



**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**CHICAGO  
REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS  
UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS  
& JOINERS OF AMERICA**

**And**

**ILLINOIS VALLEY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION INC.**

**COVERING COMMERCIAL WORK**

**PERFORMED IN THE ILLINOIS COUNTIES OF  
Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam and Stark**

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1       THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into as of the first day of June 2021 by and  
2 between the Illinois Valley Contractors Association, Inc.(IVCA), herein called the  
3 "Employer", in behalf of itself and its employer members and the Chicago Regional Council  
4 of Carpenters and on behalf of Carpenters Local Union No. 174 under its jurisdiction of the  
5 United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, herein called the "Union". The  
6 counties covered under this Agreement are: Bureau, La Salle, Marshall, Putnam, and  
7 Stark in Illinois.

## 8                   **ARTICLE I PREAMBLE & DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES**

9       The Employer members of the Association are engaged primarily in the building and  
10 construction industry, and as such, the Employer and the Association and the Union have a  
11 common interest in same. The Association and the Union hereby pledge themselves to the  
12 highest degree of harmony and good faith in the performance of this Agreement. The  
13 Employer members of the Association being in the building and construction industry,  
14 excellence and safety of endeavor are the prime requisites of the continuation and success of  
15 the business of each Employer.

16       Any Contractor not having assigned their bargaining rights to the Association may  
17 receive the benefits and assume the obligations of this Agreement with the Union by  
18 signing an exact copy of this Agreement and be bound by the terms and provisions thereof.

## 19                   **ARTICLE II MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

20       The Employer retains full and exclusive authority for the management of its  
21 operations. The employer shall direct his working forces at his sole prerogative, including,  
22 but not limited to: hiring, promotion, overtime assignments, layoff or discharge, provided,  
23 however, that the Employer shall not use this right for the purpose of discriminating  
24 against any employee because of his membership or legitimate activities in the Union.

25       There shall be no limit on production by employees nor restrictions of the full use of  
26 tools or equipment. Employees shall use such tools as required to perform any of the work  
27 of the trade. The operation of all equipment shall be assigned to the proper craft  
28 jurisdiction.

29       No rules, customs, or practices shall be permitted or observed which limit or restrict  
30 production, or limit or restrict the working effort of employees. The Employer shall  
31 determine the most efficient method of techniques of construction, tools or other labor-  
32 saving devices to be used. However, safety of the employees on the jobsite shall be of prime  
33 concern to the Employer. There shall be no limitations upon the choice of materials or  
34 design. The Employer shall schedule work and shall determine when overtime will be  
35 worked. The Employer shall determine the recording devices, checking systems, bracing or  
36 other methods of keeping time records.

37       The foregoing enumeration of management rights shall be deemed to be inclusive.

## 38                   **ARTICLE III RECOGNITION & SCOPE**

### 39       **ARTICLE III, SECTION 1 BARGAINING UNIT**

40       The bargaining unit shall be comprised of all employees engaged in the work  
41 described in ARTICLE III, SECTION 3 , ARTICLE III, SECTION 4 , and ARTICLE III,  
42 SECTION 5 of this Article. The territory covered by this Agreement is as described above.

### 43       **ARTICLE III, SECTION 2 RECOGNITION**

44       The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining

representative for the employees now or hereafter employed in the bargaining unit, with respect to wages, hours of work, and all other terms and conditions of employment.

### **ARTICLE III, SECTION 3 OCCUPATIONAL SCOPE**

This Agreement covers all the work of the carpenters including journeymen and apprentices. Carpenter work is partially described as follows. This description of the work is not intended to include all the work of the carpenter that may have been done in the past, present or the future.

The trade autonomy of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America consists of the milling, fashioning, joining, assembling, erection, fastening, or dismantling of all material of wood, plastic, metal, fiber, cork and composition and all work related to asbestos abatement and all other substitute materials.

Our claim of jurisdiction, therefore, extends over the following divisions and subdivisions of the trade: Carpenters and Joiners; Piledrivers; Bridge, Dock and Wharf Carpenters; Boat Builders; Ship Carpenters; Joiners and Caulkers; Cabinet Makers; Bench Hands; Stair Builders; Millmen; Wood and Resilient Floor Layers and Finishers; Carpet Layers; Carpet, Linoleum and Tile, Marble, and Terrazzo Workers involved in the preparation, installation, finishing, repair and maintenance of tile, marble, terrazzo and dimensional stone; Shinglers; Siders; Insulators; Acoustic Dry Wall Applicators; Shorers and House Movers; Loggers; Lumber and Sawmill Workers; Furniture Workers; Reed and Rattan Workers; Shingle Weavers; Casket and Coffin Makers; Box Makers; Railroad Carpenters and Car Builders, regardless of material used; and all those engaged in the operation of woodworking or other machinery required in the fashioning, milling, or manufacturing of products used in the trade and the handling, erecting and installing material on any of the above divisions or subdivisions, burning, welding, rigging and the use of any instrument or tool for layout work incidental to the trade. When the term "carpenters and joiners " is used, it shall mean all the subdivisions of the trade, including all work jurisdiction formerly claimed by the Lather's International Union.

All work in connection with the installation, erection and/or application of all materials and component parts of walls and partitions regardless of their material composition or method or manner of their installation, attachment or connection, including but not limited to the following items: all floor and ceiling runners, studs, stiffeners, cross bracings, fireblocking resilient channels, furring channels, door and windows including frames, casing, moulding, base, accessory trim items, gypsum drywall materials, laminated gypsum systems backing board, finish board, fireproofing of beams and columns and fireproofing of chase with sound and thermal insulation materials, fixture attachments including all layout work, preparation of all openings for lighting, air vents or other purposes and all other necessary or related work in connection therewith.

The layout work for all buildings, houses, foundations, etc., to include the erection of all batter boards and to include the use of all tools and instruments in connection thereof.

The handling and stockpiling of material such as lumber, metal studs, trusses, dry wall, acoustical tile, floor tile, stock windows, doors, door frames, sheeting, shingles, or other similar materials commonly used by carpenters, the unloading of boxes and bundles or warehousing, and the moving of such materials; the handling of fixtures and/or finished material where it is knocked down or in bundles, crated, or uncrated, unloaded from the truck into the building or on the job site and taken to the approximate point of installation, free standing furniture, the unloading, handling, and placing, furniture knocked down and

to be assembled, the unloading and handling to the point of installation, and the assembling, In cases of furniture bolted or screwed to the wall, the unloading and handling.

The carrying or moving of material from floor to floor inside or outside of the building by any mode or method to the stockpile, the full use of the dolly from the truck to installation;

The cleaning up and removing of the crating material and the cleaning debris; the cleaning of floors and power sanding and applying of mastic, the first cleaning of finished tile, removal of boxes, cartons, and so forth;

Special scaffolding requiring cutting and fitting, scaffolding to be erected over fourteen (14) feet in height and the erection and dismantling of scaffolding, scaffolding such as horses, trusses and tubular scaffolding under fourteen (14) feet, including the erection of runways where concrete is to be wheeled over, scaffolding erected for the installation of acoustical tile or other ceiling material;

The hanging of protective canvas, the framing for the hanging of the canvas;

The handling of seating, such as is to be used in auditoriums, gyms, etc..., the unloading, uncrating, distribution, and installation of seating units;

The handling of all power tools commonly used for installation;

The unloading, handling of prefabricated houses and buildings.

