

# **REGISTERED COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

between

**Construction Labour Relations -  
An Alberta Association  
Refrigeration (Provincial) Trade Division  
pursuant to Registration Certificate No. 28**

(hereinafter referred to as the "Association" or the "Trade Division" or the "Employers' Organization" or the "Registered Employers Organization" )

**as agent for all Employers who are or who become  
affected by Registration Certificate No. 28  
(each of which Employers is hereinafter  
referred to as the "Employer")**

and

**United Association Of Journeymen And Apprentices  
Of The Plumbing And Pipefitting Industry Of  
The United States And Canada, AFL-CIO, CFL  
Local Union No. 488**

**(hereinafter referred to as the "Union" and the members and employees represented by them)**

**WHEREAS**, the Employer is engaged in the refrigeration and air conditioning construction industry and, in the performance of such work, requires the services of competent and qualified journeymen, apprentices; and

**WHEREAS**, the Union is affiliated with the American Federation of Labour-Congress of the Industrial Organizations and the Canadian Federation of Labour and has in its membership competent, skilled and qualified journeymen and apprentices to perform all work coming within the trade and craft jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Employer and the Union desire to mutually establish and stabilize wages, hours and working conditions for foremen, journeymen, apprentices of the refrigeration and air conditioning construction industry who are employed in said industry on all work, excluding maintenance in the area specified in Article 1.00 below with said Employer and, further, encourages closer cooperation and understanding between the Employer and the Union in the refrigeration, air conditioning and building construction industry to an end that a satisfactory, continuous and harmonious labour relationship will exist between the parties to this Agreement, and

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Undersigned Parties to this Agreement, in consideration of the premises and covenants herein contained, mutually agree as follows:

## **ARTICLE ONE - RECOGNITION**

- 1.01** The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative for all journeymen and apprentices in the employ of the Employer on work within the boundaries of the area jurisdiction of the Union in the Province of Alberta and such other territories that are awarded to Local Union 488 by the United Association with respect to wages, hours and other terms and conditions on any and all work described in Article 2.00 of this Agreement. The jurisdictional area shall be defined as the Province of Alberta and the MacKenzie District of the Northwest Territories.
- 1.02** The Union recognizes the Registered Employers' Organization as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative of all Employers bound by this Agreement and coming within the scope and operation of Registration Certificate #28.
- 1.03** The Union agrees to work only for and supply men only to Employers who are bound by and to the terms and conditions as set out in Local Union 488 Agreements.

## **ARTICLE TWO - SUBCONTRACTORS**

- 2.01** The employer agrees not to contract out any refrigeration work normally performed by employees covered by this agreement unless it is to a firm that agrees to be bound to the terms and conditions of this agreement. This restriction does not apply to any welding, plumbing or any work identified in item (l) of Appendix "A".
- 2.02** In the event that Local Union 488 offers a subsidy for a project, through any future Job Targeting Fund, that is acceptable to the Contractor then the Contractor will utilize manpower covered by the terms of this collective agreement to complete any work included in sub-item (l) of Appendix "A".
- 2.03** The Union and the Employer understand the customer may, at his discretion, choose to perform or directly subcontract for any part or parts of the work herein described. The Employer's obligation under this Agreement refers only to work that the Employer has contracted to perform.

## **ARTICLE THREE - TRADE OR WORK JURISDICTION**

- 3.01** This Agreement covers the rate of pay, rules and working conditions on all construction work covered by Registration Certificate #28 in the refrigeration and air conditioning industry for all refrigeration mechanic foremen, refrigeration mechanic journeymen, refrigeration mechanic apprentices, welder foremen, welders, and welder apprentices for all work coming within

the trade jurisdiction of Local 488 respecting refrigeration and air conditioning and any other work awarded to the United Association through jurisdictional ruling(s) as laid down by the Building Trades Department of the A.F.L./C.I.O.

**3.02 (a)** In recognition of the above work jurisdictional claims, it is understood that the assignment of work and the settlement of jurisdictional disputes with other Building Trades Organizations shall be adjusted in accordance with the procedure established by the Jurisdictional Assignment Plan of the Alberta Construction Industry.

**(b)** It is recognized by the parties to this collective agreement that those articles of the Memorandum Of Understanding establishing the Plan, and those procedural rules of the Plan (including the Letters Of Understanding thereto), between the Coordinating Committee Of Registered Employers Organizations and the Alberta & N.W.T. (District Of MacKenzie) Building And Construction Trades Council shall govern the operation of the Jurisdictional Assignment Plan of the Alberta Construction Industry.

**3.03** There shall be no work stoppage because of jurisdictional disputes.

**3.04** Jurisdictional Disputes which arise shall not be processed through the Grievance Procedure, but shall be settled in accordance with Article 3.02.

#### **ARTICLE FOUR - SCOPE OF AGREEMENT**

**4.01** All wages, rules and working conditions hereunder shall be effective on all work that is described in Appendix "A" of this Agreement and is included within the scope of Registration Certificate No. 28, when performed by the Employer within the area jurisdiction of the Union, described in Article 1.00 of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE FIVE - UNION SECURITY**

**5.01** Only members of Local Union 488 in good standing shall be employed to undertake work defined under the terms of this Agreement. All Employees in the bargaining unit at the date of signing this Agreement and all Employees engaged thereafter shall, as a condition of employment, apply to become members of the Union within thirty (30) days and maintain membership in good standing with Local Union 488.

**5.02** It is understood and agreed that as a condition of employment all Employees covered by this Agreement shall be required to pay the Union, monthly, an amount equal to full membership dues in each respective classification, and said Employee shall sign an authorization form allowing the Employer to deduct said amount at time of hiring. The Employer further agrees to deduct same from the Employee's pay cheque each month and to forward such

monies on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the following month for which such deduction was made to the Union.

