

Solidarity Movement

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Supplier Workers Deserve Information and Involvement in Negotiations

The September Oshaworker reported that negotiations were taking place for TFT, Android, AWC and others. Many workers from these companies are asking questions which should be answered. Who is doing the negotiating? What are the demands? When will the workers get to participate? What is the status of certification? Why have there been no updates, leaflets or meetings?

Information Leaflets

At the very least, the Local leadership should be putting out information leaflets to update us on what is happening, and get our input. The Unifor Constitution says that the union “belongs to its members”, and that “an informed and active membership is the foundation of a democratic union”.

An update is needed letting the supplier workers know what the timelines are, what the barriers are, and what still needs to be done. The workers should be participating in this process and be kept aware of exactly

what is happening. There are many more ways workers could be involved in negotiations than just voting on the agreement when it is all done.

Call a Meeting

Discussions to get worker input should have already occurred. If they have not, it's not too late to schedule meetings and this should happen now. A meeting would allow workers to ask questions and have their voices heard.

“An informed and active membership is the foundation of a democratic and dynamic trade union.” – Unifor Constitution Article 5

This is an important opportunity to build solidarity within these units, and solidarity between GM and supplier workers. An informed and engaged membership will be a stronger membership and this will result in better collective agreements.



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