When the term "Carpenter and Joiner" is used, it shall mean all the subdivisions of the trade.

#### **ARTICLE III, SECTION 4 CARPET, LINOLEUM, AND TILE LAYERS**

All installations which consist of fitting, laying and all necessary on-the-job sewing of carpets, rugs, linoleum, wall linoleum, sink tops, cork carpets, matting, seaming with heat tape and irons, linotile, rubber tile, asphalt tile, readlite tile, vinyl tile and poured seamless floors, track sewing, binding, fringing, surging, underlayment, priming and sealing of floors when same is in floor laying contract, plastic and metal wall tiles and other resilient tiles, synthetic indoor and outdoor coverings such as Astro-Turf, Tartan and other similar products taking up of carpet, linoleum, and all other floor coverings, the drilling of holes for sockets and pins and the fitting of all devices for the attachment of carpets or other floor coverings, the fitting of edges on steps and at openings for the protection of linoleum and other floor coverings, new or old, the cleaning and waxing of all flooring required at the time of installation, the lifting or moving of any flooring or floor coverings materials on the jobsite, the reasonable preparation of all floors and all other work pertaining to floor coverings, this shall include all unloading, handling of all materials to be installed and the removal of all materials when preparing floor when contracted by the Employer and the Carpet, Linoleum and Tile Layers may, to facilitate their work, carry small company tools and supplies in company-owned or leased vehicles. All the foregoing shall be classified as Carpet, Linoleum and Resilient Tile Layer's work. The Employer hereby agrees to assign all work described in this Section as provided herein. The provisions of this Section shall not prevent the Union from making claims for other work for employees in the bargaining unit.

Power tools, tile cutters, roller and telescope power stretcher are to be supplied by the Employer. The employees agree to supply themselves with modern hand tools.

#### **ARTICLE III, SECTION 5 PILEDRIVERS**

The Employer recognizes that the Union claims jurisdiction of the work performed on all piledriving operations, the driving of wood pile and the heading and pointing of same,

including the driving, pulling, cutting off and capping of all steel piling, including pipe, sheeting, H-Beams, I-Beams and caissons; the driving of concrete pile, precast or cast in place, the driving of all composite pile; poured-in-place piling, where it is necessary for signals to be given the operator of the drilling rig in order to align, plumb and spot the drill, this part of the work shall be done by the Piledriver. The handling and installation of the steel casing, including the welding, bolting and pulling of casing shall be the work of the Piledrivers.

The driving of all cofferdams, fabrications, installation and removal of all bracing and walers in cofferdams and the erection of all trestles, false work and docks; the jobsite erecting and dismantling of derricks, A-frames, cranes and gin poles, when used in conjunction with piledriving work.

The cribbing, shoring and underpinning of buildings when piledriving is involved; the erection, dismantling and jacking of pile load tests; the jobsite loading; unloading and distribution of all piling; the jobsite maintenance of pile driving equipment; all burning, welding and splicing of piling including welding of all end plates and bearing plates prior to driving and after installation of piling.

Operating of all valves used in conjunction with piledriving operations, except when installed within cab of pile driving rig; the jobsite preparation of all barges and scows to be used in piledriving work; crane signaling pertaining to all piledriving work.

When there is steady welding during driving of piling, an additional journeyman will be required in a crew.

When a crew of two (2) or more welders is employed on a job operation, one (1) shall be designated as a working foreman and shall receive the current foreman's rate of pay which is ten percent (10%) above the journeyman's wage rate so long as there is no other piledriver foreman on the job.

In the event the Employer decides it necessary to work at any time during inclement weather, the Employer shall make foul weather gear available for the employees.

Any special certification test of a qualified piledriver-welder, taken for the convenience of the Employer, shall be paid by the Employer. Before a qualified piledriver-welder commences the welding test, he shall be placed on the payroll of the Employer and be paid piledriver's wages. This shall apply to all carpenters, where they have to be certified welders. After a qualified welder has passed a certification test by a recognized testing laboratory, he should be classed as a certified welder.

For the safety and efficient operation of piledriving work, a piledriving crew shall consist of not less than four (4) men and a foreman, except when there is a shell crew. On all floating rigs there shall be at least six (6) men and a foreman. A crew shall consist of not more than ten (10) men and a foreman, and a crew and foreman may handle only one (1) rig.

There shall be a piledriver foreman on all jobs and his wage scale shall be not less than TEN PERCENT (10%) above the regular journeyman piledriver scale of wages. On all jobs where there are two (2) or more piledriver foremen, there shall be a general foreman and his wages shall not be less than FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) per hour above the regular journeyman piledriver scale of wages. Where there are three (3) or more piledriver crews, the general foreman shall not handle a crew.

The hours of work for Piledrivers shall be the same as under ARTICLE VII, SECTION 7 and the scale of wages shall be the same as under ARTICLE V, SECTION 2. Any piledriver working as top man setting leads, etc., shall receive TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

184 (\$ .25) per hour above the regular wage scale.

185 Where creosote or any other irritant material is used that is harmful to either body  
186 or clothing, the rate of wages shall be TWENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$.25) per hour above the  
187 regular scale of wages.

188 The Contractor shall furnish any necessary protective medication such as petroleum  
189 jelly to prevent burns from creosote or chemicals which may prove injurious to the skin.  
190 Gloves of protective nature shall be furnished for such work by the Contractor.

191 **ARTICLE III, SECTION 6 SUB-CONTRACTING**

192 The Employer agrees that he will not contract or subcontract any carpenter work  
193 performed at the site of construction, alteration, or repair of a building, structure, or other  
194 work to any person, company or concern that does not have a collective bargaining  
195 agreement with the Union.

196 Any Employer, when notified in writing by the Union, before the final payment is  
197 made, shall assure himself that all wages and fringe benefits have been paid by the sub-  
198 contractor employing members of the bargaining unit.

199 **ARTICLE IV UNION SHOP, AND INDEMNIFICATION**

200 **ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1 EQUAL REPRESENTATION**

201 The Union, realizing its duty under the National Labor Relations Act, as amended  
202 and to the extent that it is the exclusive Representative, recognizes that it must represent  
203 all employees in the bargaining unit equally, without discrimination, irrespective of  
204 membership or nonmembership in the Union.

205 **ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2 UNION SECURITY**

206 All present employees who are not members of the Union and all employees who are  
207 hired hereafter shall become and remain members in good standing in the Union as a  
208 condition of their employment on the eighth (8th) day following the beginning of their  
209 employment or the effective date of this Agreement, which ever is the later as authorized in  
210 Section 8 (a) (3) of the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947 as amended by the Act of  
211 1959. Upon written notice from the Union notifying the Employer of the failure of any  
212 employee covered by this Agreement to complete or maintain his membership because of  
213 non-payment of dues, the Employer shall within twenty-four (24) hours of such notice,  
214 discharge said employee. Provided further that no Employer or the Union shall  
215 discriminate against any employee to whom membership was not available on the same  
216 terms and conditions generally applicable to the members, or if membership was denied the  
217 employee for reasons other than the failure of the employee to tender the periodic dues and  
218 the initiation fees uniformly required as a condition of acquiring membership. There shall  
219 be no discrimination with respect to any term or condition of employment because of race,  
220 color, creed, sex or national origin.