- 5.03** The Employer further agrees to deduct all back dues and/or initiation fees as evidenced by a signed authorization from an Employee covered by this Agreement and to forward such monies to the Union as provided for in Clause 5.02.
- 5.04** The Employer shall deduct five (5) cents per hour worked from the wages of the employee as a check-off to defray the Union's costs to the Alberta and Northwest Territories (District of MacKenzie) Building and Construction Trades Council. Such deduction shall be paid for each and every employee covered by the terms and conditions of this Collective Agreement. The monies so deducted shall be remitted in the same manner as Union Dues are remitted under this Collective Agreement, and within the same time frames. All such hourly remittances received from the Employer shall be deemed to be held in Trust by the Union.
- 5.05** Any member of Local Union 488 shall not perform any work that comes within the work jurisdiction outlined in this Agreement for an Employer who is not a party to this Agreement.

#### **Union Shop Steward**

- 5.06** Where in the opinion of Local Union 488 a Shop Steward is deemed necessary, the Steward shall be a working journeyman employed by the employer for at least one continuous year as a journeyman and shall be appointed by the Business Manager of the Union, who shall in addition to his work as a Journeyman be permitted to perform, during working hours, such of his union duties as cannot be performed at other times, including those duties assigned to him by the Union.

In circumstances where the bargaining relationship between the Employer and Local Union 488 is less than one year in duration, then the requirement that the Steward be employed with the Employer for at least one year shall be waived.

It is further understood and agreed that the Stewards duties do not include matters relating to referral, hiring or termination, but do include seeing that the provisions of the Agreement are complied with. The Shop Steward shall not be discriminated against for performance of any lawful union activities.

- 5.07** Local Union 488 shall notify the Employer by letter, of the name of the Shop Steward, or of any replacement of same. In the event that the Shop Steward's employment with the Employer is terminated, the Employer agrees to notify the Union, by letter, within three (3) working days of the reason for such termination.

**5.08** Providing he/she is qualified to perform the job required, the Shop Steward shall be one of the last five (5) employees remaining should there be a reduction in the number of employees within the scope of this agreement.

**5.09 Access to Job**

Authorized Representatives of the Union shall have access to jobs where Employees covered by this Agreement are employed, providing they do not unnecessarily interfere with the Employees or cause them to neglect their work, and further provided such Union Representative complies with the customer's safety and security regulations. The Union Representative shall, before proceeding about his business, notify the Employer of his intended visit.

**ARTICLE SIX - HIRING AND TERMINATION PROCEDURES**

**6.01** On all work covered by this Agreement the Employer has the freedom to name hire and/or to select from the list of available unemployed members or transfer Employees from other work being performed for the same Employer within the jurisdiction of the Union.

**6.02** Except as provided for in Clause 6.06, the Employer agrees not to engage any person until clearance is given by the Union office or a dispatch slip from the Union office is presented.

**6.03** In the hiring of Apprentices, the Employer shall give preference to those duly indentured apprentices that are registered as unemployed at the Union office.

**6.04** The Employer and the Union agree that there will be no discrimination against any Employee for reasons of age, sex, race, colour or creed.

**6.05** The Union agrees to furnish competent workmen to the Employer on request, provided however, that the Employer shall have the right to determine the competency and qualifications of such applicants and shall have the right to reject any applicant or to discharge any Employee for just and sufficient cause. The Employer shall not discriminate against any Employee by reason of his membership in the Union or his participation in its lawful activities.

**6.06** Where the Employer has requested the Union office to furnish personnel to perform work within the scope of this Agreement, and the required number of personnel are not furnished:

- (a) within two (2) working days, after the date for which the personnel are requested, the Employer shall have the right to procure the required number of personnel from other available sources, provided however, that such personnel procured from other available sources shall be required by the Employer to join the Union, if acceptable, not later than thirty (30) days after hiring, and obtain a dispatch slip from the Union office or the Employer notify and obtain clearance from the

Union office before engaging such persons. In such circumstances, clearance by the Union will not be withheld.

- 6.07** In reducing the number of Employees covered by this Agreement, members of Local Union 488 shall be the last to be laid off.
- 6.08** Members of the Union dispatched from the office, reporting for work at the time and place specified by management and who are not engaged by the Employer shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours reporting pay, plus travel time and expense, if applicable.
- 6.09** The Employer has the right to discipline any employee who, without good reason, fails to advise the Employer that he is going to be absent from work.

## **ARTICLE SEVEN - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 7.01** Management of the Company and the direction of the working forces are vested solely and exclusively in the Employer and shall not be abridged except by specific restrictions as set forth in this Agreement. The Management's Rights, as set out herein, should not be deemed to exclude the other rights of Management at Common Law.
- 7.2** The Employer retains the sole and exclusive control over all matters concerning the operations and management and administration of its business; the determination of locations or determination of facilities; the direction and control of employees including qualifications; the determination of quality and quantity standards; the assignment of work and overtime; the right to select, hire, promote and transfer employees; the right to determine processes, methods and procedures to be employed, including technological change; the right to make and enforce rules, including safety matters, and to perform other functions inherent in the administration and control of the business.

