

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: LU 597 Contractors**

**RE: New Area Agreement**

**DATE: June 1, 2019**

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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