

Referral Information

In the interest of maintaining an efficient system of production in the industry, providing for an orderly procedure of referral of applicants for employment, preserving the legitimate interests of the employees in their employment status within the area and of eliminating discrimination in employment because of membership or non-membership in the Union, the parties hereto agree to the following system of referral of applicants for employment.

The Union shall be the sole and exclusive source of referral of applicants for employment.

The employer shall have the right to reject any applicant for employment.

The Union shall select and refer applicants for employment without discrimination against such applicants by reason of membership or non-membership in the Union, and such selection and referral shall not be affected in any way by rules, regulations, by-laws, constitutional provisions or any other aspect or obligation of Union membership policies or requirements. All such selection and referral shall be in accord with the following procedure.

The Union shall maintain a register of applicants for employment established on the basis of the classifications and Groups listed below. Each applicant for employment shall be registered in the highest priority Group in the classification or classifications for which he qualifies.

CLASSIFICATION A JOURNEYMAN LINEMAN/JOURNEYMAN TECHNICIAN

Group I - All applicants for employment who have three and one-half (3.5) or more years' experience in the trade, are residents of the geographical area constituting the normal construction labor market, have passed a Journeyman Lineman's examination given by a duly constituted Outside Local Union of the IBEW or have been certified as a Journeyman Lineman by any Outside Area Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee and who have been employed for a period of at least one year in the last three and one-half (3.5) years in the geographical area covered by the collective bargaining agreement. Group I status shall be limited to one Local Union at one time. An applicant who qualifies for Group I in a Local shall be so registered electronically and remain on Group I in that local union unless and until the applicant designates another local union as his or her Group I local union. If an applicant qualifies for Group I status in a local union other than his or her home local union and designates that local as his or her Group I local union, the business manager of the new Group I status local union shall by electronic means notify the business manager of the applicant's former Group I status local union.

Group II - All applicants for employment who have three and one-half (3.5) or more years' experience in the trade, and who have passed a Journeyman Lineman's examination given by a duly constituted Outside Local Union of the IBEW or have been certified as a Journeyman Lineman by any Outside Area Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee.

Group III - All applicants for employment who have two (2) or more years' experience in the trade, are residents of the geographical area constituting the normal construction labor market and who have been employed in the normal construction labor market area for at least six months in the last two and one-half (2.5) years in the trade under a collective bargaining agreement between the parties to this Agreement.

Group IV - All applicants for employment who have worked at the trade for more than one (1) year.

CLASSIFICATION B GROUNDMAN/TRUCK DRIVER

Group I - All applicants for employment who have experience in the trade, are residents of the geographical area constituting the normal construction labor market, have the necessary qualifications pertaining to their classification and who have been employed in the normal construction labor market area for a period of at least one year in the last four years under a collective bargaining agreement between the parties to this Agreement.

Group II - All applicants for employment who have one or more years' experience in the trade.

Group III - All applicants for employment who have experience in the trade, are residents of the normal construction labor market area and who have been employed in the normal construction labor market area for at least six months in the last three years in the trade under a collective bargaining agreement between the parties to this Agreement.

Group IV - All other applicants for employment.

If the registration list in a given classification is exhausted and the Union is unable to refer applicants for employment to the Employer within forty-eight hours from the time of receiving the Employer's request, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excepted, the Employer shall be free to secure applicants without using the Referral Procedure, but such applicants, if hired, shall have the status of "temporary employees".

The Employer shall notify the Business Manager promptly of the names and Social Security numbers of such "temporary employees" and shall replace such "temporary employees" as soon as registered applicants for employment are available under the Referral Procedure.

DEFINITIONS

Normal Construction Labor Market is defined to mean the following geographical area in the State of Missouri plus the commuting distance adjacent thereto which includes the area from which the normal labor supply is secured.

This geographical area is agreed upon by the parties to include the areas defined by the

Secretary of Labor to be the appropriate prevailing wage areas under the Davis-Bacon Act to which this Agreement applies.

Resident means a person who has maintained his permanent home in the above defined geographical area for a period of not less than one year or who, having had a permanent home in this area, has temporarily left with the intention of returning to this area as his permanent home.

Examinations - An "examination" shall include experience rating tests if such examination shall have been given prior to the date of this procedure, but from and after the date of this procedure, shall include only written and/or practical examinations given by a duly constituted Outside Local Union of the IBEW. Reasonable intervals of time for examinations are specified as ninety days. A Journeyman applicant shall be eligible for examination if he has had three and one-half (3.5) years' experience in the trade.

The Union shall maintain an "Out-of-Work List" which shall list the applicants within each Group in chronological order of the dates they register their availability for employment.

An applicant who has registered on the "Out-of-Work List" must renew his application every 30 days or his name will be removed from the "List".

An applicant who is hired and who receives, through no fault of his own, work of forty hours or less shall, upon re-registration, be restored to his appropriate place within his Group.

Employers shall advise the Business Manager of the Local Union of the number of applicants needed. The Business Manager shall refer applicants to the Employer by first referring applicants in Group I in the order of their place on the "Out-of-Work List" and then referring applicants in the same manner successively from the "Out-of-Work List" in Group II, then Group III, and then Group IV. Any applicant who is rejected by the Employer shall be returned to his appropriate place within his Group and shall be referred to other employment in accordance with the position of his Group and his place within the Group.

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An applicant who is discharged for cause two times within a 12-month period shall be referred to the neutral member of the Appeals Committee for a determination as to the applicant's continued eligibility for referral. The neutral member of the Appeals Committee shall, within three* business days, review the qualifications of the applicant and the reasons for the discharges. The neutral member of the Appeals Committee may, in his or her sole discretion: (1) require the applicant to obtain further training from the JATC before

again being eligible for referral; (2) disqualify the applicant for referral for a period of four weeks or longer depending on the seriousness of the conduct and/or repetitive nature of the conduct; (3) refer the applicant to an employee assistance program, if available, for evaluation and recommended action; or (4) restore the applicant to his/her appropriate place on the referral list.

The only exceptions which shall be allowed in this order of referral are as follows:

(a) When the Employer states bona fide requirements for special skills and abilities in his request for applicants, the Business Manager shall refer the first applicant on the register possessing such skills and abilities.

(b) The age ratio clause in the Agreement calls for the employment of an additional employee or employees on the basis of age. Therefore, the Business Manager shall refer the first applicant on the register satisfying the applicable age requirements; provided, however, that all names in higher priority Groups, if any, shall first be exhausted before such over-age reference can be made.

An Appeals Committee is hereby established composed of one member appointed by the Union, one member appointed by the Employer or by the Association, as the case may be, and a Public Member appointed by both these members.

It shall be the function of the Appeals Committee to consider any complaint of any employee or applicant for employment arising out of the administration by the Local Union of Sections 4.04 through 4.15 of this Agreement. The Appeals Committee shall have the power to make a final and binding decision on any such complaint which shall be complied with by the Local Union. The Appeals Committee is authorized to issue procedural rules for the conduct of its business, but it is not authorized to add to, subtract from, or modify any of the provisions of this Agreement and its decisions shall be in accord with this Agreement.

A representative of the Employer or of the Association, as the case may be, designated to the Union, in writing, shall be permitted to inspect the Referral Procedure records at any time during normal business hours.

A copy of the Referral Procedure set forth in this Agreement shall be posted on the bulletin board in the offices of the Local Union and in the offices of the Employers who are parties to this Agreement.

Apprentices shall be hired and transferred in accordance with the apprenticeship provisions of the Outside Area Training Agreement.