MASTER AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE,
COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES,
DISTRICT COUNCIL 20,
AFL-CIO**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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PREAMBLE

The District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act (D.C. Law 2-139, Title I, Chapter 6, Subchapter 1, D.C. Official Code § 1-601.02) states that the Council of the District of Columbia declares that it is the purpose and policy of this act to assure that the District of Columbia Government shall have a modern flexible system of public personnel administration, which shall "provide for a positive policy of labor-management relations including collective bargaining between the District of Columbia and its employees . . . ."

The District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act (D.C. Law 2-139, Title 1, Chapter 6, Subchapter XVIII, (D.C. Official Code) Section 1-617.01) states [t]he District of Columbia Government finds and declares that an effective collective bargaining process is in the general public interest and will improve the morale of public employees and the quality of service to the public.

The District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act (D.C. Law 2-139, Title 1, Chapter 6, Subchapter XVIII, (D.C. Official Code) Section 1-617.01(b) provides for collective bargaining between the Mayor of the District of Columbia and labor organizations accorded exclusive recognition for employee representation for employees of the District of Columbia Government.

Pursuant to the District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act (D.C. Law 2-139, Title 1, Chapter 6, Subchapter XVIII, (D.C. Official Code) Section 1-617.10), various local unions or District Council 20 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, (herein "AFSCME" or the "Union") have been certified and/or recognized as the exclusive collective bargaining agent for employees of the District of Columbia Government (hereinafter the "District" or the "Employer").

Accordingly, AFSCME and the District enter into this Agreement, which shall have as its purposes:

(1) Promotion of a positive policy of labor-management relations between the District of Columbia Government and its employees;

(2) Improvement of morale of employees in service to the District of Columbia Government;

(3) Enhancement of the quality of public service to the citizens of the District of Columbia;

(4) Creation of a government that works better; and

(5) Promotion of the rights of District of Columbia Government employees to express their views without fear of retaliation.

AFSCME and the District of Columbia Government declare that each party has been afforded the opportunity to put forth all its non-compensation proposals and to bargain in good faith. Both parties agree that this Agreement is the result of their collective bargaining and each party affirms its contents without reservation. This Preamble is intended to provide the background and purpose of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Alleged violations of the Preamble per se will not be cited as contract violations.

ARTICLE 1
RECOGNITION

Section 1 – Recognition:

The District of Columbia Government (hereinafter referred to as the "District" or "Employer") hereby recognizes as the sole and exclusive representative for the purpose of collective bargaining, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, District of Columbia District Council 20, and its affiliated Local Unions (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Union" or "AFSCME") for each of the bargaining units under the personnel authority of the Mayor for which AFSCME is the certified collective bargaining representative.

Section 2 - Bargaining Units Descriptions:

This Agreement may also include agencies with independent personnel authority if they have executed an addendum opting to be covered by the provisions herein.

Section 3 - Coverage:

AFSCME, the certified exclusive representative of all employees in the bargaining unit referenced above, shall be responsible for representing the interests of employees in the units without discrimination as to membership; provided, however, that an employee who does not pay dues or service fees may be required by the Union to pay reasonable costs for personal representation.

Section 4 – New Units:

Bargaining units of employees under the administrative jurisdiction of the Mayor of the District of Columbia certified during the term of this Agreement shall be covered by the provisions of this Agreement, if agreed to by the parties.

Section 5 – Unit Clarification(s):

The Union and the Employer shall file a Joint Petition with the Public Employee Relations Board (hereinafter referenced as PERB) to clarify and correct inaccuracies contained on the current unit certifications. Prior to filing of the joint petition, the Union and Employer shall confer on the revised unit descriptions.

ARTICLE 2
MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Section 1 – Management Rights in Accordance with the Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act (CMPA):

(a) Management's rights shall be administered consistent with D.C. Official Code §1-617.08, 2001 edition as amended.

(b) All matters shall be deemed negotiable except those that are proscribed by this subchapter. Negotiations concerning compensation are authorized to the extent provided in Sections 1-617.16 and 1-617.17.

Section 2 - Impact of the Exercise of Management Rights:

Management rights are not subject to negotiations; however, in the Employer's exercise of such rights, the Union may request the opportunity to bargain the impact and effects, where there has been an adverse impact upon employees regarding terms and conditions of employment.

ARTICLE 3
UNION RIGHTS AND SECURITY

Section 1 – Exclusive Agent:

The District shall not negotiate with any other employee organization or group with reference to terms and/or conditions of employment for employees represented by AFSCME. AFSCME shall have the right of unchallenged representation in its bargaining units for the duration of this Agreement in accordance with PERB Interim Rules, Section 502.9(b).

Section 2 – Meeting Space:

Upon request at least one day in advance, the Employer will provide meeting space as available for bargaining unit business. Except as provided elsewhere in this Agreement, meetings will be held on the non-work time of all employees attending the meetings. The Union will be responsible for maintaining decorum at meetings on the Employer's premises and for restoring the space to the same condition to which it existed prior to the meetings.

Section 3 – Access to Employees:

The Union shall have access to all new and rehired employees to explain Union membership, services and programs. Such access shall occur during either a formal orientation session or upon

such employees' reporting to their work site within thirty (30) calendar days of employees' appointment or reappointment.

Section 4 - Dues Checkoff:

The Employer agrees to deduct union dues bi-weekly from the pay of employee members upon proper authorization. The employee must complete and sign Form 277 to authorize the withholding. The amount to be deducted shall be certified to the Employer in writing by the appropriate official of District Council 20. It is the responsibility of the employee and the Union to bring errors or changes in status to the attention of the Employer. Corrections or changes will be made at the earliest opportunity after notification is received but in no case will changes be made retroactively. Union dues withholding authorization may be cancelled upon written notification to the Union and the Employer within the thirty (30) calendar day period prior to the anniversary date of this Agreement. When Union dues are cancelled, the Employer shall withhold a service fee in accordance with Section 5 of this Article.

Section 5 - Service Fees:

In keeping with the principle that employees who benefit by the Agreement should share in the cost of its administration, the Union shall require that employees who do not pay Union dues shall pay an amount (not to exceed Union dues) that represents the cost of negotiation and/or representation. Such deductions shall be allowed when the Union presents evidence that at least 51% of the employees in the unit are members of the Union.

Section 6 – Cost of Processing:

The Employer shall deduct $.05 per deduction (dues or service fee) per pay period from each employee who has dues or service fees deducted. This amount represents the fair value of the cost to the Employer for performing the administrative services and is payable to the Office of Labor Relations and Collective Bargaining.

Section 7 - Hold Harmless:

The Union shall indemnify, defend and hold the Employer harmless against any and all claims, demands and other forms of liability, which may arise from the operation of this Article. In any case in which a judgment is entered against the Employer as a result of the deduction of dues or other fees, the amount held to be improperly deducted from an employee's pay and actually transferred to the Union by the Employer, shall be returned to the Employer or conveyed by the Union to the employee(s), as appropriate.

ARTICLE 4
LABOR-MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

Section 1 – Labor-Management Partnerships:

Consistent with the principles of the D.C. Labor-Management Partnership Council, the parties agree to establish and support appropriate partnerships within the individual agencies covered by this Agreement. The purpose of such partnership will be to promote labor-management cooperation within a high-quality work environment designed to improve the quality of services delivered to the public.

Agency partnership should ordinarily be made up of equal numbers of high-level officials of labor and management who will meet regularly to consider such issues as they choose to discuss. Decisions by the partnership are by consensus only.

Section 2 – Labor-Management Contract Review Committee:

Appropriate high-level management and union representatives shall meet at least monthly, at either party's request, to discuss problems covering the implementation of this Agreement. The findings and recommendations of the Contract Review Committee will be referred to the Director for action. The Director or his/her designee shall respond in writing to any written finding and recommendation of the committee within a reasonable period.

ARTICLE 5
DISCRIMINATION

Section 1 – General Provisions:

The Employer agrees that it will not in any way discriminate against any employee because of his/her membership or affiliation in or with the Union or service in any capacity on behalf of the Union. Each employee of the District Government has the right, freely and without fear of penalty or reprisal:

(1) To form, join and assist a labor organization or to refrain from this activity;

(2) To engage in collective bargaining concerning terms and conditions of employment, as may be appropriate under this law and rules and regulations through a duly designated majority representative; and,

(3) To be protected in the exercise of these rights.

Neither party to this Agreement will discriminate against any employee with regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, martial status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, family responsibilities, matriculation, physical handicap, political affiliation, or as otherwise provided by law.

Section 2 – Equal Employment Practices:

The Employer agrees to vigorously continue the implementation of its Equal Employment opportunity Program as approved by the Director, D.C. Office of Human Rights. For the purpose of this Agreement, the Department/Agency's Affirmative Action Plan will be observed. Progress reports will be sent to the Union periodically as to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan.

The Union shall designate an Affirmative Action Coordinator who shall, upon request, attend meetings of the Department's Affirmative Action Counselors, and be permitted to meet with Department EEO officials to discuss implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan including Departmental policies and programs.

Vacancy Announcements for Departmental vacancies shall be posted at all work locations. One copy of the notice shall be supplied to appropriate Union Shop Stewards.

