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This AVM Electronic Systems Group Agreement is entered into between the Port of Seattle, a municipal corporation of the State of Washington, hereinafter referred to as the "Port," and Local Union 46 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, hereinafter referred to as the "Union."

The jurisdiction of this agreement shall include installation, operation, renovation, alteration, inspection, repair, software configuration, maintenance and service of the following electronic systems and their underlying infrastructure: Combined Command & Communication Center (C4), STS, Baggage Handling System, Airport Ticketing and Gate Systems, Radio Communication Systems, Security Systems, Electronic Signage Systems, Parking and Revenue Control Systems, Closed Circuit TV and Video Management Systems, Facility & Power Monitoring, Atmosphere & Surface Monitoring, Terminal Wide Voice Paging System (TWVPS) & Messaging, Intercoms & Emergency Phone Systems, Time Display, Ramp Tower Digital Voice Communication System, Automated Passport Control Kiosks, POS Badge Printers, Airfield FOD Sensor System, Advanced Visual Docking System, Airport Audio Recording System, Incident Command Vehicles, Floor Count System and other miscellaneous systems at Sea-Tac International Airport.

At the discretion of management, employees covered by this agreement may be assigned to perform these work functions at locations outside the airport. In the event that an AVM Electronic System extends beyond the airport, a Business Partnership meeting will be convened to discuss how the Electronic Technicians will maintain and administer that system.

When an interface is required between a system under the jurisdiction of this contract and any other system, the Port and the Union shall meet and confer to discuss technical issues affecting the interface.

In view of the foregoing, it is hereby agreed between the Port and the Union that the following shall apply:

ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to promote the continued improvement of the relationship between the Port and its employees through their Union. The articles of this Agreement set forth the wages, hours, and working conditions for the bargaining unit employees.

ARTICLE 2: NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Port and the Union will not tolerate discrimination against any person on the grounds of age, race, color, national origin/ancestry, ethnicity, religion, disability, Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) use, pregnancy, sex/gender, sexual orientation, whistleblower status, military affiliation, marital status, worker's compensation use, transgender status, political beliefs, or any other protected status as guaranteed by local, state, and federal laws.

ARTICLE 3: UNION RECOGNITION AND MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Recognition – The Port recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining representative of all regular, probationary, and temporary employees whose job classifications are in the work units listed in this agreement.

3.2 Dues and Fees

Section 1. All present employees who are members of the Union as of the date of the execution of this Agreement shall remain members during the life of this Agreement as a condition of continued employment. All current employees who are not members of the Union shall become members of the Union within thirty (30) days after the signing of this agreement and shall remain members during the life of this agreement as a condition of their continued employment. All employees hired hereafter shall become members of the Union within thirty (30) days following the beginning of their employment and shall remain members during the life of this Agreement as a condition of their continued employment. No employee will be terminated under this Article if the Port has reasonable grounds for believing:

- (a) That membership was not available to the employee on the same terms and conditions generally applicable to other members, or
- (b) That membership was denied or terminated for reasons other than the failure of the employee to tender the periodic dues and the initiation fee uniformly required as a condition of acquiring or retaining membership.

Section 2. The Port shall discharge or otherwise cause the termination of employment of non-complying employees upon receipt of written request to the Port's Senior Director of Labor Relations from the Union. Prior to sending a written request for termination to the Port, the Union shall notify the affected employee of its intention to request termination. Such termination of employment shall be made following the Port's due process procedures but in no case greater than ten (10) working days after receipt of written request by the Port's Senior Director of Labor Relations.

3.3 Payroll Deduction - Upon receipt of written authorization individually signed by an employee, the Port will have deducted from the pay of such employee the amount of dues and initiation fees as certified by the Union and will transmit the amount to the Union.

3.4 Indemnification - The Union will indemnify and hold the Port harmless against any claims made and against any suit instituted against the Port on account of any check-off of dues and initiation fees for the Union. The Union agrees to refund to the Port any amounts paid to it in error upon presentation of proper evidence thereof.

ARTICLE 4: MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

- 4.1 **General** - The Union recognizes the prerogatives of the Port to operate and manage its affairs in all respects in accordance with its responsibilities and powers of authority, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 4.2 **Rights Enumerated** - Unless modified by this Agreement, the Port shall have the right to determine staffing levels and work locations; determine any given employee's job classification consistent with this Agreement; recruit, examine, hire, appoint, promote, demote, train, transfer, assign, layoff, and discipline and discharge seniority employees for just cause; direct and assign the work; develop and modify classification specifications consistent with this Agreement; allocate positions to those classifications; allocate employees to those positions; determine work shifts and work schedules; schedule and assign overtime work; establish the methods, means and processes and personnel by which work is performed; establish rules; secure its regular and temporary employees from the local community, specify certain employees as regular employees, subcontract work as allowed by this agreement, allow tenants and leaseholders doing business with the Port to do the work covered by this agreement on their leased premises only, and the right to take whatever actions are necessary in emergencies in order to assure the proper functioning of the work unit.