221 **ARTICLE IV, SECTION 3 INDEMNIFICATION**

222 The Union shall defend, indemnify and save the Employer harmless against any and  
223 all claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability that may arise out of or by reason of  
224 action taken or not taken by the Employer for the purpose of complying with the provisions  
225 of ARTICLE V, SECTION 3 .

**ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4 FEDERAL LAW**

The provisions of this Article shall be in a fashion consistent with Federal Law.

**ARTICLE V WAGES AND DUES CHECK-OFF****ARTICLE V, SECTION 1 RIGHT TO INCREASE**

If the Union decides to increase the fringe benefits for its members, they may use any part of the wage increase negotiated to do so on a sixty (60) day notice to the Contractors before June 1 of any year.

**ARTICLE V, SECTION 2 WAGES**

The minimum rate of wages for all carpenters working within the jurisdiction of Local 195 shall be:

ZONE 1 - Covering the Illinois counties of Bureau, LaSalle (except that area contained within Zone 2), Marshall, Putnam, and Stark

Effective June 1, 2021 – Total increase \$2.06 per hour

Effective June 1, 2022 – Total increase \$2.12 per hour

Effective June 1, 2023 – Total increase \$2.19 per hour

Effective June 1, 2024 – Total increase \$2.14 per hour

Effective June 1, 2025 – Total increase \$2.20 per hour

ZONE 2 - Covering the portion of LaSalle County, Illinois that is south of N 23<sup>rd</sup> Road, north of N 21<sup>st</sup> road, east of 25<sup>th</sup> Road and west of Illinois State Route 170.

A premium wage of six percent (6% of the total package of Zone 1) per hour shall be paid to each Employee while working in Zone 2.

Effective June 1, 2021 – Total wage increase \$4.08

Effective June 1, 2022 – Total wage increase \$4.21 per hour

Effective June 1, 2023 – Total wage increase \$4.34 per hour

Effective June 1, 2024 – Total wage increase \$4.47 per hour

Effective June 1, 2025 – Total wage increase \$4.60 per hour

The allocation among wages and other contributions with the exception of the Illinois Valley Contractors Industry Advancement Fund, Industry Advancement Fund, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2, and Labor Management, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee of the Union. Notice in writing of the allocation shall be given to the Employer by the Union prior to the effective date.

**ARTICLE V, SECTION 3 DUES CHECK-OFF**

Upon receipt of an employee's written authorization, which shall be irrevocable for not more than one (1) year or the termination of this Agreement, whichever occurs sooner, the Employer shall deduct from such employee's wages the dues and assessments of the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters with which the Local Union is affiliated and remit same to the depository established by the Union as directed in writing by said Union together with a list of the names of the employees from whose pay deductions were made. The Union reserves the right to directly collect this deduction at a later date. Such a written authorization may be revoked by the employee's written notice by registered mail to the Employer and the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters, received by all during the thirty (30) day period prior to the end of any applicable collective bargaining agreement, whichever occurs sooner. In the absence of such revocation, sent and received in accordance with the foregoing, the authorization shall be renewed for an additional yearly period or

270 until the end of the collective bargaining agreement, whichever occurs sooner and for  
271 successive periods thereafter in accordance with the foregoing.

272 **ARTICLE V, SECTION 4 WAGES FOR FOREMAN**

273 Where there are three (3) or more carpenters on any one crew, one (1) journeyman  
274 shall be designated as a working foreman and shall receive the wages of foreman. The  
275 wages of a foreman shall receive not less than ten percent (10%) per hour above the rate of  
276 wages for a journeyman. No foreman shall supervise more than ten (10) carpenters. Where  
277 there is a general carpenter foreman on the job supervising other carpenter foreman, the  
278 general foreman shall receive not less than fifteen percent (15%) per hour above the  
279 journeyman rate. Foreman and general foreman shall take orders only from the designated  
280 Employer representative. Any contractor outside the jurisdiction of the Chicago Regional  
281 Council of Carpenters shall have the right to employ one (1) key person for management  
282 personnel (superintendent or foreman). All other employees will come from Local Union  
283 No. 195.

284 The Employer shall have the right to employ one (1) company foreman on any of his  
285 projects providing he is a journeyman in good standing for one (1) year of the United  
286 Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. All other foremen will be members of  
287 the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters that are in good standing for one (1) year.

288 **ARTICLE V, SECTION 5 PAYMENT OF WAGES**

289 All wages shall be paid weekly with no more than three (3) days' pay held back by the  
290 Employer and layoff is payoff. In addition, the payment of wages shall be made on the job  
291 during working hours. If the Employer lays employees off prior to payday, he shall pay  
292 them all wages due at the time of lay-off and such payment shall be made on the job, unless  
293 prior arrangements have been mutually agreed to. When lay-offs are anticipated during  
294 week-end work, the employer shall be required to compensate all employees upon lay-off or  
295 at least all hours of work accrued through the close of business on Friday. An employee who  
296 quits shall be paid on the regular payday at the job site, or may have their final pay mailed  
297 to their address of record. If the employees are not paid on the regular payday or at layoff  
298 and during their regular working hours the employer shall pay an additional four (4) hours  
299 pay and four (4) hours of pay for each 24 hour period or fraction thereof said employee must  
300 wait for their pay. If arrangements have been mutually agreed to have the checks mailed  
301 they must be post marked no later than the next business day after the pay day. If checks  
302 are not post marked on the next business day the employer shall pay an additional four (4)  
303 hours pay and four (4) hours of pay for each 24 hour period or fraction thereof said  
304 employee must wait for their pay.

305 **ARTICLE V, SECTION 6 CHECK STUBS**

306 Each employing Contractor agrees to give each Employee a check stub or a receipt  
307 showing the amount deducted from gross pay check and also the amount paid for fringe  
308 benefits.

309 **ARTICLE V, SECTION 7 VOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT**

310 When an employee quits his job on his own accord, he may be required to wait, at the  
311 option of the Employer, until the next regular pay day for the wages due him.

312 **ARTICLE V, SECTION 8 PAYROLL SAVINGS DEDUCTION**

313 The union reserves the right to implement a uniform payroll savings deduction. The

savings deduction would be included with the one (1) check that is processed for the trust funds.

## ARTICLE VI FRINGE BENEFITS

### ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1 AGREEMENT & DECLARATION OF TRUST & RULES GOVERNING FRINGE BENEFITS

A Trust Agreement entered into by and between the Illinois Valley Contractors Association Inc. and the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, on the first (1st) day of March, 2003, established the Heartland Healthcare Fund as amended by reference thereto, is hereby made a part of this Agreement.

A Trust Agreement entered into by and between the Illinois Valley Contractors Association Inc. and the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America on the first (1st) day of June 1957, established the Carpenters Pension Fund of Illinois as amended by reference thereto, is hereby made a part of this Agreement.

An Agreement and Declaration of Trust establishing the Illinois Valley Construction Industrial Advancement Program dated the eighth (8th) day of August, 1967, is hereby made a part of this Agreement.

