 2027**
IAAA	\$60.11	\$63.31	\$66.52	TBD
IAA	\$59.27	\$62.43	\$65.59	TBD
IA	\$58.40	\$61.52	\$64.64	TBD
I	\$57.55	\$60.63	\$63.71	TBD
II	\$56.81	\$59.85	\$62.89	TBD
III	\$56.17	\$59.18	\$62.19	TBD
IV	\$52.55	\$55.38	\$58.21	TBD

DEDUCTIONS FROM WAGES				
	June 1, 2024	June 1, 2025	June 1, 2026	June 1, 2027
Dues Check-Off	1.75% GW	1.75% GW	1.75% GW	1.75% GW
Union Programs	\$0.30	\$0.30	\$0.30	\$0.30
Political programs (Voluntary)	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05

FRINGE BENEFITS				
	June 1, 2024	June 1, 2025	June 1, 2026	June 1, 2027**
Health & Security	*\$10.02	*\$10.37	*\$10.72	TBD
Pension	\$15.70	\$16.25	\$16.80	TBD
Apprenticeship Training/Retraining	\$0.80	\$0.90	\$1.00	TBD
National Training	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	TBD
Contract Administration	\$0.04	\$0.04	\$0.04	TBD

**This includes the \$2 per hour that is shifted temporarily to supplement the pension.*

***Effective June 1, 2027, the Union will allocate an increase of 4.5% of the total package to be divided between wages and benefits.*

CLASSIFICATIONS

Group IAAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cranes: 300 tons and over or 300' of boom including jib with attachments. -Cranes Friction: 200 tons and over -Tower Cranes: over 250' in height from base to boom.
Group IAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cranes: 200 tons- 299 tons, or 250' of boom including jib with attachments. -Tower Crane: over 175' through 250' in height, base to boom. -Cranes: Friction cranes through 199 tons -Leverman -Shovel, excavator, backhoes: over 90 metric tons
Group IA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cranes: 100 tons through 199 tons, or 150' of boom (including jib with attachments) -Overhead, bridge type: 100 tons and over -Tower crane: up to 175' in height base to boom -Drilling Machine -Loader: Overhead 8 yards & over -Shovel, excavator, backhoes: over 50 metric tons and up to 90 metric tons -Mechanics: all (Leadmen - \$0.50 per hour over mechanic)
Group I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Asphalt plant Operators -Boatman -Cableways -Concrete Pump: Truck mount with boom attachment over 42M -Construction Site Surveyor -Cranes: 45 tons through 99 tons, under 150' of boom (including jib with attachments) -Overhead, bridge type: 45 tons through 99 tons -Derricks: on building work -Hard tail end dump: articulating off-road equipment 45 yards & over -Loader: Overhead 6 yards but not including 8 yards -Motor patrol graders -Mucking machine, mole, tunnel drill, boring, road header and/or shield -Quad 9, HD 41, D10 and over -Remote control operator on rubber-tired earth moving equipment -Rollagon -Scrapers, self-propelled: 45 yards and over -Spreader: Topsider & Screedman -Shovel, excavator, backhoe: over 30 metric tons and up to 50 metric tons -Slipform pavers -Transporters: all track or truck type -Welder
Group II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Batch Plant Operator: concrete -Barrier machine: (Zipper)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Bump cutter -Cranes: 20 tons through 44 tons with attachments -Overhead, bridge type Crane: 20 tons through 44 tons -Chipper -Concrete pump: truck mount with boom attachment up to 42M -Crusher -Deck engineer/deck winches (power) -Grade Engineer: using blueprints, cut sheets, etc. -Finishing Machine: Bidwell and Gamaco & similar equipment -Guardrail punch -Hard tail end dump: articulating off-road equipment under 45 yards -Horizontal/directional drill operator -Loaders: Overhead under 6 yards -Loaders: Plant feed -Locomotives: all -Material Transfer Device -Piledriver: (other than crane mount) -Roto-mill, roto-grinder -Shovel, excavator, backhoe, tractor: 15 to 30 metric tons -Subgrader trimmer -Scraper: self propelled under 45 yards -Truck Crane Oiler/Driver: 100 tons and over -Truck mount portable conveyor -Vac Truck (Vactor Guzzler, Hydro Excavator) -Yo Yo pay dozer
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Group III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Assistant Construction Site Surveyor -Cranes: through 19 tons with attachments, A-frame over 10 tons -Concrete Pump: Mounted or trailer high pressure line pump, pump high pressure -Conveyors -Dozers: D-9 & under -Drill Oilers: auger type, truck, or crane mount -Forklift: 3000 lbs and over with attachments -Horizontal/directional drill locator -Outside Hoists (elevators and manlifts), Air Tuggers, Strato -Tower Bucket Elevators -Hydralifts/boom trucks: over 10 tons -Loaders: elevating type belt -Plant oiler: asphalt, crusher -Quick Tower: no cab, under 100 feet in height base to boom -Rigger/Signal Person, Bellman (Certified) -Roller: plant mix or multi-lift materials -Saws: concrete -Scrapers: concrete & carry all -Service Engineers: equipment
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Trenching machines -Truck crane oiler/driver: under 100 tons -Shovel, excavator, backhoe, tractors: under 15 metric tons
Group IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Assistant Engineer -Bobcat -Brooms -Chainman -Compressor -Concrete Finish Machine: Laser Screed -Cranes, A-frame: 10 tons and under -Drone Operator (when used in conjunction with survey work only) -Elevator and man-lift: permanent and shaft type -Forklifts: under 3000 lbs. with attachments: -Gradechecker/Stakeman -Ground Penetrating Radar Operator -Hydralifts/boom trucks: 10 tons and under -Oil distributors, blower distribution & mulch seeding operator -Pavement breaker -Posthole digger: mechanical -Power plant -Pumps: water -Rigger and Bellman -Roller: other than plant mix -Wheel tractors: Farm all type -Shotcrete/gunite equipment -Brokk: Remote demolition equipment

All equipment will be classified in accordance with their respective manufacturer's rated capacity. The rates of pay for all tandem scrapers and/or scraper trailer will be paid in accordance with the total yardage thereof.