Due to the unique nature of the operations of the Port of Seattle, the demands for skilled electronic technicians are highly variable in specific skills and equipment, numbers of crew and required response time. The parties have negotiated in good faith on the subject of subcontracting, with the interest of IBEW being maintaining job security and the interest of the Port of Seattle being the ability to adapt to the ever changing maintenance requirements of the complex systems maintained by the Port of Seattle as well as public statutes and policies regarding purchasing of goods and services as a public entity. To this end the parties have recognized the difficulty of adopting specific language limiting the right of the Port of Seattle to subcontract, if the need arises, work traditionally performed by employees covered by this agreement. No employee working under this agreement shall be laid off, transferred, or suffer loss of regular work hours due to subcontracting or transferring of the work performed under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5: CLASSIFICATIONS AND RATES OF PAY

5.1 Definitions

- 5.1.1 **Regular Employee** – A regular employee is an employee employed by the Port of Seattle who has worked in the bargaining unit at least eight (8) continuous months. Once an employee attains regular employee status, seniority shall be retroactive to their date of hire in the bargaining unit.
- 5.1.2 **Probationary Employee** – A probationary employee is an at-will employee and may be terminated without cause or recourse to the grievance procedure. Probationary employees must work an equivalent to eight (8) months of continuous full-time work. The probationary employee will be recognized as

having attained Seniority status upon the successful completion of their probationary period.

The probationary period may be extended by management, in consultation with the union, based on the documented performance review completed by the foreman, not to exceed a total of twelve (12) months worked.

The Port will notify the shop steward and the Union within one (1) week when it hires any Probationary employees in the bargaining unit. Probationary employees shall report directly to the Foremen. Work will include, but is not limited to technical support to Electronic Systems and STS.

5.1.3 Foreman – Whenever an employee has the responsibility of the supervision of employees or the coordination of subcontractors on a project or routine work assignment, he/she will be paid at least the foreman’s scale. A Foreman, as compared to a Journeyman, has some distinct responsibilities to adhere to and enforce established Port policies and procedures, management directives, and keeping positive relations with all others. A Foreman shall perform duties with regards to:

- (a) Employees: supervision, assignments, track and report on performance, safety and compliance.
- (b) Tools and Equipment: manage, track, secure, and report use of resources.
- (c) And other duties as assigned.

5.1.4 General Foreman – Whenever an employee has the responsibility of supervision of multiple crews and/or multiple shifts, where other system foreman have been assigned to manage crews, he/she will be paid at least the general foreman’s scale. A General Forman has the responsibility of supervision/coordination of multiple Foreman and/or multiple shifts.

Employees shall be covered under the classifications and wage rate formulas that follows:

5.2 Wage Rates

Effective June 1, 2017, the straight-time hourly basic wage rates for electronic systems classifications shall be established as follows:

Automated Control Specialist/Electronic Technician – Effective June 1, 2017, the base wage of the Automated Control Specialist/Electronic Technician shall be increased by 3.7% equal to 100% of the February to February CPI change in the previous 12-month period using the Seattle/Tacoma/Bremerton CPI-W Index.

Effective June 1, 2018 the base wage of the Automated Control Specialist/Electronic Technician shall be increased by 3.0%.

General Foreman – 20% above the Automated Control Specialist/Electronic Technician.

Foreman – 10% above the Automated Control Specialist/Electronic Technician.

Probationary Electronic Technician – 10% below the Automated Control Specialist/Electronic Technician (Applies during probationary period only).

5.3 Foreman Minimum Staffing

The assignment of Foremen shall be at the discretion of management. Assignment of an employee to the classification of General Foreman, though not required, may be implemented at the discretion of management. Both the ET shop and the STS shop shall each have one (1) foreman assigned to the day shift, one (1) to the swing shift, and one (1) to the graveyard shift (for a minimum of six (6) foremen).

5.4 Shift Differentials

The hourly pay differential for second (2nd) shift shall be ten percent (10%) above the straight-time day rate of the employee's classification. The hourly pay differential for third (3rd) shift shall be fifteen percent (15%) above the straight-time day rate of the employee's classification.

5.5 Overtime

All overtime shall be paid at the rate of double time (2x). Double time (2x) is never more than two times (2x) the straight-time day rate and does not include shift differentials.

5.6 Bi-weekly Pay

Payroll checks will be distributed on a bi-weekly basis.

5.7 Call In

Any person called in to work on a day off or called in to work before or after the conclusion of their shift shall be paid a minimum of four (4) hours pay at the overtime rate regardless of the length of the call, unless the call lasts more than four (4) hours. This pay shall be in addition to any pay paid for the person's regular shift. The employee accepting the callout may be required to work the full four hours if necessary due to the emergency work, or take other emergency calls during this four hour period prior to leaving Port property. This does not apply to extension of shifts before or after the scheduled shift.