A Trust Agreement establishing the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Supplemental Retirement Fund as amended by reference thereto, is hereby made a part of this Agreement.

A Trust Agreement establishing the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Health and Welfare Fund as amended by reference thereto, is hereby made a part of this Agreement.

A Trust Agreement establishing the Will County Carpenters Pension Fund as amended by reference thereto, is hereby made a part of this Agreement.

If during the term of this Agreement the Union desires to participate in any other labor-management trust fund, it may do so provided the Union gives notice to the Employer not less than thirty (30) days prior to implementation. Upon implementation, each Employer shall contribute an amount set forth in the wage and fringe benefits allocation sheet, per hour for each hour worked by the Employees covered by this Agreement. It is intended by the parties such contributions shall be tax exempt under appropriate Internal Revenue Service regulations and shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of the National Labor Management Relations Act, as amended.

### ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2 INDUSTRY ADVANCEMENT FUND

In addition to the per hour wage rates, the Employer shall contribute an amount specified on the attached Wage and Fringe Benefits allocation sheet per hour for each actual hour worked by each Employee represented by this Agreement to the Industry Advancement Fund. The Employers signatory hereto agrees to accept the terms of the Trust Agreement establishing the Industry Advancement Fund, its rules and regulations and the Trustees now serving. Primary purposes of the Advancement Fund are safety education, and other education, promotion and the common good of the Construction Industry. The Illinois Valley Contractors Association reserves the right to increase this contribution rate during the term of this agreement upon thirty (30) day notice to the Union. In the event the Contractor somehow proves that they are not obligated to

contribute to the Illinois Valley Construction Industry Advancement Fund, then the current Illinois Valley Labor-Management Committee contribution rate will be increased by an equal amount.

**ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3 LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, - DEFINITION AND PURPOSE**

The parties agree to participate in the Illinois Valley Labor-Management Committee under authority of Section 6 (b) of the Labor-Management Cooperation Act of 1978, 29 U.S.C. paragraph 175 (a) and Section 302 8 (9) of the Taft-Hartley Act, 29 U.S.C. paragraph 186 8 (9). The permissible purposes of this Committee include the following:

- a) To improve communication between representatives of labor and management, and engender cooperative and harmonious relations between labor and management in the construction industry;
- b) To provide workers and employers with opportunities to study and explore new and innovative joint approaches to achieving organizational effectiveness;
- c) To provide a forum for open and honest discussion of problems confronting employees and employers in the construction industry;
- d) To study and explore ways of increasing productivity of both labor and management, and of eliminating potential problems which reduce the competitiveness and inhibit the economic development in the construction industry;
- e) To enhance the involvement of workers in making decisions that affect their working lives, and to improve the quality of worklife for employees in the construction industry;
- f) To expand and improve working relationships between workers and managers;
- g) To avoid disputes between labor and management before they arise, and to assist in promptly and fairly resolving disputes when they do arise;
- h) To promote the use of safe, efficient, high quality construction services in development, maintenance, and rehabilitation of industrial and commercial facilities;
- i) To seek to maintain a productive dialogue with users of construction services;
- j) To foster the development of craft skills and high quality training in the construction industry;
- k) To foster improvements in occupational safety and health and other working conditions in the construction industry;
- l) To engage in any other lawful activities incidental or related to the accomplishment of these purposes.
- m) The parties agree that any increases to the Illinois Valley Construction Industry Labor/Management Fund will be split between the Employer and the Union.

**ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4 CONTRIBUTION REMITTANCE**

Pursuant to said Agreements and Declarations of Trust and the considerations of the Agreement, each Employer shall contribute for each Employee the amounts specified on the Wage and Fringe Benefits allocation sheet to the Heartland Healthcare Fund, to the Carpenters Pension Fund of Illinois, to the Illinois Valley Contractors Industry Advancement Fund, the Illinois Valley Construction Industry Labor/Management Fund, and to the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Apprenticeship and Training Fund or any successor training program or Fund affiliated with the Union. The Employer shall also make all payroll deductions as specified on the Wage and Fringe Benefits allocation sheet.

Payment of said contributions to said Funds shall be made on one (1) report to a

single depository designated by the Union each month for their breakdown and transmittal to appropriate funds. The working dues assessment shall be included with the trust fund contributions; the Union reserves the right to directly collect this deduction at a later date.

#### **ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 APPRENTICE CONTRIBUTION**

The contribution rate per hour shall be determined by the Executive Committee of the Union and submitted to the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Apprenticeship and Training Fund or such other fund affiliated with the Union as the Union may designate in its sole discretion. The collection of amounts due under this Article shall not be subject to the Arbitration provision contained in ARTICLE XII herein.

#### **ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6 UBC NATIONAL FUND**

The Employer(s) and the Union recognize the need for quality training of apprentices and journeymen to meet the industry's craft labor needs and to provide safety and health training and education to enable Union workers to remain healthy and productive. In addition to any contributions otherwise called for herein, the parties agree that the Employer shall make a contribution as designated for in the applicable zone in the wage and fringe benefit allocation sheet for each hour worked for each employee covered by this agreement to the Carpenters International Training Fund ("Training Fund"). Payment shall be made to the Carpenters International Training Fund or to such collection agent as it is designated by the Training Fund on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the month of the work performed. The Employer hereby agrees to be bound by the Agreements and Declarations of Trust for the Training Fund as they exist and as they may be amended or restated, and to such rules, regulations and other governing documents adopted pursuant to such Trust. The UNION reserves the right to directly collect this contribution at a later date.

#### **ARTICLE VI, SECTION 7 FAILURE TO REPORT OR CONTRIBUTE**

Such Pension, Welfare, Industrial Advancement, Labor/Management, and Apprentice and Journeyman Training Funds contributions shall accrue with respect to all hours worked by any Journeyman, Foreman, Apprentice or any person employed by the Employer, doing work covered by this Agreement within the jurisdiction of the Local Union. Every Employer shall be required to file a properly executed report, on forms furnished by the office of the Administrator to the Pension and Welfare and Industrial Advancement Funds as reflected by such report.

Said reports shall be filed on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following the month for which the report is due. Failure to file said report and make payment of the contribution due and owing, as reflected by said report within the time prescribed herein, or the willful filing of false report shall impose upon the Employer an administrative assessment of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month, compounded.

It is specifically agreed that acceptance of any delinquent or false reports and the contributions as reflected thereby, by the administrator of said Funds shall not constitute waiver of an Administrative assessment which may be due and owing thereon as herein above set forth.

A properly authorized Representative of said Funds shall have the right to examine the Employers payroll records for the purpose of determining if properly executed reports are being made to said Funds. The Representative authorized to make aforesaid

examination of payroll records will be furnished proper credentials by the Trustees of said Funds.

To protect the participating members in the Funds from loss of eligibility for benefits caused by failure of an Employer to make proper contributions, his Employees may be removed from the job for the above stated reason, the Employer shall compensate them for all time lost as a result of same.

A General Contractor, Broker or Sub-Contractor who fails to pay wages and fringe benefits, Apprentice Training, Industrial Advancement Funds and Labor/Management as provided for in this Agreement, shall within five (5) days after notice by the Union meet these obligations. Failure to do so shall entitle the Union to withdraw its members from employment with the defaulting party. A copy of any such notice shall be sent to the Contractors Association, who will assist in settling this problem.