**ARTICLE EIGHT - WAGE RATES AND OTHER MONETARY CONDITIONS**

**8.01** Wage rates and fringe benefits shall be in accordance with the following scales:

<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>BASE WAGE</u>	<u>V.P. &amp; S.H.P.</u>	<u>H. &amp; W.</u>	<u>PENS.</u>	<u>EDUC.</u>	<u>SUPP. BEN.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b><u>Foreman:</u></b>							
01-May-1999	\$28.27	\$2.83	\$1.05	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$33.88
01-November-1999	\$29.07	\$2.91	\$1.05	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$34.76
01-May-2000	\$29.92	\$2.99	\$1.15	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$35.79
01-November-2000	\$30.76	\$3.08	\$1.15	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$36.72
<b><u>Journeyman:</u></b>							
01-May-1999	\$26.27	\$2.63	\$1.05	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$31.68
01-November-1999	\$27.07	\$2.71	\$1.05	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$32.56
01-May-2000	\$27.92	\$2.79	\$1.15	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$33.59
01-November-2000	\$28.76	\$2.88	\$1.15	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$34.52
<b><u>4 th year:</u></b>							
01-May-1999	\$22.33	\$2.23	\$1.05	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$27.34
01-November-1999	\$23.01	\$2.30	\$1.05	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$28.09
01-May-2000	\$23.73	\$2.37	\$1.15	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$28.98
01-November-2000	\$24.45	\$2.45	\$1.15	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$29.78
<b><u>3 rd year:</u></b>							
01-May-1999	\$19.70	\$1.97	\$1.05	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$24.45
01-November-1999	\$20.30	\$2.03	\$1.05	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$25.11
01-May-2000	\$20.94	\$2.09	\$1.15	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$25.91
01-November-2000	\$21.57	\$2.16	\$1.15	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$26.61
<b><u>2nd year:</u></b>							
01-May-1999	\$15.76	\$1.58	\$1.05	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$20.12
01-November-1999	\$16.24	\$1.62	\$1.05	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$20.64
01-May-2000	\$16.75	\$1.68	\$1.15	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$21.31
01-November-2000	\$17.26	\$1.73	\$1.15	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$21.87
<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> year:</u></b>							
01-May-1999	\$13.14	\$1.31	\$1.05	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$17.23
01-November-1999	\$13.54	\$1.35	\$1.05	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$17.67
01-May-2000	\$13.96	\$1.40	\$1.15	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$18.24
01-November-2000	\$14.38	\$1.44	\$1.15	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$18.70

Compulsory Government Pension Plan shall be in addition to the scales shown above.

- 8.02** The minimum rate of wages for a Foreman shall be two dollars (\$2.00) per hour above the basic Journeyman rates as listed in Clause 8.01 of this Agreement.
- 8.03** Pay days shall be weekly or biweekly and not more than five (5) days pay may be held back unless other arrangements are made between the Employer and the Union.
- 8.04** When employees are laid off or discharged they shall be paid the wage due to them at the time of lay-off or discharge and given their separation record and apprenticeship book, if applicable. If the payroll cheques are issued from a location which is not within the confines of the Employer's shop the employee's cheque shall be delivered to said employee's home address within five (5) working days of lay-off or discharge.
- 8.05** The Employer agrees to provide each pay period a complete statement for each employee showing dates of payroll period covered, social insurance number and showing separate totals of the following:
1. straight time hours paid;
  2. overtime hours paid;
  3. shift premium paid;
  4. statutory holiday pay;
  5. vacation pay; and
  6. all deductions.

## **ARTICLE NINE - BENEFITS**

- 9.01** Notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in the Agreement all contributions to the separate following trust funds shall be payable by the Employer on the employee's total actual hours worked, including overtime:
- (a) Alberta Refrigeration Industry Insurance Benefit Trust Fund.
  - (b) Alberta Refrigeration Industry Pension Plan.
  - (c) Local Union 488 Supplementary Benefit Trust Fund.
  - (d) Joint Educational Trust Fund.
- 9.02** If any Contractor is found by the Trustees of the respective funds to be in default in remitting payments required to be made pursuant to Articles 8, 9, and 10 of this Agreement and if such default continues for twenty (20) days thereafter, he shall pay to the applicable Fund, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the arrears for each month or part thereof in which he is in default. The failure to pay each month shall constitute a separate offense, and shall subject the Contractor to the ten percent (10%) payment. Thereafter interest shall run at the rate of



two percent (2%) per month on any unpaid arrears, including liquidated damages.

Where an employee performs work that would require the Employer to contribute hourly contributions, at such hourly contribution rate as may from time to time be applicable in this Collective Agreement, then the Employer shall and shall be deemed to hold the sum so deducted in trust for the Trustees of the applicable Trust Fund. Further, in the event of any liquidation, assignment or bankruptcy of such an Employer, an amount equal to the amount that is owed to the applicable Trust Fund by the Employer on whose behalf employees have performed work entitling them to receive contributions to the fund as herein before provided for, is deemed to be held in trust for the Trustees of this fund and such fund shall be deemed to be separate from and form no part of the estate in liquidation, assignment or bankruptcy, whether or not that amount has in fact been kept separate and apart from the Employer's own money or from the assets of the estate.

## **ARTICLE TEN - ALBERTA REFRIGERATION INDUSTRY BENEFIT TRUST FUND**

- 10.01** The Employer shall contribute to the account named by the Trustees of the Alberta Refrigeration Industry Benefit Trust Fund the amount shown in Clause 8.01 of this Agreement for every hour that an employee, covered by the terms of this Agreement, is employed, as indicated in Article 9.00 of this Agreement. Contributions shall be made on the basis of full or half (½) hours.
- 10.02** All such contributions shall be recorded by the Employer on forms to be provided by the Union and listing the name of employees, social insurance numbers and hourly contributions for each employee and forwarded with a cheque in the required amount, on or before the fifteen (15th) day of the month, following the month for which such contributions are due, to the applicable trust fund named by the Trustees for deposit to the above mentioned trust fund account. A copy of said list is to be retained by the Employer.
- 10.03** All amounts paid by the Employer to the Health and Welfare Fund will be in addition to the hourly wage rates established in this Agreement and in no case shall the Employer deduct any such amounts from the employee's wages.
- 10.04** In the case of failure of the Employer to contribute into the fund on the due date the Trustees, in their joint names, may take legal action against the Employer for recovery of the amount due.
- 10.05** The terms of the Health and Welfare plan shall not be negotiable under the terms of any Collective Bargaining Agreement. Only that portion pertaining to the number of cents per man hour earned may be negotiated in each succeeding Agreement.

**10.06** The Employer and the Union agree to comply with all the provisions and requirements of the Health and Welfare Trust Fund and the declaration of Trust between the Employers and the Union dated January 22, 1981 and such rules and regulations as the Trustees of the Fund deem necessary for the successful operation of the said Trust Fund.

However, the liability of any Employer to the Health and Welfare Trust Fund shall be limited to his obligation to pay the amount stated in this Agreement at the times and in the manner stated, together with any penalties as set forth herein.