Wage scales for operators of equipment operated on heavy construction not listed herein shall be negotiated at the time such equipment is to be operated.

Special Shift Premium: Basic hourly rate plus \$2.00 per hour

General Foreman /Foreman - \$3.50 per hour over highest classification under his supervision.

Master Mechanic - \$1.00 per hour over highest classification under his supervision.

Lift Director - When the Individual Employer appoints an Operating Engineer as a Lift Director, they shall be paid \$2.50 per hour over the highest classification under their supervision.

Due to Specialized nature of work performed by Construction Site Surveyors, individuals may be requested by name.

HANDLING OF HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIALS:

Personnel in all craft classifications subject to working inside a designated hazardous waste perimeter shall be eligible for compensation in accordance with the following group schedule relative to the level of hazardous waste as outlined in the specific Hazardous Waste Project Site Safety Plan. (The level of protection shall be defined in CFR 1910.120., Appendix B.)

CLASSIFICATION/HAZARDOUS WASTE GROUP NUMBER

H-1 Base Wage Rate when on a hazardous waste site when not outfitted with protective clothing or Level “D” equipment.

H-1 Class “D” Suit – Base wage rate plus \$0.50 per hour.

H-2 Class “C” Suit – Base wage rate plus \$1.00 per hour.

H-3 Class “B” Suit – Base wage rate plus \$1.50 per hour.

H-4 Class “A” Suit – Base wage rate plus \$2.00 per hour.

Apprentice scales shall be set forth in APPENDIX 1, SCHEDULE “B”, SECTION (5) c.

SCHEDULE "B" **FRINGE BENEFITS**

SECTION 1. HEALTH & SECURITY

It is agreed that all Individual Employers covered by this Agreement shall contribute a sum as listed in Schedule "A," herein for each compensable man hour of Operating Engineers including supervisory employees when covered by this Agreement. Said contributions shall be made on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following the month in which the hours were worked to Locals 302 & 612, International Union of Operating Engineers Construction Industry Health & Security Trust Fund in the manner set forth in the Trust Agreement of the said Trust Fund. The details of the Health & Security Plan established by this trust fund shall continue to be controlled and administered by a joint board of Trustees composed of equal representation from the Unions and the AGC of Washington who are signatory to the trust agreement of the aforesaid trust fund. Each Trustee appointed by the Union shall be a member of the Union party to this Agreement, and each Trustee appointed for the Individual Employers shall be a member of an affiliated firm of the AGC of Washington or a regular paid employee of the AGC of Washington.

It is understood that the Union and the Employer associations are principal parties to the Trust Agreements, and therefore, shall be furnished full information on the actions of the Trustees and the operations of the Trusts.

SECTION 2. POST RETIREMENT/HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

The creation and implementation of a plan will be determined by the Board Trustees of the Local 302 and 612 of the International Union of Operating Engineers-Employers Construction Industry Post Retirement/Health Reimbursement Account, in accordance with the Trust Agreement that creates the Fund. The Individual Employer and the Union agree to be bound by said Trust Agreement and all lawful amendments thereto, and do further agree to accept as their representative those Employer Trustees and Union Trustees who constitute the Board Trustees of said Trust Fund and their lawful successors.

SECTION 3. PENSION

It is agreed that all Individual Employers covered by this Agreement shall contribute a sum as listed in SCHEDULE "A" herein for each compensable man hour of operating engineers including supervisory employees when covered by this Agreement. Said contributions shall be made on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following the month in which the hours were worked, to Locals 302 & 612, Operating Engineers-Employers Retirement Fund in the manner as set forth in the trust agreement of the said trust fund. The details of the Retirement Plan established by this trust fund shall continue to be controlled and administered by a joint board of trustees composed of equal representation from the Unions and the AGC of Washington who are the signatory to the trust agreement of the aforesaid trust fund. Each Trustee appointed by the Union shall be a member of the appointing Local and each trustee appointed by the employers shall be a member of an affiliated firm of the AGC of Washington or a regular paid employee of the AGC of Washington.

SECTION 4. EXCESS BENEFIT PLAN

It is agreed that a portion of the negotiated pension contributions to the Locals 302 and 612 of the International Union of Operating Engineers-Employers Construction Industry Retirement Fund ("Retirement Fund") shall be remitted to a Non-Qualified Excess Benefit Trust ("Excess Benefit Trust") to be utilized as necessary to establish, fund and administer the Excess Benefit Trust and a Non-Qualified Excess Benefit Plan under guidelines established in Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") Private Letter Rulings and under any other IRS private letter ruling the parties may request. The amount remitted to the Excess Benefit Trust shall be the amount necessary to pay benefits and administrative expenses under the Non-Qualified Excess Benefit Plan for the following month, including any retroactive payments authorized by the Excess Benefit Plan, as calculated by the third-party administrator for the Retirement Fund and Excess Benefit Trust. The balance of the contributions not paid to the Excess Benefit Trust shall be remitted to the Retirement Fund. In no event shall amounts previously contributed to the Retirement Fund be reallocated to the Excess Benefit Trust.

The Excess Benefit Plan will be designed solely to provide pension benefits to Retirement Fund participants, whose benefits are otherwise limited by Internal Revenue Code Section 415.

The Excess Benefit Plan and Trust will be administered by a Board of Trustees, consisting of the same Trustees who administer the Retirement Fund. The Retirement Fund Trustees are granted the authority to establish and maintain the Excess Benefit Plan and Trust, provided that the language of the Excess Benefit Plan will allow for its termination if continuing benefits under that Plan will impair the funding status of the Retirement Fund, or if legislation is adopted modifying Internal Revenue Code Section 415 to such an extent that the Excess Benefit Plan is no longer required.