Section 3 – Discrimination Charges:

Any charges of discrimination shall be considered by the appropriate administrative agency having jurisdiction over the matter and shall therefore not be subject to the negotiated grievance procedure.

ARTICLE 6
UNION RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1 – Union Stewards:

Union Stewards shall be designated by the Union and shall be recognized as employee representatives. Union Stewards shall be employed at the same work area or shift as employees they are designated to represent. When a union steward is transferred by an action of management (not including promotion or transfer at the employee's request), the steward may continue to act as a steward for his/her former work site for a period not to exceed 45 days from original notification. The Union will supply the Employer with lists of stewards' names, which shall be posted on appropriate bulletin boards. The Union shall notify the Employer of changes in the roster of Stewards. Stewards are authorized to perform and discharge union duties and responsibilities, which may be assigned to them under the terms of this Agreement.

Section 2 – Performance of Duties:

Stewards shall obtain permission from their immediate supervisors prior to leaving their work assignments to properly and expeditiously carry out their duties during a reasonable amount of official time to be estimated in advance whenever possible. Before attempting to see an employee, the Steward will obtain permission from the employee's supervisor. Such permission will be granted unless the employee cannot be immediately relieved from his assigned duties, in which case permission will be granted as soon as possible thereafter. If the immediate supervisor is unavailable, permission will be requested from the next highest level of supervision. Requests by Stewards for permission to meet with employees and/or by employees to meet with Stewards will not require prior explanation to the supervisor of the problems involved other than to identify the area to be visited and the general purpose of the visit i.e., grievance investigation, labor-management meetings, negotiation sessions, etc.

A Steward thus engaged will report back to his/her supervisor on completion of such duties and return to their job. The employer agrees that there shall be no restraint, interference, coercion, or discrimination against a Steward in the performance of such duties.

Section 3 – Union Activities on Employer's Time and Premises:

The Employer agrees that during working hours, on the Employer's premises and without loss of pay, in accordance with Article 6 of this Agreement, Union representatives shall be allowed to:

A. Post Union notices on designated Union bulletin boards (with a copy given to the Employer);

B. Attend negotiation meetings;

C. Transmit communications authorized by the District Council and Local Union or its officers to the Employer or his/her representative;

D. Consult with the Employer or his/her representative, District Council and Local Union Officers, other Union representatives or employers, concerning the enforcement of any provisions of this Agreement, and other Labor-Management activities. Official time does not include internal Union activities; and

E. Solicitation of Union membership and distribution of literature shall be confined to the non-working time of all employees involved and out of sight of the public.

Section 4 – Visits by Union Representatives:

The Employer agrees that representatives of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees whether local, Union representatives, District council representatives, or

International representatives shall have full and free access except in secured areas, to the premises of the Employer at any time during working hours to conduct Union business. Advance notification will be given to the appropriate supervisor of the facility to be visited to permit scheduling that will cause minimal disruption of the work activities.

Section 5 – Union Insignia:

The Employer agrees that the employee has a right to participate and identify with the Union as his/her representative in collective bargaining matters; therefore, the Employer agrees that such identification devices as emblems, buttons and pins supplied by the Union to the employees within the bargaining unit may be worn on their uniforms, except for uniformed police.

Section 6 – Official Time:

Union representatives who engage in labor management activities during working hours shall indicate on the "Official Time Report" the activity performed. No Union representative will be disadvantaged in the assessment of his/her performance based on use of documented official time while conducting labor management business.

OFFICIAL TIME REPORT REPORTING PERIOD (each pay period)

OFFICIAL TIME SPENT ON LABOR-MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES FROM: TO:

Name of Union Representative (Last Name, First, Middle Initial) Name of Supervisor Submitting Report

Organization (Agency, Division, Branch)

Representational Functions of Official Time (Activity) as identified in the Agreement. [See Reverse Side]

DATE	Requested Time FROM: am/pm	TO: am/pm	Activity (1-8) Identify all that apply	Supv. Approving Initials	Actual Time FROM: am/pm	TO: am/pm	Total Time Used	Union Rep. Initial	Supv. Approving Initials

REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS OF OFFICIAL TIME (Activity)

1	Labor negotiations.
2	Contacts between employee representatives and employees provided for in the negotiated grievance procedure.
3	Grievance meetings and arbitration hearings.
4	Disciplinary or adverse action meetings, if the Union is designated as representative of the employee.
5	Attendance at an examination of an employee who reasonably believe he or she may be the subject of a disciplinary or adverse action and the employee has requested representation.
6	Attendance at board or other committee meetings on which the Union representatives are authorized membership by the Employer or the Agreement.
7	Attendance at meetings between the Employer and the Union.
8	Attendance at agency recognized/sponsored activities to which the Union has been invited.

Distribution: Original to Office of Labor Relations & Collective Bargaining
Copy kept by Supervisor & Union Representative

ARTICLE 7
DISCIPLINE

Section 1:

Discipline shall be imposed for cause, as provided in the D.C. Official Code § 1-616.51 (2001 ed.).

Section 2:

For the purposes of this Article, discipline shall include the following:

a. **Corrective Actions**: Written reprimands or suspensions of nine (9) days or less;

b. **Adverse Actions**: Removal, suspension for more than nine (9) days; or a reduction in rank or grade or pay for cause.

Section 3:

Discipline will be appropriate to the circumstances, and shall be primarily corrective, rather than punitive in nature. After discovery of the incident, the investigations shall be conducted in a timely manner and discipline shall be imposed upon the conclusion of any investigation or the gathering of any required documents, consistent with the principle of progressive discipline and D.C. Office of Personnel regulations.

Section 4:

If a supervisor has reason to discipline an employee, it shall be done in a manner that will not embarrass the employee before other employees or the public.

Section 5:

Unless there is a reasonable cause to believe that an employee's conduct is an immediate hazard to the agency, the employee or other employees, or is detrimental to public health, safety or welfare, an employee against whom adverse action is proposed shall be entitled to at least thirty (30) days advance written notice of proposed adverse action (or fifteen (15) days if corrective action is proposed). The notice will identify the causes and the reasons for the proposed action.

Section 6:

Recognizing that the Union is the exclusive representative of the employees in the bargaining unit, the Department shall in good faith attempt to notify the Union of proposed disciplinary actions. Each Department shall notify the union of the method of notification. Further the Employer agrees

to notify the employee of his or her right to representation in corrective or adverse actions. The material upon which the proposed discipline is based shall be made available to the employee and his/her authorized representatives for review. The employee or his/her authorized representative will be entitled to receive a copy of the material upon written request.

Any information that cannot be disclosed to the employee, his representative, or physician shall not be used to support the proposed action.

Section 7:

Except in the special circumstances referred to in Section 5 above, an employee shall be entitled to at least ten (10) workdays to answer the notice of proposed corrective or adverse action. If the proposed action is removal, the employee shall upon request, be granted an opportunity to be heard prior to a final decision. This opportunity to be heard shall be afforded by a person designated by the agency head. This person shall not be in the supervisory chain between the proposing and/or deciding official(s) and shall not be subordinate to the proposing official. This person shall review the employee's answer, discuss the proposed action with the employee and/or his representative and appropriate representatives of the Employer and make a recommendation to the deciding official who will act upon the recommendation, as he/she deems proper.

Section 8:

The person proposing a disciplinary action shall not be the deciding official unless the proposing official is the agency head or Director of Personnel.

Section 9:

Except in the special circumstances referred to in Section 5 above, an employee against whom a corrective or adverse action has been proposed shall be kept in an active duty status during the notice period.

Section 10:

The deciding official shall issue a written decision within forty-five (45) calendar days from the date of receipt of the notice of proposed action which shall withdraw the notice of proposed action or sustain the proposed action in whole or in part. The forty-five (45) day period for issuing a final decision may be extended by agreement of the employee and the deciding official. If the proposed action is sustained in whole or in part, the written decision shall identify which causes have been sustained and which have been dismissed, describe whether the proposal penalty has been sustained or reduced and inform the employee of his or her right to appeal or grieve the decision, and the right to be represented. The final decision shall also specify the effective date of this action.

Section 11:

In any circumstance in which the Employer has reasonable cause to believe that an employee's conduct is an immediate hazard to the employing agency, to the employee involved or other employees, or is detrimental to public health, safety or welfare the Employer may place an employee on administrative leave whether or not notice of proposed action has been given to the employee.

Section 12:

Notice of final decision, dated and signed by the deciding official, shall be delivered to the employee on or before the time the action is effective. If the employee is not in a duty status at that time, the notice shall be sent to the employee's last known address by certified or registered mail.

Section 13:

Except as provided in Section 14 of this Article, employees may grieve actions through the negotiated grievance procedure, or appeal to the office of Employee Appeals (OEA) in accordance with OEA regulations but not both. Once the employee has selected the review procedure, that choice shall be the exclusive method of review.

Section 14:

The removal of an employee during his or her probationary period is neither grievable nor appealable and shall be done in accordance with the DPM.

Section 15:

If a final decision is grieved through the negotiated grievance procedure a written grievance shall be filed with the deciding official within fifteen (15) workdays after the effective date of the action.