**10.07** The Trustees shall have full authority, by majority vote, with equal representation on both sides to determine the amount and select and enter into the forms of insurance required and shall be responsible for the administration of the plan; increasing and decreasing of benefits payable and the eligibility of claims payable including any necessary adjustments in the plan to prevent duplication of contributions and coverage.

**10.08** The Trustees shall make provision for an annual audit by a company of Chartered Accountants and a certified copy of the auditor's report and balance sheet shall be made available for viewing to all contributory Employers and members of the Union.

## **ARTICLE ELEVEN - ALBERTA REFRIGERATION INDUSTRY PENSION TRUST FUND**

**11.01** The Employer shall contribute to the account named by the Trustees of the Alberta Refrigeration Industry Pension Trust Fund the amounts shown in Clause 8.01 of this Agreement for every hour that an employee, covered by the terms of this Agreement, is employed, as indicated in Article 9.00 of this Agreement.

Contributions will be made on the basis of full or half (1/2) hours.

These contributions shall be in addition to any Compulsory Government Pension Plan.

**11.02** All such contributions shall be recorded by the Employer on forms to be provided by the Union and listing the names of employees, social insurance numbers and hourly contributions for each employee, and forwarded with a cheque in the required amount, on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month, following the month for which such contributions are due, the applicable trust fund named by the Trustees for deposit to the above-mentioned trust fund account. A copy of the said list is to be retained by the Employer.

**11.03** Members of the Union shall have the right to make voluntary contributions to the Pension Plan to provide for personal increased benefits.

- 11.04** All amounts paid by the Employer to the Pension Trust Fund shall be in addition to the hourly wage rates established in the Agreement and in no case shall the Employer deduct any such amounts from the employee's wages.
- 11.05** In the case of failure of the Employer to contribute into the Fund on the due date the Trustees, in their joint names, may take legal action against the Employer for the recovery of the amount due.
- 11.06** The terms of the Pension Fund Plan shall not be negotiable under the terms of any Collective Bargaining Agreement. Only that portion pertaining to the number of cents per man hour earned may be negotiated in each succeeding Agreement.
- 11.07** The Employer and the Union agree to comply with all the provisions and requirements of the Pension Trust Fund and the Declaration of Trust between the Employers and the Union dated July 15, 1981, and such rules and regulations as the Trustees of the Fund deem necessary for the successful operation of the said Trust Fund.
- However, the liability of any Employer to the Pension Trust Fund shall be limited to his obligation to pay the amount stated in this Agreement at the times and in the manners stated, together with any penalties as set forth herein.
- 11.08** The Trustees shall have full authority, by majority vote, with equal representation on both sides to determine the amounts and select the forms of Pension benefits to be provided under the Pension Plan and shall be responsible for the administration of the plan; increasing and decreasing of benefits payable and the eligibility of claims payable and be responsible for carrying out all of the provisions and requirements of the Federal and Provincial laws relating to Government Registered Pension Plans.
- 11.09** The Trustees shall make provision for an annual audit by a company of Chartered Accountants and a certified copy of the auditor's report and balance sheet shall be made available for viewing to all contributory Employers and members of the Union.

## **ARTICLE TWELVE - LOCAL UNION 488 SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT FUND**

- 12.01** The Employer shall contribute the amounts shown in Clause 8.01, "Local Union 488 Supplementary Benefit Fund" for every hour that employees, covered by the terms of this Agreement, are employed and contributions shall be made on the basis of full or half (½) hours.
- 12.02** All such contributions shall be recorded by the Employer on forms to be provided by the Union and listing the names of employees, social insurance numbers and hourly contributions for each employee and forwarded, with a cheque in the required amount, on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following the month for which such contributions are due to the

Business Office of the Union for deposit to the above mentioned Fund. A copy of the said list is to be retained by the Employer.

**12.03** All amounts paid by the Employer to the Fund shall be in addition to the hourly wage rates established in this Agreement and in no case shall the Employer deduct any such amount from the employee's wages.

**12.04** The monies so received by the Local Union may be used for the following purposes:

- (a) renewal of members' certificates of proficiency;
- (b) compensation to members who may be called to jury duty or to act on any judicial inquiry or Arbitration Boards;
- (c) journeyman upgrading;
- (d) provide education bursaries for members and children of members;
- (e) to provide such additional benefits to members of the Local Union as the Union deems advisable;

**PROVIDED**, however, and it is expressly understood that the funds so received will not be used for such purposes which may be in contravention of the Labour Relations Code, Chapter L-1.2, 1988, as amended.

### **ARTICLE THIRTEEN - JOINT EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND**

**13.01** The Employer shall contribute to the account named by the Trustees of the Joint Educational Trust Fund the amount shown in Clause 8.01 of this Agreement for every hour that an Employee, covered by the terms of this Agreement, is employed, as indicated in Clause 8.01 of this Agreement. Contributions shall be made on the basis of full or half (1/2) hours.

**13.02** All such contributions shall be recorded by the Employer on forms to be provided by the Union and listing the name of Employees, social insurance numbers and hourly contributions for each Employee and forwarded with a cheque in the required amount, on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month, following the month for which such contributions are due, to the applicable trust fund named by the Trustees for deposit to the above mentioned trust fund account. A copy of said list is to be retained by the Employer.

**13.03** All amounts paid by the Employer to the Joint Educational Trust Fund will be in addition to the hourly wage rates established in this Agreement and in no case shall the Employer deduct any such amounts from the Employee's wages.