SECTION 5. APPRENTICESHIP/TRAINING/RETRAINING

- A. The parties to the Agreement agree that the best interest of the construction industry will be served by establishing an apprenticeship/training/retraining program so that new employees may be trained in the operation of equipment covered by this Agreement.
- B. It is agreed that all Individual Employers covered by this Agreement shall contribute a sum as listed in SCHEDULE "A" for each compensable man hour of Operating Engineers, including supervisory employees when covered by this Agreement, employed by such Individual Employers in work contained in the term of this Agreement. Said contributions shall be made on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following the month in which the hours were worked to the Western Washington Employers-Engineers Training Trust in the manner as set forth in the trust agreement of the said trust fund. The details of the Apprenticeship/Training/Retraining program established under this trust fund shall continue to be controlled and administered by a joint board of trustees composed of equal representation from the Union and the AGC of Washington who are signators to the trust agreement of the aforesaid trust fund. Each trustee appointed by the Union shall be a member of the appointing Local and each trustee appointed by the employers shall be a member of an affiliated firm of the AGC of Washington or a regular paid employee of the AGC of Washington.
- C. National Training Fund. It is agreed that all Individual Employers covered by this Agreement shall contribute a sum as listed in SCHEDULE "A" for each compensable man

hour of Operating Engineers, including supervisory employees when covered by this Agreement, employed by such Individual Employers in work contained in the term of this Agreement. Said contributions shall be made on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following the month in which the hours were worked to the International Union of Operating Engineers National Training Fund in the manner as set forth in the trust agreement of the said trust fund.

D. APPRENTICE RULES:

1. Apprentices shall be paid the following rates of wages based on a percentage of Group III:

1st	1000 hours	65%
2nd	1000 hours	70%
3rd	1000 hours	75%
4th	1000 hours	80%
5th	1000 hours	90%
6th	1000 hours	95%

2. All working conditions governing the employment of journeymen shall also apply to apprentices.
3. Apprentice Ratios: A well trained workforce is critical to the long-term efficient and economical performance of the work covered by this agreement. The NWCOA, Individual Employers and the Union are mutually committed to using apprentices to have adequate supply of skilled workers for the future. Accordingly, the Individual Employers and the Union agree to a goal to employ apprentices at a rate of 15% of the Operating Engineers covered by this Agreement. Additionally, each Individual Employer who employs seven (7) or more journeymen operating engineers covered by this Agreement shall employ a minimum of one (1) apprentice. Thereafter, said Individual Employer shall employ one (1) additional apprentice for each twenty (20) journeymen covered by this Agreement.

EXAMPLE:

<u>Journeyman</u>	<u>No. of Apprentices required</u>
0 – 6	None
7 – 19	One (1)
20 – 39	Two (2)
40 – 59	Three (3)
60 – 79	Four (4)
80 – 99	Five (5), etc.

4. If, for any reason, the criteria established in this paragraph cannot be met by either party, a review of the situation will be made via the grievance procedure.

5. A Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee established by the parties to this Agreement shall have the responsibility for establishing a training and retraining program, and apprenticeship program which shall be within the scope of the National Apprenticeship Standards. This committee shall establish a referral procedure for apprentices in conformance with the training standards. The apprenticeship office shall dispatch all apprentices in accordance with the procedure established by the above committee without regard to other provisions of APPENDIX 3.
6. Apprentices who have completed the Apprenticeship and Training program established under this Agreement shall obtain Group I status. Any apprentice having been cancelled for just cause after written and specific notice and full and fair hearing by the Apprenticeship Committee, or who has dropped out of the program of their own accord, shall not be permitted to register for employment nor be dispatched as journey level operator by the local Union for a period of two (2) years after cancellation.

SECTION 6. It is understood that the Union and the Associations are principal parties to the trust agreements and therefore, shall be furnished full information on the actions of the trustees and the operations of the trusts.

In the event an Individual Employer fails to make the monetary contributions in conformity with this section of the Agreement, the Union is free to take economic action against such Individual Employer it deems necessary, and such action shall not be considered a violation of this Agreement.

SECTION 7. FRINGE OPTION

It is further agreed that if additional sums are necessary to maintain or improve the fringe benefit plans, such sums may be deducted from wages at any anniversary date of the Agreement by mutual agreement, giving sixty (60) days prior notice.

SECTION 8. WORKING-DUES CHECK-OFF ASSIGNMENTS

In accordance with the terms of an individual and voluntary written authorization for check-off of membership dues in form permitted by the provisions of Section 302 (c) of the Labor Management Relations Act, as amended, the Individual Employer agrees to deduct for working dues two percent (2%) of gross wages once each week which has been or will be in the future authorized by the membership of the Union. All monies collected for working dues by the Individual Employer shall be paid to the agent of the Union, namely: IUOE Local 302 & 612 Construction Industry Health & Security and Pension Funds, c/o Welfare and Pension Administration Services, Inc., P.O. Box 34203, Seattle, WA 98124-1203. The working dues which are deducted shall be paid monthly by the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following the month in which they were deducted. The working dues shall be remitted to the Local that retains the jurisdiction for the project as specified in Article 3, Territory of Agreement.

SECTION 9. UNION AND POLITICAL PROGRAMS

- A. The Individual Employer agrees to deduct from the net pay (after taxes) of each employee performing work covered by the terms of this Agreement a sum as set forth in Appendix 1, Schedule "A" for each compensable hour worked and remit same to the IUOE Local 302

& 612 Union Programs Fund. Contributions will be made on the same form as the Health and Security payments. The union program contribution shall be remitted to the Local that retains the jurisdiction for the project as specified in Article 3, Territory of Agreement.