#### **ARTICLE VI, SECTION 8 BONDING**

Each EMPLOYER signatory to this Agreement agrees at the time of execution of this Agreement the EMPLOYER shall have procured a cash bond or Surety Bond in the Principal sum as indicated below. (Compliance by September 1, 2006 for all EMPLOYERS previously signatory to this agreement prior to June 1, 2006.) Such Bond shall be written by an insurance carrier authorized, licensed, or permitted to do business in the State of Illinois. The surety bond and/or cash bond shall be payable to the UNION as Trustee for the benefit of Employees employed by the EMPLOYER and for those acting on the Employees' behalf to insure prompt payment of wages and contributions to the Health and Welfare, Pension and Apprentice Training Funds. Such surety bond and/or cash bond shall be executed only on a uniform bond form furnished by the UNION and must be filed with the UNION. Unless otherwise increased by the President of the UNION, the principal amount of the bond shall be:

One (1) to Five (5) Employees \$10,000

Six (6) to Ten (10) Employees \$15,000

Eleven (11) to Fifteen (15) Employees \$20,000

For those Employees in excess of Fifteen (15) \$50,000

The Association may furnish a blanket bond for all of its members, each of which is to be bonded for the sum of \$50,000. The Union may withdraw bargaining unit Employees from EMPLOYERS who fail to maintain the bond required by this Article.

The EMPLOYER assigns all right, title and interest in the Surety bond and/or cash bond to the Union and Fringe Benefit Trust Funds, which shall have a priority interest to such Funds, and supersede the claims of all EMPLOYER'S creditors.

This Article shall not be subject to the Settlement of Disputes provisions contained in ARTICLE XII .

#### **ARTICLE VI, SECTION 9 TRUST AGREEMENTS & COMPLIANCE WITH LAW**

The Funds established hereunder, except as otherwise specified, shall be jointly administered by an equal number of Trustees representing each party to this Agreement, which administration and the various documents establishing the various Funds shall be in accordance with the laws pertaining to the subject matter relative to each individual Fund. All payments required to be made shall be made and transmitted in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the Trustees of the particular Fund and all forms required to be completed shall be so completed. Concerning the enforcement of collections and payments of the required amounts into the Funds, the parties shall be bound by the

determinations of the Trustees of each particular Fund. The failure of an individual Employer to comply with the provisions of this Agreement and any Declaration of Trust establishing any of the Funds for which contributions or payments are made under this Article shall constitute a breach of this Agreement and individual Employers who fail to remit regularly in accordance with the requirements of Declaration of Trust establishing any of the Funds shall be subject to having this Agreement terminated by the Union, by giving seventy-two (72) hours notice in writing to such Employer. The remedy provided for herein shall not be exclusive of any other remedy by way of suit in law or in equity, or otherwise for the collection of the amount due either by the Union or by the Trustees or Administrators of any of the individual Funds.

## **ARTICLE VII GENERAL WORKING CONDITIONS**

### **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1 PRE-JOB CONFERENCE**

There shall be a Pre-Job Conference whenever the Union Representative or the Contractors deems it necessary. The Pre-Job Conference shall be held at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the starting of a job.

### **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 2 ACCESS TO PROJECT OFFICE**

The duly authorized Representative of the Union shall be allowed access to any building or job at any time where Employees in the Bargaining Unit are employed. For this purpose it shall be the duty of the Employer to make every effort to secure adequate passes so the Union Representative can check the work going on with Employees on the job.

### **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3 STEWARD**

The parties agree that the following basic principles apply to the selection of a Job Steward:

- (1) The UNION requires that a Steward must fully protect the interest of the UNION.
- (2) The EMPLOYER requires that the Steward be a Carpenter who can efficiently perform his duties as a Carpenter and who will not disrupt the job unnecessarily in discharging his duties as a Steward.
- (3) To meet the two basic principles agreed to by the parties, it is further agreed:
  - (a) The Job Steward shall be a working Carpenter;
  - (b) The Steward shall be selected by the Business Representative of the UNION;
  - (c) In selecting a Steward, preference shall be given UNION Members presently employed in the Bargaining Unit of the EMPLOYER on the specific site, provided, however, that if, in the judgment of the Business Representative, no presently employed UNION Member is competent to act as Steward, the Steward shall be selected from outside the Bargaining Unit;
  - (d) The UNION shall have the right to replace any Steward at any time;
  - (e) So long as he is competent to perform the work to be done on the job, the Steward shall be the last Carpenter laid off, except for the Foreman; The competency of the steward shall be determined in a meeting between a representative of the EMPLOYER and the UNION.

532 (f) If there is any dispute as to any of the Sections or Sub-Sections of this Article, the  
533 provisions of ARTICLE XII will apply.

534 The duties of the Job Steward shall be to report to the Business Representative of the UNION:

- 535 (1) Members' due delinquencies;  
536 (2) Violations of Collective Bargaining Agreement;  
537 (3) Carpenters employed seven (7) days or more, who have not become members of the  
538 UNION;  
539 (4) Disputes and grievances of members.

540 He shall not have the authority to:

- 541 (1) Adjust violations of the Collective Bargaining Agreement;  
542 (2) Collect any money due the UNION from any person or applicant for membership or  
543 any other person.

544 Whenever one (1) or more Carpenters are required to work overtime, one (1) of their numbers shall  
545 be the regularly designated Steward, or someone designated by him.

546 **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 4 SHOW-UP PAY & MINIMUM TIMES**

547 The Contractor shall maintain a phone that Employees may call one and one-half (1-  
548 1/2) hours before starting time to find out if they should report for work if there is doubt as  
549 to conditions of work due to weather. The carpenter reporting to work shall be paid two (2)  
550 hours pay at the regular straight-time rate, provided the Employee remains on the job site  
551 two (2) hours, when requested to do so by the Employer or the Employer representative on  
552 the job.

553 Any Employee working over the two (2) hours from the start of the day will be paid  
554 for four (4) hours. Any Employee working more than four (4) hours and less than six (6)  
555 hours will be paid for six (6) hours; and that the Employee working more than six (6) hours  
556 but less than eight (8) hours, will be paid for eight (8) hours.

557 These provisions shall not apply when inclement weather or conditions beyond  
558 reasonable control of the Employer makes it impractical for work to proceed unless the  
559 Employee called in one and one-half (1-1/2) hours previous to the starting of work and was  
560 directed to report for work.

561 If the contractor does not maintain a telephone and employees report to work, they  
562 will be paid two (2) hours show-up time.

563 **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 5 CONCRETE FORMS**

564 The Employer retains the right to designate the number of Carpenters needed on  
565 concrete pours. No concrete to be poured in area where men are building forms. Employees  
566 covered by this Agreement shall do all necessary burning and welding in connection with  
567 the setting of all forms for concrete.

**568 ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6 TOOLS, TOOL STORAGE & SHEDS**

569 Employees working on job shall be allowed to sharpen tools when necessary. On  
570 Carpenter work the Employer will furnish facilities and equipment for sharpening of tools  
571 on the job site or at a shop.