Section 16 – Troubled Employees:

In appropriate cases, consideration shall be given to correcting the problem through the D.C. Consultation and Counseling Service. When the District implements a new employee assistance program, this shall take the place of the D.C. Consultation and Counseling Service.

Section 17:

Whenever an employee is questioned by a supervisor with respect to a matter for which a disciplinary action is intended against the employee, the employee may, upon request, consult with a union official or other representative. Upon such request, the supervisor will stop the questioning until the employee can consult with such representative, but in no event will such questioning be

delayed beyond the end of the employee's following shift. When and if questioning is resumed, an employee may have a union official or other representative present.

ARTICLE 8
TRAINING AND CAREER LADDER

Section 1 – Basic Training:

Other than skills necessary to qualify for the position, the Employer agrees to provide each employee with basic training or orientation for the safe and effective performance of his/her job. Such training shall be provided at the Employer's expense and, if possible, during the employee's regular workday. If the employee is required to participate in training outside of regular work hours, the employee will be compensated in accordance with the Compensation Units 1 and 2 Agreement. Continued training shall be within budgetary constraints.

Section 2 - Continued Training Opportunities:

The Employer will encourage and assist employees in obtaining career related training and education outside the Department by collecting and posting current information available on training and educational opportunities. The Employer will inform employees of time or expense assistance the Employer may be able to provide.

Section 3 - Career Ladder:

The parties recognize and endorse the value of employee training and career ladder programs. Both parties subscribe to the principles of providing career development opportunities for employees who demonstrate potential for advancement. The feasibility of upward mobility and training programs for unit employees shall be a proper subject for labor-management meetings. Career ladder promotions when effected, shall be in accordance with DPM Chapter 8, Part II, Subpart 8, and Appendix A.

Section 4 - Experience Verification:

When an institution of higher learning provides credit for on the-job experience, the Employer will, at the request of the employee, provide pertinent information to verify the employee's experience with the District. The employee shall provide the relevant documents and information necessary for the release of the employee's information to the relevant institution.

Section 5 - Union Sponsored Career Advancement Programs:

Management and the Union support the objective of meaningful career advancement for District Government workers in the areas of promotion, transfers and filling of vacancies. In keeping with this objective, the Union will investigate and develop programs to enhance opportunities for

career advancement such as: career counseling services; placement of career planning resource materials on site; correspondence course arrangements with area colleges, universities, vocational and technical schools; and workshops on resume writing and interview skills.

Programs that are developed will be presented and discussed during appropriate labor-management committee meetings for review and consideration.

ARTICLE 9
SAFETY AND HEALTH

Section 1 - Working Conditions:

A. The District shall provide and maintain safe and healthful working conditions for all employees as required by applicable laws. It is understood that the District may exceed standards established by regulations consistent with the objectives set by law. The Employer will make every effort to provide and maintain safe working conditions. AFSCME will cooperate in these efforts by encouraging its members to work in a safe manner and to obey established safety practices and regulations.

B. Matters involving safety and health will be governed by the D.C. Occupational Safety and Health Plan in accordance with Subchapter XXI of the Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act (1980, as amended). The District will promptly make every effort to qualify its plan under the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) as established by the U.S. Department of Labor.

C. The District shall furnish and maintain each work place in accordance with standards provided within this Section.

Section 2 - Employees Working Alone:

Employees shall not be required to work alone in areas beyond the call, observation or periodic check of others where dangerous chemicals, explosives, toxic gases, radiation, laser light, high voltage or rotary machinery are to be handled, or in known dangerous situations whenever the health and safety of an employee would be endangered by working alone.

Section 3 - Corrective Actions:

A. If an employee observes a condition, which he or she, believes to be unsafe, the employee should report the condition to the immediate supervisor.

B. If the supervisor and employee agree that a condition constitutes an immediate hazard to the health and safety of the employee, the supervisor shall take immediate precautions to protect the employee.

C. If the supervisor and employee do not agree that a condition constitutes an immediate hazard to the health and safety of the employee, the matter may be immediately referred by the employee to the next level supervisor or designee. The supervisor or designee shall meet as soon as possible with the employee and his or her AFSCME representative, and shall make a determination.

D. Employees shall not be required to operate equipment that has been determined by the Employer or the appropriate D.C. Safety Officer to be unsafe to use, when by doing so they might injure themselves or others.

Section 4 - Medical Service: On-the-Job Injury:

A. The District shall make first-aid kits reasonably available for use in case of on-the-job injuries. If additional treatment appears to be necessary, the District shall arrange immediately for transportation to an appropriate medical facility.

B. The need for additional first-aid kits will be an appropriate issue for Safety Committee determination. Recommendations of the Safety Committee will be referred to the appropriate agency officials.

Section 5 - Safety Devices and Equipment:

Protective devices and protective equipment shall be provided by the District and shall be used by the employees.

Section 6 - Safety Training:

A. The District shall provide safety training to employees as necessary for performance of their job. Issues involving safety training may be presented to the Safety Committee established in Section 8(A).

B. The District shall provide CPR training to all employees who request such training.

Section 7 - Information on Toxic Substances:

Employees who have been identified by the Safety Committee and the Department or District Safety Officer as having been exposed to a toxic substance (including, but not limited to asbestos) in sufficient quantity or duration to meet District Government standards shall receive appropriate health screening. In the absence of District Government standards, the Safety Committee and Safety Officer will refer to standards established by other appropriate authorities such as Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) or the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Section 8 - Safety Committees:

A. A Safety Committee of three (3) representatives from AFSCME and three (3) representatives from the District is hereby established in each department/agency.

B. One (1) AFSCME and one (1) District representative shall each serve as co-chairpersons of the Committee. The Agency's Risk Management official shall serve on the Safety Committee as one of the Agency's representative.

C. The Safety Committee shall:

1. Meet on a monthly basis, unless mutually agreed otherwise. Prior to regularly scheduled monthly meeting, labor and management must submit their respective agendas to each other at least five (5) days in advance;

2. Conduct safety surveys, consider training needs, and make recommendations to the agency/department head and the Office of Risk Management;

3. Receive appropriate health and safety training.

D. Final reports or responses from agency/department heads (or designees) shall be provided to the Safety Committee within a reasonable period of time on safety matters initiated by the Committee.

E. In departments/agencies where there is more than one Local Union, there shall be a safety committee for each Local Union, unless otherwise agreed upon.

F. Safety Committees may be reorganized upon agreement of both parties.

Section 9 - Medical Qualification Requirements:

The District agrees to abide by the provisions of Chapter 8, Sections 848.19 and 848.20 of the D.C. Personnel Regulations as published in the D.C. Register, Volume 32, April 5, 1985 (32 DCR 1858, 1911).

Section 10 - Light Duty:

A. The District agrees to provide light duty assignments for Employees injured on the job to the extent that such light duty is available as follows:

1. To be eligible for light duty, the employee must be certified by the employee's attending physician. The certification must identify the employee's impairments and the type of light duty he or she is capable of performing.

2. The Employee will be given light duty assignments for which he or she is qualified, initially within his or her own Bureau or organizational unit. If light duty is not available within the Bureau or organizational unit, suitable work will be sought elsewhere in the department/agency.

3. Light duty assignments shall not normally extend beyond 45 working days. However, if there are no other requests for light duty, this period may be extended until such time as the request is made by another employee. Employees unable to perform their regularly assigned duties after the expiration of that time shall make application for disability compensation or exercise such other options as may be available to employees under the provisions of this Agreement or under law, and in accordance with paragraph 5 below.

4. Where there are more requests for light duty than there are light duty assignments, assignments shall be made in the order of earlier date of request.

5. When light duty is not available, an employee must return to full duty or seek compensation or retirement from appropriate channels, or other assistance as may be available in accordance with Section 9. In the event compensation or retirement is not approved, the employee may be required to take a fitness for duty examination and may be separated if (a) found unfit to perform or (b) found fit but refuses to report for full duty.

Section 11 - Excessive Temperatures in Buildings:

Employees, other than those determined by the Employer to be essential, shall be released from duty or reassigned to other duties of a similar nature at a suitably temperate site because of excessively hot or cold conditions in the building. This determination will be made by the Employer as expeditiously as possible and shall be based upon existing procedures. In lieu of dismissal, the Employer may reassign employees to other duties of similar nature at a suitably temperate site. The cost of authorized transportation will be assumed by the Employer. Administrative leave will be granted if authorized by the Mayor or his or her designee.

Section 12 - Employee Health Services:

Employees covered by this Agreement shall have access to employee health services provided by the Employer consistent with the Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act (D.C. Law 2-139). Employee health services shall include such services as provisions for emergency diagnosis and emergency treatment of illness, physical examination including, but not limited to, pre-employment, fitness for duty or disability retirement evaluation; treatment of minor illness; preventive services; health information to assist employees to protect, conserve, and improve physical and mental health; and counseling and appropriate referrals to the D.C. Consultation and Counseling Service.

Section 13 - Maintenance of Health Records:

Medical records of employees shall be maintained in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 31 of the D.C. Government regulations that maintain confidentiality of those records. Medical records shall not be disclosed to anyone except in compliance with applicable rules relating to disclosure of information. Copies of rules relating to medical information will be made available to AFSCME.