- B. The Individual Employer will deduct five cents (\$0.05) for each hour that the Employee receives wages under the terms of the Agreement, on the basis of individually signed, voluntary authorized deduction forms. It is agreed that these authorized deductions for the IUOE Local 302 Political Programs Fund are not conditions of membership in the International Union of Operating Engineers or of employment with the Individual Employer and that the IUOE Local 302 Political Programs Funds will use such monies in making political contribution in connection with Federal, State, and Local elections. Contributions will be made on the same form as the Health & Security payments.

The cost of administering this payroll deduction for IUOE Local 302 Political Programs Fund are incorporated into the economic package provided under the terms of this Agreement so that the IUOE Local 302 has, through its negotiation and its execution of this Agreement, reimbursed the Individual Employer for the costs of such administration.

SECTION 10. RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT

If Local 302 enters into a reciprocity agreement with a sister local outside the jurisdiction of the agreement providing that an Individual Employer covered by this Agreement may bring its key employees with it into Local 302's jurisdiction, said Individual Employer shall be permitted to make contributions to the sister local trust funds on behalf of its key employees. In the event the total contributions under this Agreement are higher than the total applicable sister Local contribution rate, the difference shall be paid to the employee as a part of his/her wages.

SECTION 11. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

It is agreed that all Individual Employers covered by this Agreement shall contribute a sum as listed in SCHEDULE "A" herein for each compensable man hour worked by operating engineers, including supervisory employees, when performing work covered by this Agreement. Said contributions shall be made on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following the month in which the hours were worked. The sum to be contributed shall be determined by and paid to the Association.

SCHEDULE “C”
ZONE PAY DIFFERENTIAL

SECTION 1. The payment for transportation reimbursement shall be governed by the following provisions:

- A. The parties recognize that it is sometimes inconvenient to get to the job locations because of varying distances. It is agreed and understood that while traveling to and from work, the employees are not within the course and scope of their employment and the relationship of Individual Employer-employee does not commence until the hourly wage commences.

SECTION 2. ZONE PAY

Zone pay differential shall be paid on jobs located outside of the free zone computed from the city center of the following listed cities:

Bellingham	Everett	Aberdeen	Seattle
Mount Vernon	Port Angeles	Shelton	Wenatchee
Kent	Port Townsend	Bremerton	Yakima

TRAVEL:

Zone 1:	0 – 25 radius miles	Basic hourly rate
Zone 2:	over 26 - 45 radius miles	Basic hourly rate +\$1.00 per hour
Zone 3:	Over 45 radius miles	Basic hourly rate +\$1.30 per hour

SECTION 3. SPECIAL TRAVEL CONDITIONS

- A. When the only access roads to a job require employees to travel into a higher travel zone and back to the zone in which the job is located, then the employee shall be paid the travel remuneration provided for the higher zone.
- B. On dam, hydroelectric, building projects and other remote engineering projects such as airports, refineries and radar or radio installations, but not limited thereto, where the Individual Employer provides camp or board and lodging, required traveling time will be paid for the initial trip to the job and return. Payment of travel time on the return trip will be paid to all employees, including discharges and layoffs; the only exception that shall apply will be as to those employees that remain on the job less than thirty (30) calendar days who voluntarily quit.
- C. On jobs where an Individual Employer establishes a camp with board and lodging, or where the Individual Employer prohibits private vehicles beyond a designated area, which in either case is more than reasonable walking distance from the job site, the Union and the Individual Employer concerned shall be required to enter into immediate negotiations to establish all conditions of travel and/or transportation from the camp or parking areas to the place of work in the job site.

SECTION 4. CAMP PROVISIONS

When the Individual Employer provides camp or board and lodging, the basic wage scale will be observed, and rate of camp or board and lodging will not exceed \$9.00 per day to be paid by the employee. Any costs over \$9.00 per day will be absorbed by the Individual Employer, on jobs in remote areas where camp or board and lodging is not provided and housing is inadequate, or the cost for housing is prohibitive, the Individual Employer will make every effort to arrange for housing at reasonable rates to his employees.

SECTION 5. TOLL & FERRY FEES

All necessary ferry fees are to be reimbursed by the Individual Employer in the following manner:

- A. Employees will be reimbursed at the passenger fare or passenger car fare when substantiated by receipts.
- B. When employees elect to live at or near the project and forego daily ferry travel, it is recognized that they are entitled to the prerogative of visiting their homes for the weekend, and in that event ferry charges shall be paid for such weekend travel as substantiated by receipts.
- C. When circumstances make it necessary as determined by the Individual Employer that a toll be utilized, the employees will be reimbursed accordingly.

SECTION 6. DOWNTOWN SEATTLE ZONE PAY

- a) The Downtown Seattle Zone is defined as the area West of I-5, East of Elliot Bay, South of Mercer Street and North of Royal Brougham. For the purpose of this section, the Mercer and Royal Brougham boundaries will be straight line extensions to that point where the straight line intersects Elliot Bay.
- b) A premium of \$1.00 per hour shall be paid for each hour worked by an employee who reports to work at a project within this zone or an employee whose work shift ends at a project within this zone. The provisions of this section do not apply to employees reporting to work or working at a facility owned or leased by an Individual Employer within this zone where employees are provided parking free of charge.

SECTION 7. PARKING

Upon prior approval by the Individual Employer, Parking will be reimbursed if not provided within Seattle and Bellevue metropolitan area.