572 All expendable tools such as drill bits, taps, files, hacksaw blades, die nuts, that are  
573 worn out or broken on the job shall be replaced by the Employer.

574 There shall be no restrictions as to the use of power tools providing, however, that  
575 qualified mechanics run same. All power tools, mitreboxes and any special tools must be  
576 furnished by the Employer.

577 No Carpenters tools other than the standard hand tools found in the average  
578 Carpenters box shall be furnished on the job by the Employee. In the handling of power  
579 tools to where they are to be used, each craft shall carry their own tools. Carpenters will  
580 check out and return all Company special power tools to tool shed or to place where  
581 specified by the Employer.

582 On any job where the Employee cannot drive his car to the place of work and take his  
583 tools home daily, the Employer shall furnish a locked tool shed or crib on the job site for the  
584 storing of workmen's tools. (The Employer shall be held responsible for tools lost by fire or  
585 water or stolen from the locked tool shed or crib and shall replace same providing there is  
586 an actual break-in. The Employee must furnish the Employer with a list of tools in his box  
587 at the time he starts to work on the job and the Employer or his Representative shall have  
588 the privilege of checking the tools in the Employee's box)

**589 ARTICLE VII, SECTION 7 WORKDAY, WORKWEEK**

590 Forty (40) hours of work shall constitute a week's work, eight (8) hours shall  
591 constitute a day's work between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 5:30 P.M., Monday through  
592 Friday.

593 A one-half (1/2) hour lunch period shall be allowed at a consistent time near the  
594 middle of the shift.

595 Starting time may be readjusted at a Pre-Job conference with written approval of the  
596 Union.

**597 ARTICLE VII, SECTION 8 HOLIDAYS**

598 Holidays to be recognized and observed shall be New Year's Day, Memorial Day,  
599 Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the Friday after Thanksgiving Day and  
600 Christmas Day or the days celebrated as such.

601 When the Holiday falls on Sunday, it shall be celebrated on Monday. When the  
602 holiday falls on Saturday, it shall be celebrated on the previous Friday.

**603 ARTICLE VII, SECTION 9 LABOR DAY**

604 There shall be no work whatsoever done on Labor Day, except if it be necessary to  
605 preserve life or prevent damage to property.

**606 ARTICLE VII, SECTION 10 OVERTIME**

607 All time worked before and after the established work day of eight (8) hours, Monday  
608 through Friday, and all time worked on Saturday, shall be paid at the rate of time and one-  
609 half (1-1/2). All time worked on Sundays and Holidays shall be paid for at the rate of two  
610 (2) times the hourly rate. If overtime is to be worked, making the work day more than ten  
611 (10) hours, there shall be an additional lunch period on company time.

When an Employer upon reasonable cause, considers it necessary to shut down a job to avoid the possible loss of human life, or because of an emergency situation that could endanger the life or safety of an Employee, Employees will be compensated only for the actual time worked. In such an event, if the Employer requests the Employee to stand by, Employees will be compensated for the stand by time at the applicable rate.

#### **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 11 COFFEE BREAKS**

There shall not be any organized coffee breaks established during working hours. Employees may take an individual thermos of coffee, or non-alcoholic refreshments, to their assigned place of work and consume same as time and work schedule allow.

#### **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 12 SHIFT WORK**

Shift work may not be established without the consent of the Union, of the need to perform shift work.

**FIRST SHIFT** - The starting time for the first or day shift shall be between 5:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., and shall consist of eight (8) hours work for eight (8) hours pay at the basic rate.

**SECOND SHIFT** - Any shift starting after 8:01 a.m. shall consist of seven and one-half (7-1/2) hours work for which the Employee shall receive eight (8) hours pay.

**THIRD SHIFT** - Any shift starting after 6:01 p.m. shall consist of seven (7) hours work for which the Employee shall receive eight (8) hours pay.

**SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL** - In addition, such Employee working on the second and/or third shift shall receive for hours worked, in addition to the regular rate of pay, a premium pay of five percent (5%) of the regular hourly rate.

All overtime worked over eight (8) hours per day, forty (40) hours per week shall be paid for at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) of the regular hourly rate. All shift work performed on Sunday and holidays shall be paid for at double the regular hourly rate of pay.

#### **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 13 PREMIUM PAY**

The rate per hour on all work in coffer dams, trenches, ditches, mines or tunnels shall be TWENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$.25) per hour above the regular rate of wages providing same is ten (10) feet or more below ground or water level, or any other hazardous work. If a trench or ditch is as wide as it is deep at eight (8) feet or more below ground, premium pay will not apply.

When working on scaffolds for steeples, smoke stacks, tower, piers or on swinging scaffolds or boatswains chairs or on scaffolds on tanks, elevators or buildings where there is a free fall of over thirty (30) feet, the hourly rate shall be regular rate for the first thirty (30) feet, then the rate shall increase TWELVE AND ONE-HALF CENTS (\$.125) per hour for each twenty (20) feet until one hundred (100) feet is reached, then it shall increase TWENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$.25) per hour for every additional twenty (20) feet. Any Employee working on any work set forth in the above paragraphs shall be paid the premium rate for not less than four (4) hours. The Union will not refer men incapable of performing hazardous work.

#### **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 14 UNION REPRESENTATION**

It is agreed that only those so authorized by the Union shall be recognized to act for, or in behalf of the Union and the actions, declaration or conduct of any other person (except

those so designated) shall not be considered the acts of the Union or its Agent, nor shall they form the cause for any liability whatsoever on the part of the Union.

#### **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 15 PICK-UP TIME**

Employees shall start from the tool shed at the scheduled starting time. Employees shall be allowed ten (10) minutes pick-up time at the end of each days work to pick up and put away company and personal tools and shall remain on the job site until quitting time. Where job conditions require time in excess of ten (10) minutes, then additional time as may be required will be allowed upon prior arrangements between the Union Steward and the Employer or his Representative. Where job conditions require a washroom, it shall be supplied by the Employer.

#### **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 16 PROCUREMENT OF LABOR**

The Union and the Employer recognize that the Union is in a position to aid the Employer in recruiting needed Employees who can meet the standards of the Trade and who can promote the efficiency and safety of the operations of the Employer. The Employer shall be at liberty to hire Employees in any manner under the National Labor Relations Act of 1947 as amended and the rules and regulations of the National Labor Relations Board and shall have the right to use the facilities of the Union to recruit job applications under certain conditions. The Employer agrees to notify the Union when he is in need of new Employees and the Union, when requested agrees to assist in securing qualified applicants. The selection of applicants for recommendation by the Union shall be on a non-discriminatory basis and shall not be based on or in any way affected by Union membership, by-laws, rules, regulations, constitutional provisions or any other aspect or obligation of Union membership, policies or requirements. The Employer agrees to give all applicants fair consideration consistent with the policies of the National Labor Relations Act, as amended. The Employer retains the right to reject any job applicant recommended by the Union. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to limit the Employer from hiring from other sources. The Employer shall have the sole responsibility of hiring. Employees referred by the Union shall present introductory cards to the Employer.

When the Employer requests the Union to recommend job applicants to the Employer, the Employer shall specify the type and nature of the work to be performed and the Union shall exercise due care in ascertaining the competence of the applicant or applicants to be recommended.