Section 14:

A. The Employer agrees to follow Mayor's order 87-95 regarding ergonomic policy for use of video display terminals.

B. VDT continuous users who operate a VDT for more than two continuous hours shall be allowed to move out of their chairs for brief periods to perform other tasks as specified by their supervisor.

C. If a pregnant employee, who is a continuous VDT user, submits a medical statement from her physician which recommends limiting her use of the VDT during the term of her pregnancy because of exposure to radiation, reasonable consideration will be given to providing the employee with other available duties, within the work unit, for which she is qualified and which her doctor certifies that she can perform.

Section 15:

The Employer agrees to provide the Union with a copy of all current D.C. Safety Officers, and revisions as they occur.

ARTICLE 10
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1 – Work Rules:

Employees will be advised of verbal and written work rules, which they are required to follow. The Employer agrees that proposed new written work rules and the revision of existing written work rules shall be subject to notice and consultation with the Union.

Section 2 - Distribution of Agreement:

The Employer and the Union agree to share equally in the cost of reproducing this contract for employees and supervisors. The parties shall mutually agree upon the cost and number of copies to be printed.

ARTICLE 11
BULLETIN BOARDS

The Employer agrees to furnish suitable Bulletin Boards and/or space to be placed at locations mutually acceptable to the Union and the Employer. The Union shall limit its posting of notices and bulletins to such Bulletin Boards.

ARTICLE 12
PERSONNEL FILES

Section 1 - Official Files:

The Employer shall maintain the official files of all personnel in all units covered by this Agreement in the Office of Personnel. Records of corrective actions or adverse actions shall be removed from an employee's official file in accordance with the DPM.

Section 2 - Right to Examine:

Each employee shall have the right to examine the contents of his/her personnel files upon request.

Section 3 – Right to Respond:

Each employee shall have the right to answer any material filed in his/her personnel file and his/her answer shall be attached to the material to which it relates.

Section 4 - Right to Copy:

An employee may copy any material in his/her personnel file.

Section 5 – Access by Union:

Upon presentation of written authorization by an employee, the Union representative may examine the employee's personnel file and make copies of the material.

Section 6 – Confidential Information:

The DC Office of Personnel shall keep all arrests by the Metropolitan Police, fingerprint records, and other confidential reports in a confidential file apart from the official personnel folder.

Section 7 - Employee to Receive Copies:

A. The employee shall receive a copy of all material placed in his/her folder in accordance with present personnel practices. Consistent with this Article when the Employer sends documents to be placed in an employee's personnel folder which could result in disciplinary action or non-routine documents which may adversely affect the employee, the employee shall be asked to acknowledge receipt of the document. The employee's signature does not imply agreement with the material but simply indicates he/she received a copy.

B. If an employee alleges that he/she was not asked to acknowledge receipt of material placed in his/her personnel folder as provided in this section the employee will be given the opportunity to respond to that document and the response will be included in the folder.

Section 8 – Access by Others:

The Employer shall inform the employee of all requests outside of the normal for information about him/her or from his/her personnel folder. The access card signed by all those who have requested and have been given access to the employee's file shall be available for review by the employee.

ARTICLE 13
SENIORITY

Section 1 - Definition:

Seniority means an employee's length of continuous service with the Employer from his/her date of hire for purposes of this Article only. Employees hired on the same day shall use alphabetical order of surname in determining seniority.

Section 2 - Breaks in Continuous Service:

An employee's continuous service shall be broken by voluntary resignation, discharge for cause or retirement. If an employee returns to his former, or a comparable, position within one year, the seniority he had at the time of his/her departure will be restored but he/she shall not accrue additional seniority during his/her period of absence.

Section 3 - Seniority Lists:

Each agency with employees covered by this Agreement shall provide the Union semi-annually with list of names of employees represented by the Union in that Agency. The list will be in seniority order as defined by Section 1 of this Article. Also, each agency will supply the Union semi-annually with lists of new hires in bargaining unit positions and with names of unit employees who have left the agency since the last seniority list.

Section 4 - Reassignments:

A reassignment requested by an employee to a position in the same classification within an agency/department may be effected by mutual agreement.

Section 5 - Promotions:

A. Whenever a job opening occurs, in any existing job classification or as the result of the development or establishment of a new job classification, a notice of such opening shall be posted on all bulletin boards for ten (10) working days prior to the closing date. A copy of the notices of job openings will be given to the appropriate Union Steward at the time of posting.

B. During this period, employees who wish to apply for the open position or job including employees on layoff may do so. The application shall be in writing, and it shall be submitted to the appropriate Personnel Office.

C. Management has the right to determine job qualifications, provided they are limited to those factors' directly required to satisfactorily perform his/her job. Where all job factors are relatively equal, the employee with the greatest departmental seniority within the unit shall be promoted.

Section 6 - Change to Lower Grade:

A. The term "change to lower grade", as used in this provision means change of assignment from a position in one job classification to a lower paying position in the same job classification.

B. Demotions may be made to avoid laying off employees, to provide for employees who request a change to lower grade for personal convenience, or to change an employee to a lower grade when he/she is unable to perform satisfactorily the duties of his/her position.

Section 7 - Individual Work Schedules:

Work schedule changes initiated by the Employer affecting an individual employee shall be in accord with department/agency seniority, except where specific skills are needed.

Section 8 - Pay for Work Performed in Higher Graded Position:

A. Employees detailed or assigned to perform the duties of a higher graded position for more than four (4) pay periods in any calendar year shall receive the pay of the higher graded position. Assignment to a higher graded position for periods of at least one (1) pay period shall count toward the accumulation of the four (4) pay period requirement. The applicable rate of pay will be determined by application of D.C. government procedures concerning grade and step placement for

temporary promotions, and will be effective the first pay period beginning after the qualifying period has passed. An employee on detail to a lower graded position shall maintain the pay for his/her original position. Advance notice will be given to the Union of any detail exceeding one pay period.

B. This provision shall not apply to training programs.

C. Issues involving changed or additional duties assigned to an employee, within his/her present position, shall be considered in accordance with position classification procedures.

ARTICLE 14
INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

Section 1 – Inclement Weather Work:

A. Any full-time employee who is scheduled to report for work and who presents himself for work as scheduled shall be assigned to at least eight (8) hours work.

B. If weather conditions do not permit the employee to perform his/her regularly scheduled duties and there is no other work available in line with his/her normal duties, the employee shall be given the option to perform other work or be paid at his/her regular rate for a minimum of four (4) hours and released from duty at his/her election on annual leave or leave without pay.

C. Employees working on snow detail or who are required to shovel snow shall be assigned in the following order:

1. Volunteers
2. In the inverse order of seniority

D. Employees with established health concerns may request to be exempt from snow shoveling assignments.

Section 2 - Reporting Time:

A. During inclement weather where the District Government has declared an emergency, employees (other than those designated emergency employees) will be given a reasonable amount of time to report for duty without charge to leave. Those employees required to remain on their post until relieved will be compensated at the appropriate overtime rate or compensatory leave for the time it takes his/her relief to report for duty.

B. The Employer agrees to dismiss all non-emergency employees when early dismissal is authorized by higher officials during inclement weather.

ARTICLE 15
HOURS OF WORK

Section 1 - Workday:

Except as provided in this Article, the normal workday for full-time employees shall consist of eight (8) hours of work within a 24-hour period. The normal hours of work shall be consecutive except that they may be interrupted by a lunch period.

Section 2 - Workweek:

Except as provided in this Article, the workweek for full-time employees shall normally consist of five (5) consecutive days, eight (8) hours of work, Monday through Friday, totaling forty (40) hours. Special schedules will be established for employees, other than employees in continuous operations, who are required to work on Saturday, Sunday or seasonal schedules as part of their regular workweek.

Section 3 - Continuous Operations and Shifts:

The workday for employees in 24-hour continuous operations shall consist of eight hours of work. Work schedules for employees assigned to shifts, showing the employee's workdays, and hours, shall be posted on appropriate bulletin boards. All employees shall be scheduled to work regular work shifts i.e., each work shift shall have a regular starting and quitting time.

Section 4 - Changes in Work Schedules:

Except in emergencies, regular work schedules shall not be changed without ten (10) working days advance notice.

Section 5 - Flexible/Alternative Work Schedules:

A. The normal work hours may be adjusted to allow for flexible/ alternative work schedules, with appropriate adjustments in affected leave and compensation items (e.g., overtime, premium pay, compensatory leave, etc.). Such schedules may be appropriate where (1) it is cost effective, (2) it increases employee morale and productivity, or (3) it better serves the needs of the public. The Union will be given advance notice (when flexible/alternative work schedules are proposed) and shall be given the opportunity to consult.

B. An alternative work schedule will provide that overtime compensation will not begin until the regularly scheduled workday or tour of duty has been completed. Other premiums will be based on the regularly scheduled workday of the employees. An alternative work schedule shall not affect the existing leave system. Leave will continue to be earned at the same number of hours per pay period as for employees on five (5) day, forty (40) hour schedules and will be changed on an hour-by-hour basis.