APPENDIX 2 CRAFT WORK RULES

SECTION 1. CREWS

- A. Crews on power shovels, mucking machines, crawler cranes, floating cranes, truck cranes, whirley cranes, locomotive cranes, Hyster cat cranes, drilling machines, pile driving equipment, and trenching machines shall consist of an operator and additional engineer unless the Union agrees that an additional engineer is not necessary; and when an employee or employees additional to the operator are required by the Individual Employer for operation, servicing, maintenance or repair on any equipment covered by this Agreement, such extra employee or employees shall be engineers or assistant engineers. Equipment mentioned above shall not mean small machines on which it has been the past practice to use only one employee. The additional engineer is to be under the direct supervision of the operator at all times. In order to maintain the jurisdiction of the Operating Engineers, the Union may, when it deems necessary, allow the Individual Employer to utilize the additional engineers on an intermittent basis to operate equipment in the immediate area and under the supervision of the operator.
- B. Crane Assistant Engineer/Oiler shall be required on all friction Truck Cranes 50 tons and over and Truck Cranes and All Terrain Cranes that are over 60 tons. All Rough Terrain Cranes over 165 tons and Hydraulic Boom Crawler Cranes over 110 tons shall require an assistant engineer. All assembly or disassembly and mobilization of the crane, it shall be done by Operating Engineers. No crane shall be altered or de-rated for purposes of utilizing one (1) Operating Engineer.

In order to maintain the craft of the Operating Engineer a rigger/bellman will be employed on tower cranes in addition to the operator at the option of the Individual Employer.

SECTION 2. BARGAINING AGENT

The Individual Employers recognize and agree that the Union is the exclusive bargaining agent for the operation, maintenance, Individual Employer's shop and job site repair of all heavy construction equipment operated by engineers.

SECTION 3. MAINTENANCE WORK

On all work requiring dewatering of caissons, foundations, piers, etc., or maintenance of air pressure in tunnels, caissons, etc., such work will be performed in accordance with the work week and overtime provisions heretofore established in ARTICLE 16, except that time worked on Sundays, when no other activities (other than such maintenance work as herein specified and which is being done by any other crafts) are in progress, will be compensated for at the overtime rate of one and one-half (1 ½) times the basic rate of wages.

SECTION 4. FOREMAN AND GENERAL FOREMAN

When in the Individual Employer's opinion, the job is sufficient to require the services of a Foreman or General Foreman, such Foreman or General Foreman shall be qualified to supervise such work as may come within the scope of this Agreement, but he or she shall be a member of

the Union. It is understood that a General Foreman shall have a minimum of two (2) foremen under his or her supervision.

SECTION 5. LEADMAN MECHANIC

When there is no mechanic foreman on a shift and three (3) or more heavy-duty mechanics are employed on shift, one (1) shall be designated as a working leadman mechanic and shall receive leadman's pay.

SECTION 6. WELDERS CERTIFICATION

When the Union fills a request for a certified welder, such referred Operating Engineer shall have in his possession a current recognized certificate comparable to the local area or ASME test. If the job to be performed requires additional certification of any kind, the Individual Employer shall pay for all expenses involved in securing such test.

SECTION 7. MASTER MECHANIC

Master mechanics will be employed with the understanding reached in the pre-job conference.

SECTION 8. SPECIAL SAFETY MEASURES

To insure safety and eliminate unnecessary occupational accidents, the NWCOA and the Individual Employers agree that:

Whenever practical, equipment shall be properly cabbed and screened.

To eliminate the noise and fumes from exhaust on equipment, the exhaust shall be raised above the cab of the machine. Tandem rubber-tired pulls, Euclid and similar types shall have exhausts installed on a vertical basis with no side elbows.

The seats and standard manufacturers padding shall be maintained in good repair.

High speed haul roads shall be properly maintained.

Brakes shall be maintained on all rubber tired, self-propelled equipment.

Safety belts shall be required on all rubber-tired equipment.

Adequate lights shall be provided for equipment operated at night.

Rear view mirrors will be maintained on all truck cranes.

Boom stops shall be maintained on all cranes.

All cranes shall carry pertinent information or a poster with respect to manufacturers rated capacity relative to boom lengths and load capacity.

All items required for the safe operation of the equipment shall be in working condition.

All signalmen shall use standard signals.

SECTION 9. PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

All employees will be furnished rubber boots, coats, pants, and hats in suitable condition on wet jobs, and these to be charged to the employees, who are to guarantee their return in like condition, wear and tear excepted.

SECTION 10. TOOLS, TRANSPORTATION OF TOOLS

- A. Heavy duty mechanics shall furnish their own tools, but shall not be required to furnish special tools as follows: Air or electric wrenches, gear and bearing pullers, electric drills, reamers, taps, and dies, Oxyacetylene hoses, gauges, torches and tips, 36" pipe wrenches, socket wrench drives over $\frac{3}{4}$ ", wrenches over 2", coffin hoists and hydraulic jacks.
- B. Mechanics shall not be required by the Individual Employer to furnish their own transportation for tools to perform their work assignments.
- C. The Individual Employer agrees to provide an adequate, dry and safe storage place for the storage of employee's tools which may be necessary in the performance of his work. The Individual Employer agrees that while such tools are in the Individual Employer's custody, and providing that the employee has locked these tools in an adequate tool box, the Individual Employer will carry insurance or assume personal liability, therefore to cover the full, prior agreed value of such tools which may be lost because of fire, flood or theft. Tools broken or damaged in the course of employment will be replaced or reimbursement therefore will be made by the Individual Employer upon the presentation of satisfactory evidence.
- D. When employees are required to pilot and/or haul equipment and/or haul materials in support of equipment for the job, the vehicles necessary to perform the work will be provided by the Individual Employer.

SECTION 11. WARRANTY WORK

The only exception with respect to Appendix 2, Section 2 is warranty work, and this work will be permitted and performed in accordance with the following:

- A. Warranty work shall be recognized on new equipment or machinery for a period not to exceed one thousand (1,000) meter hours.
- B. Warranty work shall be recognized on used equipment or machinery for a period not to exceed three hundred (300) meter hours.
- C. Equipment which is leased, or is on a rental purchase contract, in which ownership resides in the dealer, shall be considered to belong to the contractor for the purpose of this Article.
- D. Warranty mechanics shall supervise and perform actual work on said equipment or machinery assisted by employees covered by this Agreement at a ratio of two warranty mechanics for each contractor mechanic.

