

The Local Line

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SHARED SERVICES BIDDING DISASTER

The first bids processed through Shared Services was posted on October 2, 2007 thru October 12th. It was a disaster.

The lettering was too small. No name given under vacated for the previous holder of a bid. Job ID number is illegible with a line underneath it. No pay location listed. Since this has become a national problem, President Jackie Engelhart and Vice-President Dave Baskin has been in contact with the National Officers of the APWU. Lets hope this will be corrected before the next posting.

These new changes affect all crafts and all regions.

THE BID CYCLE

Speaking of the next bid posting. The next bids for the remainder of the year will be posted on the following dates.

Oct 30 thru Nov 9
Nov 27 thru Dec 7
Dec 24 thru Jan 3

The October 30th bids will consist of newly created assignments for Tours 1 and 3 in the automation area.

WHEN IS MY HOLIDAY VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2007?

There are four holidays of the ten that is celebrated by Postal Service whose holiday is celebrated on the same date each year. New Years (January 1st), The Independence Day (July 4th), Veteran's Day (November 11th) and Christmas (December 25th).

There is still some confusion about the upcoming Veterans Day Holiday. Listed is the designated holiday along with certain non-scheduled days.

N/S Days Holiday
SA/FR Sunday
SA/SU Monday
SU/MO Saturday

SU/TU Monday
(Su and any other weekday)
SA/TU Sunday
(Sa and any other weekday)

Any two week-days (M/T, T/W, W/TH, Th/Fr) Sunday

I hope this clears up the November 11th holiday. This will not be a problem again until July 4th, 2009.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS OPEN SEASON

The open season dates for the Federal Employee Health Benefit Plan is November 12, 2007 through December 10, 2007. You can download the 2008 FEHB guides from the www.opm.gov website.

There will be a health fair at Carol Stream on a date to be given later.

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Special points of interest:

Shared Services Bidding Disaster

Bid Cycle

Veterans Day Holiday

FEHB Open Season

Penalty Pay Exclusion

Volunteer Holiday

Daylight Saving Time

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**PENALTY PAY
EXCLUSION**

As per Article 8 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the four weeks of penalty pay exclusion will be from December 01, 2007 and end on December 28, 2007.

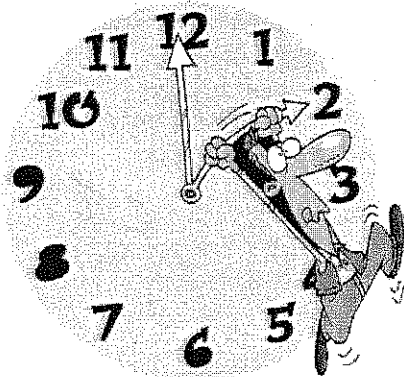


Reminder I

Employees wishing to volunteer in other areas during a holiday, can circle all the jobs on the volunteer slip that they have the necessary skills to work

Reminder II

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday November 4, 2007. Clocks will be set back one hour.



Reminder III

If you have not done so, read the October 23, 2007 NWIAL Local Line Floorspread in regards to the AI-AFSM.