ARTICLE 16
ADMINISTRATION OF LEAVE

Section 1 – General:

Employees shall be eligible to use leave in accordance with the personnel rules and regulations. Any request for a leave of absence shall be submitted in writing by the employee to his/her immediate supervisor. The request shall state the length of time off the employee desires, the type of leave requested and the reason for the request. An excused absence is an absence from duty without loss of pay and without charge to leave when such absence is authorized by statute or administrative discretion.

Section 2 - Annual Leave:

A. **Normal Requests for Leave:** A request for a short leave of absence, not to exceed three days, shall be requested in writing on the proper form and answered before the end of the work shift in which the request is submitted. A request for a leave of absence between four to seven days must be submitted five (5) calendar days in advance and answered within five days, except for scheduled vacations, as provided for in Section 2 of this Article. If the request is disapproved, the supervisor shall return the SF-71 with reasons for the disapproval indicated. Requests for annual leave shall not be unreasonably denied.

B. **Emergency Requests:** Any employee's request for immediate leave due to family death or sickness shall be granted or denied immediately.

C. **Carryover:** Annual leave, which is not used, may be accumulated from year to year. In general, the maximum allowable leave is thirty (30) days, unless the employee had a greater amount of allowable leave at the beginning of the leave year. Employees shall receive a lump sum leave payment for all accrued annual leave not used at the time of retirement, resignation or other separation from the employer, consistent with the negotiated Compensation Agreement.

D. **Vacation Schedules:** Every effort will be made to grant employees leave during the time requested. If the operations would suffer by scheduling all requests during a given period of time, a schedule will be worked out with all conflicts to be resolved by the application of seniority. After vacations are posted, no changes shall be made unless mutually agreeable or an emergency arises. Employees will be encouraged to schedule vacations through the year.

Section 3 - Sick Leave:

A. Requests:

1. Supervisors shall approve sick leave of employees incapacitated from the performance of their duties. Employees shall request sick leave as far in advance as possible prior to the start of their regular tour of duty on the first day of absence.

2. Sick leave shall be requested and approved in advance for visits to and/or appointments with doctors, dentists, practitioners, opticians, and chiropractors for the purpose of securing diagnostic examinations, treatments and x-rays.

3. Employees shall not be required to furnish a doctor's certificate to substantiate requests for approval of sick leave unless such sick leave exceeds three work days continuous duration. However, if Management has given written notice to an employee that there is a good reason to believe that the employee has abused sick leave privileges, then the employee must furnish a doctor's certificate for each absence from work, which is claimed as sick leave regardless of its duration. The Union will encourage employees to conserve sick leave for use during periods of extended illness.

4. Advance sick leave requests will be given prompt consideration by the Employer consistent with Section 3(b) of this Article when the following provisions are met:

(a) The request must be submitted in writing and must be supported by acceptable medical certificates.

(b) All available accumulated sick leave to the employee's credit must be exhausted. The employee must use annual leave he/she might otherwise forfeit.

(c) In the case of employees serving under temporary appointments, or under probationary or trial periods, advance sick leave should not exceed an amount which is reasonably assured will be subsequently earned during such period.

(d) The amount of sick leave advanced to an employee's account will not exceed 240 hours at any time. Where it is known that the employee is to be separated, the total sick leave advanced may not exceed an amount which can be liquidated by subsequent accrual prior to the separation.

(e) There must be a reasonable assurance that the employee will return to duty.

B. Advance Sick Leave: Advance sick leave may be granted to permanent or probationary employees in amounts not to exceed 240 hours. Furthermore, an employee may not be indebted for more than 240 hours of sick leave at any one time. Sick leave may be advanced to

employees holding a limited appointment or one expiring on a specific date, but not in excess of the total sick leave that would accrue during the remaining period of such appointment. In either case the employee request must be supported by a statement from his/her physician attesting that the employee has a serious disability or ailment and is incapacitated for duty and stating the period of time expected to be involved. The request should be denied only if the requirements of Section 3 (a) and (b) are not met or there is a reason to believe that the employee will not return to duty or that he/she has abused the sick leave privilege in the past.

C. All accrued and accumulated sick leave must be exhausted before the advance sick leave is credited. Accrued and accumulated annual leave may remain standing to the credit of employees. The Employer will use its best efforts to answer an employee's request for advanced sick leave within fifteen (15) working days. However, an employee is responsible for applying advance sick leave in writing as far in advance as possible. If the request is denied, the reasons for such denial shall be given in writing. Further, the employee will be given consideration for LWOP consistent with the provisions of personnel rules and regulations.

Section 4 – Other Paid Leave:

A. Military Leave: Full-time employees are entitled to leave as reserve members of the armed forces or as members of the National Guard to the extent provided in D.C. Official Code Section 1-612.03(m) and applicable rules and regulations and the Compensation Units 1 & 2 Agreement, which provide in part the following:

1. Members of the D.C. National Guard are entitled to unlimited military leave without loss of pay for any parade or encampment with the D.C. National Guard when ordered by the Commanding General, excluding weekly drills and meetings.

2. Additional military leave with pay will be granted to full-time employees who are members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces or the National Guard for the purpose of providing military aid to enforce the law for a period not to exceed 22 workdays per calendar year.

B. Court Leave: Employees shall be granted leave of absence with pay anytime they are required to report for jury duty or to appear as a witness on behalf of the District of Columbia Government, or the Federal or a State or Local Government, in accordance with personnel rules and regulations.

C. Voting Leave: Where the polls are not open at least three hours either before or after an employee's regular hours of work, he/she may, upon request, be granted an amount of excused time which will permit him/her to report to work three hours after the polls open or leave work three hours before the polls close, whichever requires the lesser amount of time off. Leave for voting will be allowed in accordance with the personnel rules and regulations.

D. Funeral Leave: Funeral leave shall be granted in accordance with the Compensation Units 1 & 2 Agreement.

E. **Civic Duty:** Upon advance request and adequate justification employees required to appear before a court or other public body on public business in which they are not personally involved shall be granted leave of absence with pay unless paid leave is prohibited by Federal or District Regulations or Statutes.

F. **Examinations:** Employees shall be excused without charge to leave in accordance with personnel rules and regulations for the purpose of taking an employment medical examination and examination for induction or enlistment in the active Armed Forces, a District Government owned vehicle operator examination, a civil service examination or other examination which his/her department has requested him/her to take in order to qualify for reassignment, promotion, or continuance of his/her present job, but not for the reserve Armed Forces. An employee shall also be excused without charge to leave for the purpose of taking an examination whenever, in the judgment of the Department or agency head, the District Government will benefit thereby. Absence from duty in order to take an examination primarily for the employee's own benefit and not connected to the District Government must be requested in accordance with the general leave provisions.

Section 5 - Leave Without Pay:

A. **General:** Leave of absence without pay for a limited period may be granted at the supervisor's discretion for a reasonable purpose if requested in advance in writing.

B. **Union:** Employees elected to any Union office or selected by the Union to do work which takes them from their employment with the Employer shall at the written request of the employee and the Union be granted a leave of absence without pay; provided the written request states the purpose and duration of the absence, and is submitted thirty (30) calendar days in advance of the commencement of the desired period of absence. If the Employer indicates that the requested leave will unduly hamper its operations, it may offer an alternative for consideration by the Union.

C. The initial leave of absence shall not exceed one (1) year. Leaves of absence for Union officials may be extended for similar periods. No more than one employee from a bargaining unit shall be on such extended leave at the same time.

D. **Parenthood Leave:** Maternity leave before and following childbirth shall be granted at the request of the employee. The employee is obligated to advise her supervisor substantially in advance of the anticipated leave date. This period of absence shall be determined by the employee, her physician and her supervisor. Maternity leave is chargeable to sick leave or any combination of sick leave, annual leave, or leave without pay. Paternity leave may be granted for a period of up to two (2) weeks following childbirth, and may be extended at the supervisor's discretion. Such leave shall be a combination of annual leave or leave without pay.

E. Leave may be granted for a period of up to two (2) weeks to an employee who is adopting a child, with extensions made at the discretion of the supervisor. Such leave shall be a combination of annual leave or leave without pay.

F. Union Officer Leave: Attendance at Union sponsored programs may be approved annual leave or leave without pay in accordance with normal leave practices unless Administrative Leave has been approved.

G. Educational Leave: After completing one (1) year of service an employee upon request may be granted a leave of absence for educational purposes provided that successful completion of the course will contribute to the work of the Department. The period of leave of absence may not exceed one (1) year, but may be extended at the discretion of the Employer. If an employee is returning from educational leave during which he/she has acquired the qualification of a higher rated position he/she shall not have lost any of his/her rights in being evaluated for the higher graded position.

ARTICLE 17
ADMINISTRATION OF OVERTIME

Section 1 -Distribution:

Overtime work shall be equally distributed among employees. Specific arrangements for the equitable distribution of overtime shall be agreed to at Union Management Cooperation Meetings. Individual employee qualifications shall be considered when decisions are made on which employees shall be called for overtime work.

Section 2:

Management will solicit volunteers when overtime work is required. In the event a sufficient number of qualified volunteers are not available to perform the job functions, overtime work will be assigned to equally qualified employees in inverse order of seniority, unless a different system is worked out on a local-by-local basis. Instances of hardship should be presented to the supervisor and shall be considered on a case-by-case basis.