SECTION 12. OWNER-OPERATOR

When a piece of equipment is operated by its owner and is used on work covered by this Agreement, the owner-operator of said piece of equipment shall be paid wages and fringe benefits by the Individual Employer subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the check stubs will show equipment rental rate separate from other items. This Article shall not apply when a written subcontract has been entered into with the owner-operator.

SECTION 13. UNION MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

The Union assumes all obligation and responsibility for the collection of union dues, and the Union shall retain the right to discipline its members at all times. No employee shall be discriminated against for upholding Union principals, and any employee who works under the instructions of the Union, or who serves on a committee, shall not lose his position, or be discriminated against for this reason. However, the Individual Employer shall be the judge of the employee's qualification.

SECTION 14. EQUIPMENT RENTAL

When equipment is rented to any job of thirty (30) calendar days or less duration, the following schedule of conditions will apply:

- A. When the Individual Employer's headquarters are located in one of the cities set forth in (b) below, the center of such city shall be the measuring point from which additional remuneration will be compensated. In the event the Individual Employer's headquarters are located outside of these specific cities, the city center of the specified city nearest the Individual Employer's headquarters shall be designated as the measuring point.

B. Zone Pay Differential:

- (1) When jobs are located outside of the city limits of Everett, Mount Vernon, Bellingham, Port Angeles, Aberdeen-Hoquiam (with the city center of Aberdeen being considered the city center for both towns), Shelton, Bremerton, Seattle, Wenatchee, and Yakima and camp or board and lodging are not provided, the following additional remuneration will be paid:

Zone 1	0 - 25 radius miles	Basic hourly wage rate
Zone 2	over 25 - 45 radius miles	Basic hourly wage rate +\$1.00 per hour
Zone 3	over 45 radius miles	Basis hourly wage rate +\$1.30 per hour

- (2) When the only access roads to a job require employees to travel into a higher travel zone and back to the zone in which the job is located, then the employees shall be paid the zone pay provided for the higher zone.

C. Ferry Fees:

All necessary ferry fees are to be reimbursed by the Individual Employer in the following manner:

- (1) Employees will be reimbursed at the passenger fare or passenger car fare when substantiated by receipts.
- (2) When employees elect to live at or near the project and forego daily ferry travel, it is recognized that they are entitled to the prerogative of visiting their homes for the weekend and in that event ferry charges shall be paid for such weekend travel as substantiated by receipts.

D. Lodging & Per-diem:

In areas where it is not feasible or practical for the crews to drive to and from the jobsite daily, the Individual Employer shall provide single occupancy lodging and per-diem of \$60 per day for meals and incidental expenses. Per diem shall be based on the number of nights the employee spends out of town; provided, however, should the employee perform any work at the jobsite up to the mid-point of the shift on the last day out of town, the employee shall be paid one-half (1/2) of the daily per diem rate. Should the employee work past the mid-point of the shift on the last day, then the employee shall receive the full per diem rate for the day. Hooking up the equipment at the jobsite shall not be considered "work on the jobsite" for the purposes of this Section 14. D.

E. Extended Jobs:

On short time jobs where rentals extend beyond thirty (30) calendar days, these special conditions shall become null and void on the thirty-first day, and for all days worked thereafter, the conditions shall apply as under the current Operating Engineers Master Labor Agreement.

SECTION 15. On long time duration rental jobs of over thirty (30) calendar days, the conditions of Section 14 of this Appendix 2, above, shall not apply except for the first day "in" and the termination day "out" of the job when Section 14 B, above, shall apply.

SECTION 16. Where employees are employed to work on a particular operation of a project or on the project as a whole, performing work requiring mutual assistance with a crew or crews of one or more crafts, any one crew of whom receives more favorable travel and board and lodging payments, then those employees affected shall also receive the more favorable conditions of employment. The word "crew" shall be defined to mean one or more members of another craft.

SECTION 17. When employees are required to pilot and/or haul equipment and/or haul materials in support of equipment, the vehicles necessary to perform the work will be provided by the Individual Employer.

APPENDIX 3
HIRING AND UNION RECOGNITION
LOCAL 302 HIRING HALL PROCEDURES

SECTION 1. Individual Employers shall only employ qualified Operating Engineers. Operating Engineers shall be qualified for employment under this Agreement who have had two (2) years actual practical working experience in the Building, Heavy and Highway Construction Industry.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

Accrued: Earned or accumulated (i.e., hours worked in the last twelve (12) months)

Bargaining Unit Work: Classifications referenced in Appendix 1, Schedule A of the Master Labor Agreement.

Bonafide: Factual or real

Employer Association: A group of Individual Employer representatives. In this Agreement it is the Northwest Crane Owners Association (NWCOA).

Freezing: To hold group status on the out-of-work list when written verification from a physician is provided.

Illegal Hours: Hours worked without a dispatch.

Joint Venture: Two or more contractors performing work on a project as one.

Keyman: An IUOE member of another Local with special skills employed in the jurisdiction of this Union as approved by the Business Manager. An agreement signed between Trust Funds that allows portability of benefits.

SECTION 3. Individual Employers shall hire qualified Operating Engineers by calling the Union responsible for the geographical area of the project. Whenever the Individual Employer requires Operating Engineers on any job, they shall notify the Local Union office either in writing, email or by telephone, stating the Company contact information, location, starting time, type of shift (i.e. 4-10's, 5-8's), approximate duration of the job, the type of work to be performed and the number of employees required.

SECTION 4. Employees covered by this Agreement have certain accrued rights to benefits for themselves and their dependents under health and welfare and pension plans which accrue to them by virtue of length of employment with Individual Employers party to this Agreement, and such rights are generally continuous while under employment and remain effective until a certain period of time after lay-off or discharge.

Those registered on the list in each group will, after ten (10) attempted contacts, be deemed unavailable for work. These individuals will then be notified by mail or email and will not be contacted for employment until verification of availability is made in person, by fax or by mail or

email. A signature is required. No more than two (2) attempted contacts per day will be counted towards the ten (10) attempted contacts.