- 13.04** In the case of failure of the Employer to contribute into the fund on the due date the Trustees, in their joint names, may take legal action against the Employer for recovery of the amount due.
- 13.05** The terms of the Joint Educational Trust Fund shall not be negotiable under the terms of any Collective Bargaining Agreement. Only that portion pertaining to the number of cents per man hour worked may be negotiated in each succeeding Agreement.
- 13.06** The Employer and the Union agree to comply with all the provisions and requirements of the Joint Educational Trust Fund and such rules and regulations as the Trustees of the Fund deem necessary for the successful operation of the said Trust Fund.
- However, the liability of any Employer to the Alberta Refrigeration Industry Benefit Trust Fund shall be limited to his obligation to pay the amount stated in this Agreement at the times and in the manner stated together with any penalties as set forth herein.
- 13.07** The Trustees shall make provision for an annual audit by a company of Chartered Accountants and a certified copy of the auditor's report and balance sheet shall be made available upon written request to all contributory Employers and members of the Union.
- 13.08** Upon application from the trainee and his/her employer, the Joint Educational Trust Fund will pay the assessed tuition fees for bargaining unit employees (Foreman or prospective Foreman only) to attend the Better SuperVision Supervisory Training Program as implemented by CLR.
- 13.09** The contributions paid by the Employers to the Joint Educational Trust Fund will be administered by a Refrigeration Industry Training Committee consisting of three Employer representatives and three representatives of the Refrigeration Division of Local 488. The Refrigeration Industry Training Committee will be responsible for determining all training priorities for the Refrigeration Industry recognizing that the cost of conducting the training will not exceed the contributions to the Joint Educational Trust Fund from the Refrigeration Industry.

#### **ARTICLE FOURTEEN - HOURS OF WORK, OVERTIME AND SHIFTS**

- 14.01** The regular working day of eight (8) hours shall be performed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., however, two (2) hours deviation shall be allowed to coincide with the customer's starting time when necessary. Said working day shall not exceed beyond 6:30 p.m. and the regular work week shall be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday except for the time deviation mentioned above in this Clause.

**14.02** Lunch break shall be one-half (½) or one (1) hour as agreed between the Employer and the Union.

### **Overtime**

**14.03** An employee covered by this Agreement shall not be penalized or discriminated against by the Employer if he refuses to work overtime if said employee has just cause not to work overtime.

**14.04** All work performed before the scheduled starting time or after the scheduled quitting time outlined in Clause 14.01 of this Agreement or on shift work as outlined in Clauses 14.08 and 14.09 of this Agreement and all work performed on Saturdays, Sundays and recognized holidays as in Clause 15.01 of this Agreement shall be classed as overtime.

The overtime rate for hours worked shall be as follows based on the basic hourly rate shown in Clause 14.01 of this Agreement.

- (1) Recognized holidays as shown in Clause 15.01 shall be paid at two (2) times the basic hourly rate; and
- (2) All other overtime hours shall be paid at one and one half (1 1/2) times the basic hourly rate.

**14.05** After ten (10) hours work at the trade the employee is entitled to the cost of a hot meal and shall be entitled to same for each four (4) hour shifts thereafter.

### **Shift Work**

**14.06** Shift work may be performed where extenuating circumstances exist. The rates and conditions of work not covered in Clauses 14.07 and 14.08 shall be mutually agreed to by the Employer and the Union Business Manager or his Representative.

**14.07** The first shift shall work a normal shift, as outlined in Article 14.01 of this Agreement, at straight time rates with applicable overtime rates thereafter.

**14.08** The second shift commencing anytime between 11:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, shall work eight (8) hours. The hourly rate for employees on the second shift shall be at basic straight time rate plus ten (10) percent for a maximum of eight (8) hours, with applicable overtime rates thereafter.

**14.09** When a third shift is worked, shift hours, rates and conditions of work shall be mutually agreed to by the Employer and the Union.

### **Show-Up Pay**

- 14.11** An employee reporting for work at the regular starting time and who is not put to work shall receive one hour's pay at the basic wage rate plus benefits as per clause 8.01 of this agreement. To be eligible to receive reporting pay, the employee must report to the shop or job site at the regular starting time and remain there for one hour unless said employee is released sooner by the employer. Should the employer notify the employee at least one hour prior to the start of the shift that no work is available, there will be no show up time paid to said employee. Should an employee receive during his/her regular day shift three (3) or more hours straight time pay on a day that said employee is entitled to show-up pay then that employee shall not be entitled to said show-up pay for that given day

### **Compressed Work Week**

- 14.12** The regular hours of work may be worked, as an option, on the basis of four (4) days times ten (10) hours per day Monday through Thursday, provided always that once this option is applied the contractor shall complete at least a full weeks work on this shift.
- 14.13** Where this option is worked all hours in excess of ten (10) hours per day Monday through Thursday shall be paid for in accordance with Clause 14.04(2).
- 14.14** When job circumstances merit a change in the hours of work the Employer shall notify the Union Office at least seven (7) calendar days, where practical, before such change becomes effective.
- 14.15** Should a Statutory Holiday fall on Monday where this option is being utilized then a Friday may be scheduled as a regular day of work with no overtime premium applied for the first ten (10) hours of work. After ten (10) hours all work shall be overtime and paid for, as outlined in Article 14.04(2). When a Statutory Holiday falls in the middle of a work week then the Union and the Employer shall mutually agree to the work schedule for that week.
- 14.16** The parties understand and agree that on remote job sites or where special conditions apply scheduling of extended work weeks/days off may be beneficial to the completion of the work and in those circumstances the parties will mutually agree to a work schedule to meet job conditions.

### **Rest Breaks**

- 14.17** Rest breaks of ten minutes each shall be allowed approximately two hours after the commencement of the work shift and approximately two hours after any meal period.

**ARTICLE FIFTEEN - RECOGNIZED HOLIDAYS AND VACATION WITH PAY**

**15.01** All work performed on the following recognized holidays shall be paid for at the rate of double time, plus any applicable shift differential, as follows:

New Year's Day	Labour Day
Good Friday	Thanksgiving Day
Victoria Day	Remembrance Day
Dominion Day	Christmas Day
Family Day	Boxing Day
First (1st) Monday in August	

**15.02** Should an additional holiday be proclaimed by the Federal or Provincial Government, it shall be added to the list of holidays in Clause 15.01.

**15.03** Should any of the above holidays fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the following working day will be observed. When Christmas day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday and Tuesday will be observed as Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

**15.04** No work shall be performed on Labour Day, except for the preservation of life or imminent danger to property.

**15.05** In lieu of pay for the above recognized holidays the Employer shall pay an additional 4% to the Employee's total hourly earnings each pay period, including travel time hours and overtime hours.