Employers may request former Employees for referral to a job or project in writing and the Union Referral Office shall refer said former Employees to the job or project, provided they are properly registered applicants in the Referral Office, are available for work at the time of the request and have been employed by the requesting Employer under the terms of this or previous Agreements in the geographical area of the Referral Office prior to the request, and provided further that no Employees shall be laid off or discharged to make room for such former Employees.

#### **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 17 SAFETY**

The Employer will provide a FIRST AID KIT on all projects.

The Employer and Employees will abide by all State and Federal health and safety laws. Contractors shall furnish all hard hats, liners, respirators, safety glasses, or other safety equipment required by such laws. The Employees will return safety equipment when job is completed or pay for them at the actual cost to the Contractor. Failure of

Employees to comply with State and Federal Safety Codes after being once warned in writing and copy given to the job Steward by the Employer Representative, Employee shall be subject to discharge.

It is agreed that when Employees covered by this Agreement are engaged in any welding or burning that adequate safety precautions will be used and that an Employee covered by this Agreement will be available if needed in the judgment of the Steward and Employer to assist in eliminating fire hazards.

No Employee will be allowed to work in any ditch, trench, or hole where there is danger of caving unless adequate shoring is provided.

Any ladders, scaffold planks or any other scaffolding material that is in an unsafe condition will not be allowed to remain on the job for scaffold purposes, and shall not be used as such.

#### **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 SANITATION**

The General Contractor or Broker of the job shall provide a clean and sanitary toilet on all jobs. When sewer and water are available on the job site and the owner or architect will allow, a temporary flush toilet shall be set up and made available to workmen on the job. Proper drinking water (iced when requested) and sanitary drinking cups shall be furnished at all times.

#### **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 19 RAIN GEAR**

Employers shall furnish water-proof wearing apparel when necessary and the Employee shall return same at the end of the each days work or when the need for same is over. Employees will not be required to work in foul weather except in case of emergency. The Employer is to furnish knee or hip boots when necessary.

#### **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 20 EMPLOYER QUALIFICATIONS**

Certain qualifications, knowledge, experience and financial responsibility are required of everyone desiring to be an Employer. In order to be recognized as a Union Contractor; a person or a company shall be required to be incorporated from this day forward (June 1, 2006) and shall sign and abide by all the conditions contained in this document and shall employ at least one (1) member not a part of the firm. This paragraph also applies to contracting members of the Union. Any individual working at the Carpenter trade, as a Contractor individually or employing Carpenters etc., shall be obligated to pay Welfare, Pension Benefits, Apprentice and Journeyman Training, Industrial Advancement, Labor/Management and Working Dues.

#### **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 21 WORKING EMPLOYER**

Only one (1) Officer of a Contracting Firm or construction company shall be allowed to work with his tools on any job providing he is a member of the Union.

#### **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 22 EMPLOYER'S RESPONSIBILITY**

Employer will furnish a dry and locked tool shed or a safe place on each job to store tools and will take all precautions against fire and theft and where the size and length of the job will justify same, the tool shed will be separate from other crafts and the Employer will furnish suitable facilities, heated when necessary for eating and changing clothes.

## ARTICLE VIII SAVING CLAUSE

It is understood and agreed that any provision contained herein that is contrary to or held to be in violation of the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, as amended, or any other Federal or State Law now in force or hereinafter enacted, or hereafter becoming effective shall be void and no force or effect and this Agreement shall be construed as if said void provisions herein were not a part thereof, it being intended however, that the other provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby. It is further agreed that should compliance with any Federal or State law or amendment thereof or any order or regulation issued thereunder now or hereafter in force and effect, prohibit the carrying out of any provisions of this Agreement, then to the extent of such deviation or prohibition, this Agreement shall be deemed to have been automatically amended, effective on the effective date of such law, order or regulation. Such amendment of this Agreement shall remain in effect only so long as said law, amendment, order or regulations continue in force or until the expiration of this Agreement, whichever event shall first occur.

Time off for Employees to vote at elections shall be according to the laws provided for in the State of Illinois.

## ARTICLE IX WORKMAN'S & UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

The Employer agrees to file a Certificate of Workman's Compensation Insurance with ten (10) day cancellation notice, from a reliable Insurance Company authorized to do business in the State of Illinois, with the date of expiration of the policy with the Union, which information shall be available to the public on demand.

The Employer shall pay Social Security and Federal Withholding Tax on all Employees. He shall voluntarily elect to pay the tax necessary to secure for all Employees the benefits of the Illinois Unemployment Compensation Insurance Act, irrespective of the number of Employees employed. Employers shall furnish satisfactory evidence that they are complying with this by filing with the Union their Federal Identification Number and Illinois Division of Unemployment Compensation Number on forms furnished by the Union.

## ARTICLE X APPRENTICES

### ARTICLE X, SECTION 1 APPRENTICE WAGE RATES

All apprentices shall receive the following percentages of the journeyman wage rate:

|             |                          |                         |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| FIRST YEAR  | 1 <sup>st</sup> 6 Months | 45% of Journeyman Scale |
|             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> 6 Months | 50% of Journeyman Scale |
| SECOND YEAR | 1 <sup>ST</sup> 6 Months | 60% of Journeyman Scale |
|             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> 6 Months | 70% of Journeyman Scale |
| THIRD YEAR  |                          | 80% of Journeyman Scale |
| FOURTH YEAR |                          | 90% of Journeyman Scale |

Pension contribution rates for all apprentices will increase at the same amount as the Journeyman pension possible increase each year for the term of this agreement for all hours worked. All other contributions and wage deductions, including health and welfare, retirement savings, apprenticeship, UBC Fund, Industry Advancement and Labor Management shall apply for all periods of Apprenticeship.

### ARTICLE X, SECTION 2 JOINT APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINING COMMITTEE

The Employer and the Union have established the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Apprenticeship and Training Fund, Rockford Committee. This Committee shall

consist of an equal number of Representatives from the Employer and the Union. The Committee shall set up a Training Program for Apprentices, a Journeyman Training Program, shall promote and govern the operation of such programs and shall endeavor to keep Apprentices working among the various Employers in the area.

#### **ARTICLE X, SECTION 3 RATIO OF APPRENTICES TO JOURNEYMEN**

The Employer and the Union agree to promote the Apprenticeship Program by having Apprentices employed on all jobs where there are a sufficient number of journeymen employed. The recommended ratio of Apprentices to Journeymen is one (1) Apprentice for each four (4) Journeymen.

#### **ARTICLE X, SECTION 4 HIRING OF APPRENTICES**

The Employer shall only hire Employees in the classification of apprentice who are registered and indentured with a Apprenticeship and Training program affiliated with the Union.

#### **ARTICLE X, SECTION 5 DISCHARGE OF AN APPRENTICE**

Any Apprentice who fails to comply with the Apprenticeship Standards, the rules and regulations of the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee or who fails to attend school as required, shall be discharged by the Employer immediately upon receipt of notification to such effect from the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee. An individual so discharged, if he believes that the facts upon which his discharge was based are untrue, may challenge such facts by filing a written statement with the Union and the Employer within three (3) working days from the date of discharge and five (5) working days thereafter a hearing shall be held before an equal number of Employer and Union Representatives for the purpose of passing upon the claim of such individual. In the event of a disagreement between the Union and the Employer, the matter shall be deemed in dispute and submitted to arbitration in accordance with the arbitration provision of this Agreement.