Up to two contact numbers can be given to dispatch but a second contact number can be removed by the dispatcher if it is disconnected or no longer reaches the member. If the number is removed by the dispatcher a written notice will go out by mail or email to the member. Members/registrants shall always maintain a working telephone number on file with the hiring hall. Two weeks following written notice (mail or email) of failure to do so, the member/registrant's name will be removed from the out-of-work list. Their name will be placed on the bottom of the appropriate list when they are re-registered, with a working telephone number.

All classes of Operating Engineers shall be hired and/or rehired in accordance with the length of service with Individual Employers in the Collective Bargaining Unit as follows:

Group 1 – Operating Engineers who have been employed and dispatched by this Union under this Agreement or employed and dispatched by this Union under any Agreement of this Union for an accumulative time of at least five hundred (500) hours in the last twelve (12) months, within the territory of this agreement immediately preceding their registration date.

Group 2 – Operating Engineers who have been employed and dispatched by this Union under this Agreement or any collective bargaining agreement with this Union for an accumulative time of at least fifty (50) hours during the last twelve (12) months.

Group 3 – All registrants who pass a minimum standard test in categories established by the 302/612 Training Trust, or who can verify journeyman status in this Union or another Local of the IUOE.

Group 4 – All other applicants

The Employer Associations and the Union shall make up and prepare the roster for preference of rehire by grouping all Operating Engineers who come within the above classifications and shall utilize the pension records in establishing these accrued rights based on length of employment.

“Individual Employers” under this paragraph mean:

- A. Any Individual Employer party to this Agreement.
- B. An out-of-town Individual Employer who adopts or works under this Agreement and contributes to the Health & Welfare and/or Pension Plans.
- C. Any Individual Employer who employs Operating Engineers under the terms of this Agreement and is a contributing Employer within the meaning of the Health & Welfare and Pension Plans.

SECTION 5. Registration or re-registration of applicants for referral shall be accepted by the Union at any time during its customary office hours. All applicants shall be registered in the order of time and date of registration. To remain on the registration list an applicant for referral must renew their registration not later than ninety (90) days from the date of their last registration or re-registration. There shall be four (4) groupings of the out-of-work list. Each applicant for

employment shall be required to furnish such data, records, names of Individual Employers and length of employment and licenses as may be deemed necessary, and each applicant shall complete such forms or registration as shall be submitted to him. Applicants for employment shall also list any special skills they may possess. All applicants may register or re-register in person, by mail, by email or facsimile; a member's signature is required.

SECTION 6. Upon request of an Individual Employer for Operating Engineers, the Union shall refer qualified and competent registrants in the manner and under the conditions specified in this Agreement from the list in the following order of referral:

- A. Applicants shall be referred from Group 1, in successive order as their names appear on the out-of-work list, and when Group 1 has been exhausted,
- B. Then applicants from Group 2 in successive order as their names appear on the out-of-work list, and when Group 2 has been exhausted,
- C. Then applicants from Group 3 in successive order as their names appear on the out-of-work list, and when Group 3 has been exhausted,
- D. Then applicants from Group 4 as their names appear in successive order on the out-of-work list.
 1. Separate lists will be established and maintained for apprentice engineers, and referrals shall be made on the same basis as that for Operating Engineers except that the experience condition set out in Appendix 3, Section 1 of this Agreement shall, as to apprentice engineers, not be applicable or required.
 2. Any applicant who is returned by the Individual Employer shall be restored to their place on the out-of-work list. If an employee is employed one (1) to twenty-one (21) calendar days, the employee shall be restored to the out-of-work list the same number of days lower on the out-of-work list as they had been employed. Any employee, who is employed more than twenty-one (21) calendar days or terminated of their own accord, shall have their name removed from the out-of-work list. When his or her employment terminates, they shall be required to register at the bottom of the appropriate group list on which he are entitled to register. A registrant may refuse to be referred to employment two (2) times without prejudicing his or her position on the appropriate group list on which he or she is registered. If a member or an applicant accepts a dispatch and does not show up, their name will be entered at the bottom of the appropriate list when they re-register.
 3. In the event that the referral facilities maintained by the Union are unable to fill the requisition of an Individual Employer for employees within a twenty-four (24) hour period after such requisition is made by the Individual Employer (Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays excepted), the Individual Employer may employ applicants directly at the job site. In such an event, the Individual Employer will notify the Union of the names and dates of such hiring within twenty-four (24) hours of such hiring.

4. The referral procedure as contained herein shall be followed except:

- a. That requests by Individual Employers for personnel to act as Supervisors, Master Mechanics, General Foremen, Industrial Foremen or Foremen shall be honored without regard to the requested employee's place on the out-of-work list provided that person does not perform bargaining unit work. Those hired under the provisions of this Hiring Agreement shall not be reduced to a lower classification without the approval of the Union, nor shall their employment as traveling key men or reciprocity qualify them for a call-back. All traveling keymen must register at the Hiring Hall and have a "Keyman Agreement" in place, prior to being employed.
- b. That requests by Individual Employers for a particular employee previously employed by the Individual Employer within the geographical area of this Agreement and who has been laid off or terminated by the Individual Employer within five (5) years previous to the request shall be honored without regard to the requested employee's place on the out-of-work list, provided said employee was originally dispatched to the requesting Individual Employer in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Union and this Appendix. (illegal or reciprocity hours will not be recognized for rehire, requests, or group status).
- c. For bona fide requests by the Individual Employers for Operating Engineers with special skills and abilities in the order in which their names appear on the out-of-work list.
- d. In the best interests of the industry, requests by an Individual Employer for a particular engineer with no priority shall be honored, without regard to the requested person's place on the out-of-work lists, provided the said individual occupies the status of a college student seeking summer employment only and is the son or daughter of management, or individuals, employed as Operating Engineers. Further provided that any dispute arising as a result of such request may be referred to the Joint Hiring Committee in accordance with this Appendix. For each person dispatched as a college student of who is a son or daughter of management, the Individual Employer shall endeavor to employ a son or daughter of an Operating Engineer.
- e. Requests by Individual Employers for a particular Operating Engineer who is registered on the out-of-work list shall be honored provided that person has obtained Group I status in the applicable jurisdiction.
- f. Where Individual Employers engage in a Joint Venture, employees employed by any of the Joint Venture may be transferred to the job or called for by name if the requirements of 4. a, b, and c above have been met by any of the Joint Venture.

