MEMORANDUM

TO: LU 597 Contractors

RE: New Area Agreement

DATE: June 1, 2019

Enclosed please find the latest printed copy of the Area Agreement negotiated by Pipe Fitters Association Local Union 597, U.A., and MCA of Chicago.

The enclosed Area Agreement replaces the June 1, 2015 version and contains the latest amendments to the document. The changes, primarily editorial in nature, to the Area Agreement include:

- General language cleanup
- Article I – Updated Definitions
- Article II, Section 2 – Consolidation and Update of Pipe Fitters’ Jurisdiction
- Article II, Section 2 (k) – Demolition Work
- Article II, Section 2 (y) – Temporary Heat
- Article IV, Section 1 (c) – Start Time
- Article IV, Section 4 (b & c) – Evening & Night Shift pay premium of 10%
- Article IX, Section 4 (b) – Employer Update to UnionFusion for welding, medical gas, and plastic fusion methods
SERVICE & MAINTENANCE ADDENDUM
- Article SA-VI, Paragraph (c) – The exception that allowed time-and-a-half on Sunday for unplanned, emergency service work has been removed. All work on Sunday is now at double-time the standard rate.
- Article SA-VI, Paragraph (i) – Shift work of 4-10 hour days consecutively with JAB notification
- Table 1 – Updated tools

All of these changes are now in effect

An updated Industrial Agreement will be completed in the next few weeks and we will let you know when that is ready.

Enclosure