The Union shall be notified of discharge of any Apprentice.

### **ARTICLE XI CONTINUING EDUCATION**

The Union and Contractors agree that an educated work force is of great importance to the Construction Industry. Working together through the Apprenticeship trust both parties shall be committed to developing, promoting, and implementing a full curriculum of continuing education classes for Journeyman Carpenters.

### **ARTICLE XII GRIEVANCE & ARBITRATION**

#### **ARTICLE XII, SECTION 1 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

Whenever any difference or dispute shall arise as to interpretation or application of the terms of this Agreement, such dispute or difference shall be resolved in the following manner within ten (10) days:

a) In conference between the Business Agent and the designated Representative of the Employer, and if not satisfactorily adjusted within forty-eight (48) hours, step two shall immediately be initiated.

b) The Association and the Union agree to submit to each other the names of three (3) persons to be known as the Joint Committee whose duties will be to meet and determine clarification of items that may from time to time come into dispute.

**823 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 2 ARBITRATION**

824 In the event the Joint Committee is unable to resolve the dispute, then the Union  
825 may refer the matter to arbitration by so notifying the Association and the Employer. The  
826 Union shall submit the names of five (5) Arbitrators and the Employer shall have the right  
827 to select one of the Arbitrators listed in the notice or similarly to submit an alternate list of  
828 five (5) Arbitrators to the Union. If no name is selected from the second list, the parties  
829 shall jointly request the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service to submit a list of seven  
830 (7) recognized Arbitrators. From the list submitted, the parties shall within five (5)  
831 working days after receipt thereof, select the Arbitrator by alternate rejection of a  
832 suggested name until one remains; the person whose name so remains shall act as  
833 Arbitrator. The parties shall draw straws to determine who shall reject the first name.  
834 The parties recognize that time is of essence and both agree that the decision so rendered  
835 shall be final and binding on both the Union and the Employer.

**836 ARTICLE XIII NO STRIKES, WORK STOPPAGES AND LOCKOUTS**

837 Except for disputes arising under ARTICLE V, SECTION 5 , ARTICLE VI,  
838 SECTION 7 , and ARTICLE VI, SECTION 8 of this Agreement, there shall be no strikes or  
839 work stoppages by the Union during the term of this Agreement. There shall be no lockouts  
840 by the Employer during the term of this Agreement.

**841 ARTICLE XIV DRUG POLICY**

842 The Union and the Employer agree that they will strive to complete a uniform drug  
843 policy. During the interim the Union agrees to participate in individual company wide  
844 programs not exceeding state and federal guidelines. The Illinois Valley Construction  
845 Industry Labor-Management Committee will establish a Drug Policy, which once  
846 established, will become part of this Agreement.

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**ARTICLE XV DURATION, TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT****ARTICLE XV, SECTION 1 DURATION AND TERMINATION**

This Agreement shall become effective June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2026 and shall automatically renew itself from year to year thereafter unless either party gives notice in writing to the other party at least sixty (60) days prior to the contract expiration date that it desires to terminate the agreement. Notice to modify the contract Agreement with respect to any provision given by either party shall not terminate the Agreement and shall not render the automatic renewal clause inoperative.

**ARTICLE XV, SECTION 2 MUTUAL AMENDMENT AT ANY TIME**

If any items arise during the contract period, this agreement may be opened only to resolve such items if mutually agreed upon by the Union and the Employer.

This Agreement shall be subject to amendment at any time by mutual consent of the parties hereto. Such amendment shall be reduced to writing, state the effective date thereof and be approved and executed in the same manner as this Agreement.

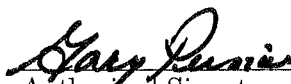
**ARTICLE XVI CONFLICT WITH LAW**

It is the intention of the parties hereby to comply with the State and Federal labor laws and the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act, as amended, and in the event any Article or Section is declared to be unlawful, then it shall become inoperative and void and the parties shall immediately meet to negotiate a legal mutually acceptable substitute. The other legal provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this AGREEMENT.

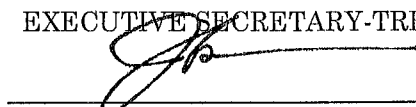
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CHICAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL OF  
CARPENTERS



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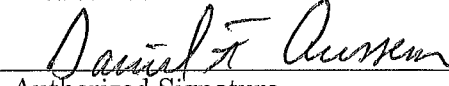
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PRESIDENT

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Authorized Signature  
DANIEL AUSSEM  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Authorized Signature  
MICHAEL RUIZ  
PRESIDENT

**ADDENDUM I - SPECIAL PROJECTS AGREEMENT**

The Business Agent with the approval of the Chicago Regional Council shall have the authority to make contract adjustments during the term of this Agreement. Any such adjustments or modifications shall be granted on a project by project basis only. When adjustments are granted by the Business Agent with the approval of the Chicago Regional Council, the following procedure shall be strictly adhered to:

Step 1. Any individual Employer signatory to this Agreement may request in writing contract adjustments for a specific project. Such requests shall be directed to the appropriate Business Agent who shall forward the request to the Business Representative of the Regional Council for final approval of all adjustments and modifications necessary to assure continuous work opportunities for employees.

Step 2. Once a Business Representative of the Regional Council agrees to contract adjustments in writing the individual Employer(s) requesting the adjustment shall be immediately notified. Any adjustments which are granted must be transmitted to the appropriate individual Employer(s) no later than two (2) working days prior to bid opening. However as noted above, they must be confirmed in writing as soon as possible.

Step 3. Any adjustments or modifications granted for a specific project shall be available to all signatory Employers bidding work on the project. It shall, however, be the responsibility of the individual Employers to request information regarding any possible adjustments.

Upon mutual agreement the workday may be ten (10) hours per day, Monday through Thursday. Written notification of this option shall be presented to the business representative of the union prior to the beginning of the project. In the event of the utilization of the four 10-hour days, Friday may be used as a makeup day if a work day is lost due to inclement weather.

The modification made through the use of Special Projects Addendum I shall only apply to a specific project and for a stated duration and clearly delineate the specific adjustments and modifications. The modification made through the use of the Special Projects Addendum I shall only apply to that specific project.

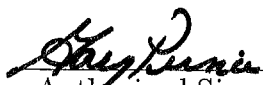
This Special Project Agreement may be withdrawn at any time by either party.

This Addendum is an attachment to the Agreement between the Illinois Valley Contractors Association Inc and Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters and becomes effective June 1, 2021, and remains in effect until the expiration of the Agreement.

**DATED THIS FIRST DAY OF JUNE, 2021.**

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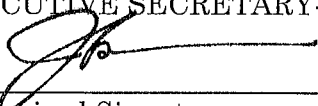
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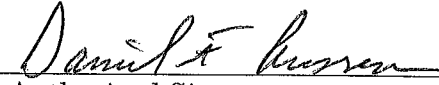
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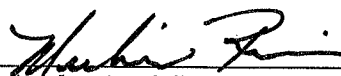
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