ARTICLE 18
WAGES

Section 1:

The salaries and wages of employees shall be paid bi-weekly. In the event the scheduled payday is a holiday, the preceding day shall be the payday. If, for any reason, an employee's paycheck is not available on the prescribed day, or if it does not reflect the full amount due, that employee will be paid as quickly thereafter as is possible, and under no circumstances will he or she be required to wail until the next regular payday.

Section 2:

If an employee's paycheck is delayed, the employee shall immediately notify his/her supervisor. The supervisor shall initiate efforts through the agency controller to obtain a supplemental payment. Supplemental payments will not effectuate normal payroll deductions. Appropriate payroll deductions will be deducted from the employee's subsequent paycheck. (Except DHS, see Attachment 6.)

ARTICLE 19
REDUCTION-IN-FORCE

Section 1 - Definition:

The term reduction-in-force, as used in this Agreement means the separation of a permanent employee, his/her reduction in grade or pay, or his/her reduction in rank because of (a) reorganization, (b) abolishment of his/her position, (c) lack of work, (d) lack of funds, (e) new equipment, (f) job consolidation or (g) displacement by an employee with greater retention rights who was displaced because of (a) through (f) above.

Section 2 – Consultation:

The Employer agrees to consult in advance with the Union prior to reaching decisions that might lead to a reduction-in-force in the bargaining unit. The Employer further agrees to minimize the effect and such reduction-in-force on employees and to consult with the Union toward this end.

Section 3 - Procedure:

A reduction-in-force will be conducted in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act [(CMPA), D.C. Official Code § 1-624].

Section 4 – Impact and Effects Bargaining:

In the event of a reduction-in-force, the Employer shall, upon request, provide the Union with appropriate information to insure that the Union can engage in impact and effects bargaining over the reduction-in-force.

Section 5 - Review of Procedures:

In the event of reduction-in-force, the affected employee will receive credit for his/her performance in accordance with the Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act, [D.C. Official Code Ann., Title 1, Section 1-624 (2001 Edition)].

ARTICLE 20
CONTRACTING OUT

Section 1:

During the term of this Agreement the Department shall not contract out work traditionally performed by employees covered by this Agreement, except where Manpower (including expertise and technology) and/or Equipment in the department/agency are not available to perform such work, when it is determined by the Mayor that budgetary conditions exist requiring contracting out, or when it is determined by the Department that emergency conditions exist requiring such contracting out (provided however that the contracting out is for a period of time that the emergency exists). The Agency shall consult with the Union prior to any formal notice to contract out bargaining unit work.

Section 2:

When there will be adverse impact to bargaining unit employees, the Employer shall consult with the Union thirty (30) days prior to final action, except in emergencies. The Union shall have full opportunity to make its recommendations known to the Employer who will duly consider the Union's position and give reasons in writing to the Union for any contracting out action. The Agency shall consult with the Union to determine if the needs of the Government may be met by means other than contracting out work traditionally performed by bargaining unit employees.

ARTICLE 21
STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

Section 1 - Definition:

The term strike as used herein means any unauthorized concerted work stoppage or slowdown.

Section 2 - Strikes:

It shall be unlawful for any District Government employee or the Union to participate in, authorize or ratify a strike against the District.

Section 3 - Lockouts:

No lockout of employees shall be instituted by the Employer during the term of this Agreement except that the Employer in a strike situation retains the right to close down any facilities to provide for the safety of employees, equipment or the public.

Section 4 - Other Considerations:

At no time however, shall employees be required to act as strikebreakers.

ARTICLE 22
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Section 1:

Any grievance or dispute which may arise between the parties involving the application, meaning or interpretation of this Agreement, shall be settled as described in this Article unless otherwise agreed to by the parties.

Section 2 - Procedure:

This procedure is designed to enable the parties to settle grievances at the lowest possible administrative level. Therefore, grievances should be filed at the lowest level where resolution is possible. Accordingly, a grievance may be filed at the Step in the grievance procedure where the alleged action, which precipitated the grievance, occurred.

Step 1: The employee and/or the Union shall take up the grievance or dispute with the employee's immediate supervisor as soon as is practicable, but no later than fifteen (15) working days from the date of the occurrence or when the Union and/or the employee first had knowledge of or should have known of the occurrence. The supervisor shall attempt to adjust the matter and shall respond to the Steward as soon as is practicable, but not later than fifteen (15) working days after the receipt of the grievance.

Step 2: If the grievance has not been settled, it shall be presented in writing by the employee and/or the Union to the second level supervisor within ten (10) working days after the Step 1 response is due or received, whichever is sooner. The written grievance shall be clearly identified as a grievance submitted under the provisions of this Article, and shall list the contract provision violated, a general description of the incident giving rise to the grievance, the date or approximate date and location of the violation and the remedy sought. The second level supervisor shall respond to the Union and/or employee in writing within ten (10) working days after receipt of the written grievance.

Step 3: If the grievance is still unresolved, it shall be presented in writing by the employee and/or Union to the third level supervisor within ten (10) working days after the Step 2 response is due or received, whichever is sooner. The third level supervisor shall respond in writing (with a copy to the Local President) within ten (10) working days after receipt of the written grievance.

Step 4: If the grievance is still unresolved, it shall be presented by the employee and/or the Union to the Office of the Director or his/her designated representative, in writing within fifteen (15) working days after the Step 3 response is due or received, whichever is sooner. The office of the Director, or his/her designated representative shall respond in writing (with a copy to the Local President) within fifteen (15) working days after the receipt of the written grievance and a copy to the Office of Labor Relations and Collective Bargaining.

Step 5: If the grievance is still unresolved, the Union may by written notice request arbitration within twenty (20) days after the reply at Step 4 is due or received, whichever is sooner.

Section 3 - Union Participation:

A. The Employer shall notify the Union in writing of all grievances filed by the employees, all grievance hearings and determinations when such employees present grievances without the Union. The Union shall have the right to have a representative present at any grievance hearing and shall be given forty-eight (48) hours notice of all grievance hearings.

B. Any grievance of a general nature affecting a large group of employees and which concerns the misinterpretation, misapplication, violation or failure to comply with the provisions of the Agreement shall be filed at the option of the Union at the Step or level of supervision where the grievance originates without resorting to previous steps.

Section 4 - Who May Grieve:

Either an employee or the Union may raise a grievance, and if raised by the employee, the Union may associate itself therewith at any time if the employee so desires. Whenever the Union shall raise or is associated with a grievance under this procedure, such a grievance shall become the Union's grievance with the Employer. If raised by the Union, the employee may not thereafter raise the grievance him/herself, and if raised by the employee, he/she may not thereafter cause the Union to raise the same grievance independently.

Section 5 - Selection of the Arbitrator:

A. The arbitration proceeding shall be conducted by an arbitrator to be selected by the Employer, through the Office of Labor Relations and Collective Bargaining, and by the Union as soon as possible after notice of intent to arbitrate is received. If the parties fail to select an arbitrator, the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) or the American Arbitration Association (AAA) shall be requested to provide a list of seven (7) arbitrators from which an arbitrator shall be selected within seven (7) days after receipt of the list by both parties.

B. Both the Employer and the Union may strike three (3) names from the list using the alternate strike method. The party requesting arbitration shall strike the first name. The arbitration hearing shall be conducted pursuant to the American Arbitration Association guidelines unless modified by this Agreement.

Section 6 - Decision of the Arbitrator:

The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties and shall not be inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement. The arbitrator shall be requested to render his/her decision in writing within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the arbitration hearing.

Section 7 - Expenses of the Arbitrator:

Expenses for the arbitrator's services and the proceeding shall be borne equally by the Employer and the Union. However, each party shall be responsible for compensating its own representatives and witnesses. If either party desires a record of the arbitration proceedings, it may cause such a recording to be made, providing it pays for the record and make copies available without charge to the other party and the arbitrator.

Section 8 - Time Off For Grievance Hearings:

The Employee, Union Steward and/or Union representative shall upon request, be permitted to meet and discuss grievances with designated management officials at each step of the Grievance Procedure within the time specified consistent with Section 3 of Article 6 on Union Stewards.

Section 9 – Time Limits:

All time limits set forth, in this Article may be extended by mutual consent, but if not so extended, must be strictly observed. If the matter in dispute is not resolved within the time period provided for in any step, the next step may be invoked.

Section 10:

Matters not within the jurisdiction of the department/agency will not be processed as a grievance under this Article unless the matter is specifically included in another provision of this Agreement or the Compensation Agreement.

Section 11:

A. The parties agree that a process of grievance mediation may facilitate satisfactory solutions to grievances prior to arbitration. Therefore, on an experimental basis and when mutually agreed to by the parties, a mediator may be selected and utilized to facilitate settlements. The mediator may not impose a settlement on the parties, and any settlement reached will not be precedential unless otherwise agreed to by the parties on a case-by-case basis.

B. Grievances may be combined for the purpose of mediation upon mutual agreement by the parties.

ARTICLE 23
EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

Employees of the Unit shall have and shall be protected in the exercise of the right, freely and without fear of penalty or reprisal, to form, join and assist the Union or to refrain from any such activity. Except as expressly provided herein, the freedom shall be recognized as extending to participation in the management of the Union and acting for it in the capacity of a union representative, including representation of its views to the officials of the Mayor, D.C. Council or Congress.