- g. If an Individual Employer controls, or holds common ownership of separate corporations, the Individual Employer is considered the Individual Employer for the purpose of the transferring employees to and from such corporation payrolls.

SECTION 7. The Union and the NWCOA and the Individual Employers agree that the referral of Operating Engineers shall be on the following basis:

- A. Selection of applicants for referral to jobs shall be on a non-discriminatory basis and shall not be based on, or in any way affected by, Union membership, bylaws, rules, regulations, constitutional provisions, or any other aspect of or obligation of Union membership, policies or requirements, or in any way affected by race, color, sex, age or creed. The Union shall dispatch to allow an Individual Employer to comply with State or Federal affirmative action requirements; any other local, State or Federal law; or any reasonable contractual obligation imposed by the owner.
- B. The Individual Employer retains the right to reject any job applicant referred by the Union for cause but shall not discriminate because of membership or non-membership in the Union or because of race, color, sex, age, or creed.
- C. The Union and the Individual Employer shall post, in places where notices to all employees and applicants for employment are customarily posted, all provisions relating to the functioning of the hiring provision of this Agreement.
- D. ASAP requests from contractors will be based on the member's geographical proximity to the project location.

SECTION 8.

- A. All employees covered by this Agreement shall be required, as a condition of employment to apply for and become members of, and to maintain membership in the Union within nine (9) days following the beginning of their employment or the effective date of this cause, whichever is later.
- B. The Union recognizes its obligation and therefore assumes full responsibility to every employee discharged under the provisions of paragraph (A) above as a result of a written request from the Union to the Individual Employer provided that the only reason for discharge is as to the timely tendering of normal initiation fees and dues.

SECTION 9. The parties to this Agreement may create a Joint Hiring Committee, composed of three (3) NWCOA representatives and three (3) Union representatives, to supervise and control the operation of the job referral system herein. The Joint Hiring Committee is empowered:

- A. To establish any and all rules and regulations from time to time that it deems advisable for the operation of the job referral plan, and such rules and regulations shall be as much a part of this Agreement as if contained herein;

- B. To properly post all rules and regulations relating to the functioning of the referral plan, together with provisions of this Agreement as set out in Section 6 above at the Union dispatch office and at each Individual Employer's office;
- C. To hear and determine any and all disputes or grievances arising out of work registrations, work referrals, and the preparation of the referral registration lists. Any applicant or registrant shall have a right of appeal of any dispute or grievance arising out of and relating to the operation or functioning of the job referral plan to the Joint Hiring Committee.

The Joint Hiring Committee has provided in the rules and regulations of the job referral for an appeal to an impartial umpire whenever the Joint Hiring Committee reaches a deadlock over a dispute. The impartial umpire shall be designated by mutual agreement of the parties. The authority of the impartial umpire shall be limited to interpreting and applying the rules and regulations of the Joint Hiring Committee. All decisions of the Joint Hiring Committee or the impartial umpire shall be final, binding, and conclusive on all parties including applicants.

If questions arise as to the qualifications and competency of an applicant, the Joint Hiring Committee shall make the determination. Such determination shall be fair and impartial, without regard to applicant's membership or non-membership in the Union or race, color, sex, age, or creed.

SECTION 10. Either party to this Agreement shall have the right to re-open negotiations pertaining to Union recognition and hiring procedures by giving the other party thirty (30) days written notice when there is reason to believe that the laws pertaining thereto have changed by Congressional amendments, government regulations, or court decision.

SECTION 11. Whenever an employee is discharged without written notice to the Union, the employee shall be considered eligible for rehire.

The Individual Employer shall furnish, and complete termination slips for any employee, returning one to the dispatching hall at time of termination and provide a copy to the employee. Each termination slip shall show the actual reason for termination.

SECTION 12. No Applicant for referral to jobs shall be dispatched where:

- A. that applicant has been discharged for consuming alcohol on the job or for being intoxicated on the job; or
- B. the applicant has tested positive for controlled substance, whether during pre-employment testing or testing following employment.

Applicants will be reinstated in the job referral plan when a state certified rehabilitation program has made an evaluation of their condition. Should the evaluation require participation in a rehabilitation program, applicants must be enrolled in an accredited rehabilitation program prior to being reinstated in the job referral plan.

SECTION 13. All Operating Engineers who suffer an injury or serious illness shall have their group status frozen on the out-of-work list by presenting the referral hall with a physician's report

stating they are unable to perform work as an Operating Engineer. The "freezing" of an applicant's group status does not apply to Health & Welfare or Pension eligibility.

- A. The applicant must register on the out-of-work list. To remain on the out-of-work list, an applicant must renew their registration not later than ninety (90) days from the date of their last registration or re-registration.
- B. When the applicant provides the referral hall with a physician's "Release for Work" document, the applicant shall be considered ready and available for work effective on the date the work release was received in the referral hall. The applicant's group status on the out-of-work list will then revert to the status as it was on the date it was frozen and all referral hall rules shall apply.

SECTION 14. Members that are called to active duty with the National Guard or a military reserve unit may register on the out-of-work list. During the active duty period it is unnecessary to re-register to maintain an out-of-work date.

- A. The member must prove active-duty status and then they will not be contacted for work during the active-duty period.
- B. Upon separation from active duty the member shall notify the hiring hall of change in status within thirty (30) calendar days.