**15.06** Employee's annual Vacation Pay shall be 6% of the Employee's total hourly earnings. Such total hourly earnings shall be deemed to include straight time hours, overtime hours, and travel time hours and shall be paid each pay period with the Employee's regular pay.

**ARTICLE SIXTEEN - TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION**

**16.01** When an Employee travels in addition to his Craft (either during working hours or beyond a free zone which is the greater of a forty (40) kilometer radius measured from the centre of a city or the city limits), such extra time shall be paid for at the regular basic straight time rate.

**16.02** An Employee sent out of town shall receive prior to leaving town, his board, lodging, other expenses which he expends on behalf of his employer, and transportation to and from the job site and to and from work. All such expenses shall be subject to review and approval as to reasonableness by the Employer and shall not in any case be paid to an employee working within a one hundred (100) kilometer radius of the employer's shop.

**16.03** The parties to this Agreement recognize the Alberta and Northwest Territories Building Trades Council Camp Standards Agreement negotiated with Construction Labour Relations.



- 16.04** Where it is the responsibility of the Employer to provide camp facilities in accordance with Clause 16.03 Employees shall avail themselves of such camp facilities and subsistence will not be paid to those Employees pursuant to this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE SEVENTEEN - TOOLS, EQUIPMENT, UNIFORMS AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING**

- 17.01** The journeymen and apprentice employees shall only be required to supply the basic hand tools and equipment listed in Clause 17.02 of this Agreement. The first year apprentice shall not be required to supply the voltmeter or presto-lite leak detection, installation and repair kit.

**17.02 Tool List**

Tool Box  
Refrigeration Test Manifold  
Pocket Thermometer  
Adjustable Wrenches (crescent type - set consisting of 6", 8", 10", and 12")  
Pipe Wrenches (8" and 14")  
Refrigeration Service Wrenches (3/16" to 1/2")  
Tube Cutters (1/4" to 1 5/8")  
Refrigeration Flaring Kit (Imperial Eastman quality or equivalent)  
Screw Drivers (complete set of Flat, Robinson, & Phillips)  
Combination Wrenches (box end and open end 1/4" through 1 1/8")  
Pliers (needle nose, channel locks, combination, vice grips, linesman)  
Side Cutter (and /or wire stripper)  
Hammers, Ball Peen (small and large) and Claw  
Allan Wrenches (set 1/16" to 1/2" and 2mm. to 12mm.)  
Punch and Chisel Set  
Leak Detector (Halide or equivalent)  
Soldering and Brazing Kit (Turbo Torch)  
Cordless Electric Drill (3/8")  
Tape Measure (25', 1" width min.)  
Flash Light  
Clamp on volt-Ampmeter (Amprobe or better)

Subject to approval by the Employer, any tools supplied by the employee in addition to the above list will be identified in writing to the Employer.

- 17.03** The Employer shall supply all other tools not listed in Clause 17.02 of this Agreement as well as equipment required to carry out work performed under this Agreement. The employee may be held responsible for loss or damage of said tools and equipment through willful conduct or negligence on his part.

- 17.04** The Employer agrees to repair or replace all items mentioned in Clause 17.02 and any other tools and equipment that the employee has supplied to carry

out work under this Agreement if loss or damage is caused through the negligence of the Employer.

**17.05** The Employer agrees to supply all non-durable items used on the Employer's work covered under this Agreement such as files, cutter wheels, drill bits, manifold hoses, etc.

**17.06** The Employer agrees to supply all protective clothing and safety equipment, as required when necessary, according to the Workers Compensation Act and the Occupational Health and Safety Act at no cost to the employee. The employee is responsible for said clothing and equipment but the Employer accepts responsibility for normal wear and tear of article upon return of same.

**17.07** When uniforms and/or coveralls are required by the Employer for work covered by this Agreement the Employer shall pay 100% of the invoiced cost of said clothing. Such uniforms or coveralls required by the Employer shall be of the wool/polyester blend or of an equivalent material in respect to fire safety.

Where the Employer requires his employees to wear uniforms such uniforms shall be maintained by the employees as to their cleanliness and appearance while in the employ of the Employer. Employees not maintaining their uniforms shall be subject to disciplinary action determined by the Employer for failure to maintain said uniforms. The Employer takes responsibility for normal wear and usage of said uniforms.

**17.08** If an Employee's tools, as outlined in **Clause 17.02**, are lost or destroyed due to fire, flood or forcible entry of his personal tool box, job box or job shack while on a job site they shall immediately be replaced by the Employer. Any Employees tools which are stolen by forcible entry or destroyed while contained within an Employer owned or operated vehicle at any location shall be replaced immediately by the Employer. In the event of theft by forcible entry the police department and management must be notified immediately.

**17.09** All owner supplied vehicles used by employees shall as a minimum be required to meet all relevant provincial and Federal safety standards in respect to the transportation of goods and/or persons.

## **ARTICLE EIGHTEEN - CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES**

**18.01** **Journeyman:** An employee who holds a certification of qualification for his/her respective trade in accordance to the Alberta Apprenticeship, Training and Certification Act (or its successor).

**18.02** **Apprentices:** The employment of apprentices, the progression of apprentices from one level of apprenticeship to the next, and the wage rates for apprentices shall be in accordance with the relevant Regulation under the Manpower Development Act (or its successor).

- 18.03**      **Foreman:** The selection of a foreman shall rest solely with the Employer. Only Building Trades Journeymen shall be elevated to foreman for work under this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE NINETEEN - GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION PROCEDURE**

- 19.01**      A difference may refer to a policy grievance between the Employer or Union or a grievance between the Employer and its employees. A policy grievance shall be defined as an obligation that is alleged to arise out of the Collective Agreement and shall be adjusted as specified herein. Should any difference arise between the Employer and any of its employees as to the interpretation, application, administration or alleged violation of this Agreement the aggrieved employee shall submit his grievance, in writing, to the Union and to the Employer's representative on the job within three (3) working days of the occurrence, giving rise to the grievance. The employee may request assistance of the Job Steward and/or Business Representative of the Union in submitting the grievance.