ARTICLE 24
NEW TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT

Section 1:

Whenever new equipment or technological changes will significantly affect operations, the Employer shall provide notice to the Union at least 60 days in advance. This time limit does not apply to the introduction of equipment or technological changes on an experimental basis. When the Employer introduces such equipment or technological changes on an experimental basis the Employer will notify the Union upon introduction as where the experiment is being conducted and its nature and intended duration and will provide 60 days notice if the experiment is to be instituted permanently.

Section 2:

The Employer shall provide any reasonable training for affected employees to acquire the skills and knowledge necessary for new equipment or procedures. The training shall be held during working hours, when reasonably available. The Employer shall bear the expense of the training.

Section 3:

If training is required by the Agency for employment and the training is held outside the employee's normal tour of duty, the employee shall receive compensatory time.

ARTICLE 25
JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Each employee within the unit shall receive a copy of his/her current job description upon request. When an employee's job description is changed, the employee and the Union shall be provided a copy of the new job description.

ARTICLE 26
SAVINGS CLAUSE

In the event any Article, Section or portion of the Agreement shall be held invalid and unenforceable by any court or higher authority of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall apply only to the specific Article, Section, or portion thereof specified in the decision, and upon issuance of such a decision, the Employer and the Union agree to immediately negotiate a substitute for the invalidated Article, Section or portion thereof.

ARTICLE 27
DURATION AND FINALITY

Section 1 - Duration of Agreement:

This Agreement shall be implemented as provided herein subject to the requirements of Section 1715 of the CMPA (Section 1-617.15(a), D.C. Official Code, 2001 Edition). This Agreement shall be effective as of the day of final approval, and shall remain in full force and effect until the 30th day of September, 2010. Should either party desire to renegotiate, renew, extend or modify this Contract, notice will be given in writing in accordance with the requirements of the Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect during the period of negotiations.

Section 2 - Finality:

This Agreement was reached after negotiations during which the parties were able to negotiate on any and all negotiable non-compensation issues, and contains the full agreement of the parties as to all such non-compensation issues that were or could have been negotiated. The Agreement shall not be reconsidered during its life unless by mutual consent or as required by law.

On this _____ day of October, 2006 and in witness to this Agreement, the parties hereto set their signatures.

FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT

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ATTACHMENT 6

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES LOCAL 2401

PARTIES

The parties to this Supplemental Agreement and Attachment to the Master Agreement between the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), District of Columbia Council 20, AFL-CIO and the District of Columbia Government" are AFSCME, Local 2401 and District of Columbia agencies under the personnel authority of the Mayor that have collective bargaining units for which AFSCME, Local 2401 is the certified exclusive collective bargaining representative.

CASELOAD SIZE AND COVERAGE

Unmanageable caseloads and workloads in social service programs are a national problem, which has led to worker burnout, high turnover rates and service gaps for clients. Although, the Union recognizes the Agency's obligation to provide the optimum level of service to all eligible residents of the District of Columbia, consistent with statutory and court-mandated obligations; and to accomplish this within the budgetary and manpower resources which are available for that purpose, the Parties agree that a joint labor-management effort is appropriate to address this problem and the impact on the employees represented by AFSCME, Local 2401.

Accordingly, the parties agree to establish a joint labor-management committee to examine caseload size and coverage and the impact of workload assignments on bargaining unit employees. The committee shall explore solutions to the problem of unmanageable caseloads within the Department of Human Services (DHS) and Office of the Attorney General, Child Support Division and consider issues related to caseload size and coverage in agencies providing direct service delivery and those focusing on oversight or monitoring functions. Membership on the committee shall be determined and appointed by the parties but shall include individuals who have a working knowledge of the issues to be examined by the committee.

The parties agree that the committee shall:

1. Focus immediate attention on the DHS, Income Maintenance Agency;

2. Determine relevant comparisons for analysis of the District's caseload issues, e.g. national standards in relevant program areas, studies and reports, guidance of relevant industry associations and governing bodies;

3. Seek the participation and assistance of the Child and Family Service Agency.

4. Recommend maximum caseload assignments that will allow employees to effectively perform their job responsibilities.

Within one year of its establishment, the committee shall issue its report and recommendations for a joint labor-management strategy for a long-term solution to the issue of unmanageable caseloads. During the initial year, the committee shall also explore the implementation of pilot programs within relevant agencies to as a means of developing more immediate options for addressing impacts on employees while allowing agencies to provide the optimum level of service to all eligible residents of the District of Columbia, within the budgetary and manpower resources, that include reasonable, obtainable performance requirements for bargaining unit employees.

This provision shall not be interpreted, in any way, to preclude management from assigning work or assigning employees. Rather, this provision represents the parties' joint commitment to work collaboratively to accomplish agency mission requirements and strategic plan goals, while recognizing the rights of employees and their desire for reasonable terms and conditions of employment.

OFFICIAL TRAVEL

The Employer agrees to provide and maintain vehicles for all field related duties in safe operating condition, and to present them for D.C. Safety Inspection at the prescribed time.

Management shall reimburse its employees for expenses incurred for official travel. Employees who have official approval to use their personnel vehicles for agency business shall be paid in accordance with the Compensation Agreement between the District of Columbia and Compensation Units 1 and 2. Reimbursement will be paid directly to the employee with a reasonable time after said expenses have been properly vouchered by said employee.

REST PERIODS

When an employee is required to work two (2) consecutive eight (8) hour shifts, the employee shall be afforded fifteen (15) minutes after the first shift and before the second shift providing there is no interruption of client services.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

A. A Safety Committee of three (3) representatives from AFSCME and three (3) representatives from the District is hereby established in each department/agency. One (1) AFSCME and one (1) District representative shall each serve as co-chairpersons

of the Committee. The Agency's Risk Management official shall serve on the Safety Committee as one of the agency representatives. The Safety Committee shall:

1. Meet on a monthly basis, unless mutually agreed otherwise. Prior to regularly scheduled monthly meeting, labor and management must submit their respective agendas to each other at least five (5) days in advance;

2. Conduct safety surveys, consider training needs, and make recommendations to the agency/department head and the Office of Risk Management;

3. Make recommendations to the Office of Risk Management and the department/agency heads; and,

4. Receive appropriate health and safety training.

B. Final reports or responses from agency/department heads (or designees) shall be provided to the Safety Committee within a reasonable period of time on safety matters initiated by the Committee.

C. Safety Committees may be reorganized upon agreement of both parties.

On this _____ day of October, 2006 and in witness to this Agreement, the parties hereto set their signatures.

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ATTACHMENT NO. 11
TO MASTER AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
AND
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES
COVERING THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES
IN THE BARGAINING UNIT REPRESENTED BY
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES
LOCAL 2091

ARTICLE 1
RECOGNITION

The Parties shall file Joint Petitions with the Public Employee Relations Board ("PERB") to clarify and correct unit certifications, which are inaccurate, or confusing as a result of Agency reorganizations, realignments or name changes. Prior to filing of the joint petitions, the Parties shall confer on the revised unit descriptions.

ARTICLE 2
REST PERIODS

All employees working eight (8) hour shifts shall be provided a fifteen (15) minute rest period for each half shift or four (4) hours worked to be scheduled by the supervisor to insure continuity of operations. Where possible, rest periods shall be scheduled at the middle of each half-shift or four (4) hours. The same principle shall apply for overtime worked beyond the regular shift except that the employee need work only one (1) or more hours to qualify for the fifteen (15) minute overtime rest period. Where possible, this initial overtime rest period shall be granted prior to the overtime work. The employee shall be given a fifteen (15) minute rest period for every four (4) hours or major portion thereof worked.

ARTICLE 3
CLEAN-UP TIME

Employees working eight (8) hour shifts shall be granted a fifteen (15) minute personal clean-up time prior to the end of the shift or prior to the end of overtime.

ARTICLE 4
ICE MACHINES AND WATER COOLERS

Section 1: The Employer agrees to furnish and maintain water coolers, ice machines, and cups wherever and whenever necessary. The Employer agrees to service and keep all water coolers, ice machines and drinking fountains in proper working condition.

Section 2: The Employer agrees to provide a stove or microwave and a refrigerator, at all permanent locations for employees' use. The Employer shall maintain stoves, microwaves and refrigerators in good working order subject to normal wear and tear.

ARTICLE 5
SAFETY COMMITTEES

Section 1: A Safety Committee comprised of five (5) representatives from AFSCME Local 2091 and five (5) representatives from the District are hereby established in the Department Solid Waste Management Administration. One (1) AFSCME and one (1) District representative shall each serve as co-chairpersons of the Committee. The Safety Committee shall:

A. Meet on a monthly basis unless mutually agreed otherwise. Prior to regularly scheduled monthly meetings the parties shall submit issues for the agenda. A final agenda must be submitted at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting.

B. Conduct safety surveys, consider training needs and make recommendations to the Agency; and,

C. Consult with and advise department/agency safety officer and head; and

D. Cooperate with the Office of Risk Management.

Section 2: Final reports shall be provided to the Safety Committee on all safety matters initiated by the Committee.

Section 3: The Safety Committee may be reorganized upon agreement of both parties.

ARTICLE 6
OVERTIME

Section 1: Management retains the unfettered right to determine necessary job requirements for assignments and to determine the employees who are eligible to work the assignments.

Section 2: Where management determines that employees are equally capable to perform overtime assignments, assignments will be offered to employees on a volunteer basis and distributed equitably among those employees.

Section 3: A list shall be posted for employees to sign up for overtime hours. For work on a Saturday after a Holiday, the list shall be posted for at least five days, two weeks prior to the Holiday. The employee must be present to sign his/her own name on the list. Management will not arbitrarily deny employees overtime. If an employee who volunteers is denied overtime, the supervisor shall notify the employee of the denial.

Section 4: Based on operational demands and/or emergencies when it becomes necessary for management to order mandatory overtime, prior to assigning employees, management will first attempt to request volunteers. If there is an insufficient number of volunteers, mandatory assignments shall be made equitably from among all qualified employees on a reverse senority basis. For work on a Saturday after a Holiday, the list of mandatory assignments shall be posted at least five days prior to the Holiday.

Section 5: To be eligible for an overtime assignment employees must be able to perform the duties of the assignment as determined by management. Any employee who volunteers and is subsequently assigned to report for duty or is given a mandatory work assignment beyond normal work hours, but fails to report, shall be considered absent without leave (AWOL) and may be disciplined accordingly.

ARTICLE 7
EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS

Section 1: Employees shall be responsible for all equipment and tools issued to the employee by Management or signed out by the employee for temporary use. It shall be the responsibility of each employee to maintain tools and equipment in good working order and to notify management of the need to repair and/or service tools and equipment.

Section 2: Employees may be charged for lost tools and equipment or for loss or damages that result from the failure of an employee to make reasonable efforts to prevent such loss of damage.

Section 3: Employees may submit tools and equipment for replacement based upon a determination that the items are unserviceable; provided that the tools and/or equipment submitted for replacement is an item issued by the Department to the employee. Management shall determine serviceability of the items and establish the procedure to be used by employees to request replacements.

ARTICLE 8
UNIFORMS

Section 1: Employees assigned to the Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program whose duties require uniforms shall be issued five (5) pairs of pants; five (5) long sleeve shirts; five (5) short sleeve shirts; five (5) winter polo shirts; five (5) summer polo shirts; one (1) pair safety shoes; one (1) raincoat or rain suit; and one (1) winter jacket.

Section 2: All other employees whose duties require uniforms, shall be issued eleven (11) basic uniforms (including shirts, pants and/or coveralls); one (1) set of thermal coveralls for employees who work outside; one (1) light jacket with zip-in lining; one (1) pair safety shoes; one (1) raincoat or rain suit. If appropriate, employees will also be issued one (1) safety vest; one (1) pair of safety goggles and one (1) back brace.

Section 3: Employees issued uniforms and safety equipment are required to wear uniforms and safety equipment on duty.

Section 4: Employees terminating their employment must return all uniforms and safety equipment to the General Foreman prior to receiving their final paycheck.

Section 5: Each employee shall be responsible for the care and upkeep of issued uniforms and safety equipment. Employees may be charged for lost uniforms and equipment or for loss or damages that results from the failure of an employee to make reasonable efforts to prevent such loss or damage.

Section 6: Employees may submit uniform items, including shoes (worn out) or safety equipment for replacement based upon a determination that the items are unserviceable; provided that the uniform and or equipment submitted for replacement is an item issued by the Department to the employee, as described above. The Uniform Committee shall determine serviceability of the items and establish the procedure to be used by employees to request replacements. Requests for replacement shall be submitted to the supervisor.

Section 7: At the request of the employee, the Uniform Committee will consider additional uniforms or protective equipment for employees engaging in brazing, welding, cutting, snow detail, or environmental hazards.

Section 8: Employees assigned to collection of dead animals will be provided appropriate equipment for protection. The Union may recommend new protective equipment and modifications to existing equipment for consideration by the Employer. The Employer shall provide and maintain in working order appropriately refrigerated vehicles used in dead animal collection.

ARTICLE 9
TRASH COLLECTION ROUTE MONITORING

On an as needed basis, the Parties shall form a joint labor-management work group to monitor trash collection routes by: (1) investigating complaints concerning inequities in route structure and (2) recommending to management necessary adjustments for implementation with supporting justification. Reports and recommendations will be a matter of record. The Union shall appoint no more than two employees to the route monitoring work group. An employee designated by the Union must be intimately familiar with the issues being studied. After completion of route inspections or other assigned committee duties, employees will return to their regularly assigned duties. If necessary, the employee shall be furnished transportation by the Employer to perform assigned route monitoring functions.

ARTICLE 10
REFUSE COLLECTION

Section 1 - Refuse Collection: Each workday employees assigned to a refuse collection crew shall be responsible for the satisfactory completion of a scheduled route or task. Upon satisfactory completion of a scheduled route or task, employees shall be considered to have completed their day. If more than eight (8) hours are required to satisfactory complete a scheduled route, the employees shall be compensated for the total number of hours worked. Not withstanding the above, no crew shall be required to collect more than four (4) loads using a 16-Cubic Yard packer vehicle. A refuse collection crew shall be composed of a crew chief/motor vehicle operator and two sanitation work collectors.

Section 2: Each workday employees assigned to a refuse collection crew shall be responsible for the satisfactory completion of a scheduled route or task.

Section 3: The daily task for employees engaged in the collection of refuse means the satisfactory completion of a refuse collection route by a crew using the following work standards:

A. All containerized and non-containerized refuse must be collected at the authorized point of collection and containers returned to their original location;

B. All small bulk items, tree limbs and brush, bagged leaves and grass, Christmas trees, other containerized or bagged yard waste will be collected at the authorized point of collection; and

C. The clean up of all spillage.

Section 4: In addition to the above work standards, refuse collection crews in the twice a week area shall perform the following task on assigned days.

> ***Mondays and Tuesdays:*** Satisfactory completion of assigned route, not to exceed four (4) loads using a 16-Cubic Yard packer vehicle.
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> ***Wednesdays:*** Assigned to street and alley cleaning: All crews. Management reserves the right to assign trash collection work in lieu of street and alley cleaning assignments on Wednesdays.
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> ***Thursdays and Fridays:*** Satisfactory completion of assigned route to include all collectible bulky items, as set forth in Article 10, Section 3.B.

Section 5: The Parties agree that the joint labor-management work group, established in Article 9 of this Attachment, shall immediately begin the investigation of trash collection route structure and practices and, within six months of the date of this Agreement, consult, confer and provide recommendations concerning more effective methods of responding to constituent needs and current Agency workload requirements. Thereafter, the parties shall meet and bargain over (or in the alternative, through collaborative processes agree on) any proposed changes to trash collection route structure and practices.

Section 6 - Alley Cleaning: The employer reserves the right to assign trash crews to an alley-cleaning route. Satisfactory completion of an alley cleaning route shall include sweeping, brooming, shoveling and removal of all visible trash, small bulk, tree limbs and brush, bagged leaves and grass, Christmas trees, other containerized or bagged yard waste, and dirt from fence line to fence line. Upon satisfactory completion of a scheduled route or task, employees shall be considered to have completed their day.

ARTICLE 11
ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES UNIT (ECU)

Section 1: Although employees assigned to the Environmental Crimes Unit (ECU) work under the general oversight of the MPD supervisor (sergeant) for daily operations, it is understood that these employees will remain administratively accountable to the command level DPW (Division Official).

Section 2: The employer agrees to provide employees assigned to ECU access to employee health services as proscribed in Article 9, entitled, ***Safety and Health***, Sections 7 and 12.

ARTICLE 12
COMMITTEE TO REVIEW PROCESS OF COLLECTION OF REFUSE AND RECLYCLABLE PRODUCTS

Section 1: The Union and the Department agree to establish the "Committee to Review the Current Process of Collection of Refuse and Recyclable Products" (the Committee) to review the process of collection of refuse and recyclable products.

Section 2: The parties agree that within one month of the date of the ratification of this Agreement, the Committee to Review the Current Process of Collection of Refuse and Recyclable Products will be established.

Section 3: The Committee shall be comprised of eight (8) members, with four (4) members designated by the Union and four (4) members designated by the Employer. The Committee will submit a report of its findings, including pros and cons of the current system or any proposed system(s); recommendations and conclusion(s) no later than (4) months after the initial meeting. The four (4) month period may be extended by mutual consent of the parties. The arbitration provisions outlined in the collective bargaining agreement may be invoked by either party to resolve issues. The Committee may by consensus discuss and consider other issues that are not mandatory bargaining subjects, if directly related to reviewing the current process of trash collection and recyclable products.

Section 4: The Committee shall meet at least once per month, unless mutually agreed otherwise. Each party may bring a specialist to speak on or clarify.

On this ____ day of October, 2006 and in witness to this Agreement, the parties hereto set their signatures.

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APPROVAL

The Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District of Columbia Government and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, District Council 20 (for Locals 2091, 2743, 2401, 1200 and 2092), dated has been reviewed in accordance with Section 1715(a) of the District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 (Section 1-617.15(a), D.C. Official Code, 2001 Edition) and is hereby approved this 28th day of December, 2006.

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