- 19.02**      If the parties are unable to resolve a difference, as referred to above, within ten (10) working days of notification of the difference either party may notify the other, in writing, of its desire to submit the matter to Arbitration. The notice referred to in this Clause shall contain:

- (a) a statement of the nature of the grievance;
- (b) the section or sections of the Collective Agreement allegedly violated or contravened;
- (c) any relevant particulars such as names, dates and facts concerning the allegations;
- (d) the remedy requested; and
- (e) the name or list of names of persons who would be willing to accept the Arbitrator's position and the name of the party's nominee should an Arbitration Board be selected.

- 19.03**      Upon receipt of such a notice the party receiving the same shall:

- (a) decide whether to appoint an Arbitration Board or single Arbitrator to settle the difference;
- (b) if it elects to appoint a single Arbitrator and
  - (i) if it accepts a person suggested as single Arbitrator, notify the other party within five (5) days of its acceptance of such an Arbitrator,

- (ii) if it does not accept any of the persons suggested, notify the other party accordingly within five (5) days and submit, with such notice, a list of persons that it is willing to accept as single Arbitrator;
- (c) if it elects to appoint an Arbitration Board notify the other party accordingly and name its nominee to the Arbitration Board. The nominees to the Arbitration Board shall endeavor to agree to a person to be appointed as Chairman of the Arbitration Board.

If the parties are unable to agree to a person to act as single Arbitrator within fifteen (15) days of notification of the desire to submit a matter to Arbitration, or if the nominees to an Arbitration Board are unable to agree to a person to act as Chairman within ten (10) days of the last nominee being appointed, either party may request the Minister of Labour, in writing, to appoint the single Arbitrator or Arbitration Board Chairman.

The single Arbitrator or Arbitration Board Chairman shall, within five (5) days of his appointment, schedule a hearing to resolve the matter in question.

**19.04** Under the terms of this Agreement a grievance is a complaint regarding:

- (a) an alleged violation of the Collective Agreement;
- (b) an alleged contravention of the Collective Agreement;
- (c) unjust discipline.

**19.05** The Arbitrator or Arbitration Board shall have the power to determine all questions of arbitrability and shall issue a decision which is final and binding on all parties, upon the parties and upon any employee or Employer affected by it. Where both parties have agreed, together with the Arbitrator or Arbitration Board to the procedure to be followed, no appeal as to the use of that procedure shall be taken.

**19.06** The Arbitrator or Arbitration Board shall determine his/its own procedure but shall give full opportunity to all parties to present evidence and to make representations. The Arbitrators shall also have the power to relieve against non-compliance within time limits or any other technicality or irregularity.

**19.07** The Arbitrator or Arbitration Board shall determine the real issue in dispute according to the merits and make whatever disposition he/it deems just and equitable. The Arbitrator or Arbitration Board shall also provide reasons, in writing, for such decisions within twenty (20) days from the date of the hearing of the grievance. However, except as permitted in the next Clause, the Arbitrator or Arbitration Board shall not alter, amend, change, modify or extend the terms or conditions of the Collective Agreement.

**19.08** If the Arbitrator or Arbitration Board, by his/its award, determines that an employee has been discharged or otherwise disciplined by an Employer for cause and the Collective Agreement does not contain a specific penalty for the infraction that is the subject matter of the Arbitration, the Arbitrator or Arbitration Board may substitute/modify such penalty for the discharge or discipline as to him seems just and fit in all the circumstances.

- 19.09** The Employer and the Union agree that the cost of the Arbitrator or Arbitration Board shall be borne by the unsuccessful party, provided always, that the cost shall be limited to the actual cost of the Arbitrator or Chairman of the Arbitration Board and the costs of each nominee to an Arbitration Board to a maximum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per day for each nominee.
- 19.10** Notwithstanding clause 19.09 above, the Arbitrator or Arbitration Board may exercise his/its discretion in an appropriate case to rule that the cost of the Arbitration Board or Arbitrator is shared equally.

#### **ARTICLE TWENTY - SAVINGS CLAUSE**

- 20.01** Should any article and provision, or any part of this Agreement, be void by reason contrary to law the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.
- 20.02** If any article or provision of this Agreement shall be declared invalid, inoperative or unenforceable by any competent authority of the executive, legislative, judicial or administrative branch of the Federal or any Provincial Government, the Employer and the Union shall suspend the operation of such article or provision during the period of its invalidity and shall substitute, by mutual consent in its place, an article or provision which will meet the objections to its invalidity and which will be in accord with the intent and purpose of the article or provision in question.
- 20.03** If any article or provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid, inoperative or unenforceable by operation of law or by any of the above-mentioned tribunals of competent jurisdiction the remainder of this Agreement of the application of such article or provision to persons, to circumstances other than those to which it has been held invalid, inoperative or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby.

#### **ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE - ENABLING CLAUSE**

- 21.01** Where an Owner/Client or Prime Construction Manager expresses the intention of tendering or awarding work on a project on the open market (i.e. without regard to Union affiliation or its lack), and where in the opinion of the Employer, the award of the work is likely to be to an open-shop or merit shop entity because the conditions of this Agreement may not be competitive in the market then prevailing, the parties to this Agreement shall meet and bargain collectively in good faith in an honest attempt to arrive at terms and conditions for application to work on that project which will be fully competitive in the prevailing market.

**21.02** All enabled conditions will be available to any signatory contractor bidding the work on which the enabled conditions apply.

**21.03** Under clause 21.01 above, terms, conditions and wages contained herein may be varied, altered, amended or modified by the mutual agreement of the Parties.

## **ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO - NO STRIKE OR NO LOCK-OUT**

**22.01** There shall be no strike or lock-out during the term of this Agreement. Neither the Union nor any of the employees covered by this Agreement will collectively, concertedly or individually induce, engage or participate, directly or indirectly, in any strike, picketing, slow-down, stoppage or other curtailment or interference with the Employer's operations or interference with the flow of materials or persons in or out of places where the Employer is doing business. The Union agrees to exert every effort, through its Local Officers and Representatives, to end any unauthorized interruption of work.

**22.02** The Employer will not lock out any of the employees covered by this Agreement. The parties agree that, in the manner set forth in Article 16.00 of this Agreement, they will submit to Arbitration all grievances and disputes that may arise between them and any misunderstanding as to the meaning or intent of all or any part of this Agreement provided, however, the Employer shall not be required to resort to the grievance and arbitration procedures prior to resorting to other remedies in the event of violation of this Article.

## **ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE - DURATION AND AMENDMENTS**

**23.01** This Agreement comes into force May 1, 1999 and shall remain in full force and effect until the 30th day of April, 2001.

**23.02** Should either party desire changes to this Agreement they shall give notice of such desire to the other party not less than sixty (60) days or more than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the 30th day of April, 2001, or any subsequent anniversary date.

**23.03** When notice to negotiate has been given by either party, this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect during any period of negotiations until termination. This Agreement shall terminate upon the following event(s):

- (a) legal strike; or
- (b) legal lockout; or
- (c) the mutual agreement of the Parties.

**23.04** If notice to negotiate is not given pursuant to this Article, then the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect yearly thereafter.

## **ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR - EMPLOYER ASSOCIATION DUES**

- 24.01** In satisfaction of the Employers' obligations under section 163 of the Labour Relations Code and in satisfaction of the Employers' obligations under this collective agreement, the Employer shall pay to the Association the hourly dues levied by the Association pursuant to section 163 of the Code. The rate of dues levied by the Association as of the effective date of this collective agreement shall be twelve cents (12¢) per hour for each and every hour worked by employees of the employer that are affected by registration certificate no. 28 and by this collective agreement. In the event of a failure on the part of any Employer to contribute to the Association the dues required to be contributed pursuant to section 163 of the Labour Relations Code and pursuant to this article of this collective agreement, the Association may, at the sole choice and prerogative of the Association, collect the dues as a debt payable by application to the Labour Relations Board and/or by other civil action, or may collect the dues by way of a grievance filed, notwithstanding any other provision of this collective agreement, by the Association against the subject Employer. The Association may not, however, simultaneously pursue a violation of this Article through application to the Labour Relations Board and/or other civil action and through the grievance procedure.

## **ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE - PERIODIC CONFERENCES**

- 25.01** The Employer and the Union agree to hold periodic conferences in order to review the operation of this Agreement, labour supply, the general technical and economic conditions of the Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Industry and may make, as a group, recommendations to Government, or any other parties for the benefit of the general public and the Industry.
- 25.02** The parties shall attempt to meet two (2) times annually or notice can be given by the parties, in writing, to arrange for meetings which are mutually agreed.

**SIGNATORY PAGE**

SIGNED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999, by and between;

**CONSTRUCTION LABOUR RELATIONS -  
AN ALBERTA ASSOCIATION -  
REFRIGERATION (PROVINCIAL)  
TRADE DIVISION  
PURSUANT TO REGISTRATION  
CERTIFICATE #28**

**UNITED ASSOCIATION OF  
JOURNEYMAN AND APPRENTICES  
OF THE PLUMBING AND  
PIPEFITTING INDUSTRY OF  
THE UNITED STATES AND  
CANADA,  
LOCAL UNION 488  
EDMONTON, ALBERTA**

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Neil Tidsbury,  
President

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Rob Kinsey,  
Business Manager

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Paul Walzack,  
Business Representative



## APPENDIX A

This Appendix "A" is as per Clause 3.01 of the attached Collective Agreement and expands on the work mentioned in the said clause.

- (a) All piping and components used for primary and secondary All gas and arc welding, brazed, soldered, caulked, expanded and rolled joints in connection with the refrigeration and air conditioning industry.
- (b) The laying out and cutting of all holes, chases, and channels, the setting and erection of bolts, inserts, stands, brackets, supports, sleeves, thimbles, hangers, tubing raceways used in connection with the refrigeration and air conditioning industry.
- (c) All gas and arc welding, brazed, soldered, caulked, expanded, and rolled joints in connection with the refrigeration and air conditioning industry.
- (d) Laying out, cutting, bending and fabricating, or all pipe work of every description relating to (a) by whatever mode or method.
- (e) All methods of stress relieving of all pipe joints made by every mode or method in the refrigeration and air conditioning industry.
- (f) The assembling and erection of tanks used in the refrigeration and air conditioning industry.
- (g) The handling and using of all tools and equipment that may be necessary for the erection and installation of all work and materials used in the refrigeration and air conditioning industry.
- (h) The dismantling and repairing for reuse of all refrigeration and air conditioning equipment, parts, piping and components.
- (i) All piping for cataracts, cascades (i.e. artificial water falls), make-up water fountain, captured waters, water towers, cooling towers, and spray ponds, used for industrial manufacturing, commercial or for any other purposes in the refrigeration and air conditioning industry.
- (j) Piping herein specified means pipe made from metals, tile, glass, rubber, plastics, or any other kind of material or product manufactured into pipe useable in the refrigeration and air conditioning industry regardless of size.
- (k) Hoisting, setting up, hanging and installing all equipment supplied by the refrigeration and air conditioning industry.
- (l) Installation and erection of sectional walk-in boxes and cold storage rooms, installation and erection of prefabricated insulated panels for cold storage rooms and installation and erection of temperature controlled display cases and cabinets used for display and storage of all dairy products, vegetable and fruit produce and all meat and fish products.

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**R E F R I G E R A T I O N  
P R O V I N C I A L**

**between**

**Construction Labour Relations - An Alberta Association  
Refrigeration (Provincial) Trade Division**

**Pursuant to Registration Certificate No. 28**

**and**

**United Association Of Journeymen And Apprentices Of  
The Plumbing And Pipefitting Industry Of  
The United States And Canada  
Local Union 488**

**May 1, 1999 To April 30, 2001**