5.8 Phone and Computer Consultation Overtime – When employees are called or contacted outside of his or her regular shift to seek technical advice or support, the employee giving the advice shall be compensated at the overtime time rate in quarter

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hour (.25) hour intervals for phone, text, or computer consultations. Multiple calls or computer messages within the same fifteen-minute interval shall not be compensated as separate consultation events. Consultation overtime is approved using the same overtime approval process as used for other overtime assignments. Phone or computer consultations to employees outside their regular shift in regards to scheduling or other non-technical support shall not result in any compensation.

ARTICLE 6: HOURS OF WORK

- 6.1 (a) Normal Workweek** – The normal workweek shall be defined as five (5) consecutive eight (8) hour days (5x8) or four (4) consecutive ten (10) hour days (4x10) within a standard week of Sunday through Saturday, exclusive of a thirty (30) minute unpaid meal period.

An employee may volunteer to schedule their workweek as non-consecutive days. The maximum number of Saturdays and or Sundays which an employee can be required to work at the straight-time rate of pay shall be limited to a ratio of 1 in 3. Saturdays and or Sundays worked in excess of this ratio will be paid at the overtime rate of pay. This ratio may be calculated over a several week period to account for the rotating of weekend duty. To calculate the ratio the number of Saturdays and Sundays worked over a period of time is divided by the total number of Saturday and Sundays that occurred during that same period of time. If an employee takes paid time off for a Saturday or Sunday they were scheduled to work, those days shall be counted for the purpose of calculating the 1 in 3 ratio. PTO may include vacation, holiday, sick leave and bereavement leave. A Saturday or Sunday worked at the overtime rate of pay shall not be counted when calculating the ratio.

An employee may volunteer to work more Saturdays and Sundays than the 1 in 3 ratio at the straight-time rate of pay.

The employees of each individual shift shall establish and coordinate their schedules with their respective shift foreman such that the aggregate coverage meets the required staffing defined by management.

- (b) Optional Workweek** – The normal workweek may be changed for crews or portions of crews by mutual consent of the Union and the Port.

6.2 Shift Definitions

- (a) First Shift** – An employee assigned to work on a shift beginning between the hours of 5:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M. will be considered to be on first (1st) shift.
- (b) Second Shift** – An employee assigned to work on a shift beginning between the hours of 2:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. will be considered to be on second (2nd) shift. The pay rate for an employee assigned to second (2nd) shift will be his/her base hourly pay rate

of pay plus ten (10%) percent. An employee who is regularly assigned to the second (2nd) shift will have all compensable time paid at the higher rate of pay.

(c) **Third Shift** – An employee assigned to work on a shift beginning between the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 1:00 A.M. will be considered to be on third (3rd) shift. The pay rate for an employee assigned third (3rd) shift will be his/her base hourly rate of pay plus fifteen (15%) percent. An employee who is regularly assigned to the third (3rd) shift will have all compensable time paid at the higher rate of pay.

6.3 Changes to Shift – Changes to work schedules will require one (1) week notice to affected employees. If the employer does not meet the notification requirements, the employee will be paid at the higher rate of pay until the notification requirement is met.

ARTICLE 7: VACATION

7.1 Monthly Rates of Accrual

Vacation provisions shall apply, limited to regular employees covered by this agreement, as stated below.

7.1.1 Two Weeks Vacation - An employee starting with the first day of employment and through thirty six (36) months of continuous service shall accrue vacation leave at the rate of 6.67 hours per month, or up to two (2) weeks per year (6.67 hours x 12 months = 80 hours per year).

7.1.2 Three Weeks Vacation - An employee starting at the beginning of thirty seven (37) months and through eighty-four (84) months of continuous service shall accrue vacation leave at the rate of ten (10) hours per month, or up to three (3) weeks per year (10 hours x 12 months = 120 hours per year).

7.1.3 Four Weeks Vacation - An employee starting at the beginning of eighty-five (85) months and through one hundred forty-four (144) months of continuous service shall accrue vacation leave at the rate of 13.34 hours per month, or up to four (4) weeks per year (13.34 hours x 12 months = 160 hours per year).

7.1.4 Five Weeks of Vacation - An employee starting at the beginning one hundred forty-five (145) months of continuous service shall accrue vacation leave at the rate of 16.67 hours per month, or up to five (5) weeks per year (16.67 hours x 12 months = 200 hours per year).

Vacation shall accrue at the rate of one-twelfth (1/12th) of said employee's vacation schedule for each month in which one hundred twenty (120) hours or more were compensated.

On each employee's fifth (5th), and twelfth (12th) anniversary date, payroll shall adjust the vacation accrual to reflect the appropriate vacation schedule by crediting the employee with an additional one (1) week (40 hours) of vacation accrual.

7.2 Vacation Eligibility - For new employees, vacation vests after six (6) months of service. New employees shall not be eligible to use vacation accruals until after the completion of six (6) months of service.

7.3 Limits on Accumulating Vacation Leave

7.3.1 Vacation accruals shall be limited to a maximum of four hundred eighty (480) hours. All accruals will stop as soon as any employee has accrued a maximum of four hundred eighty (480) hours. Accruals will begin again as soon as accrual level drops below four hundred eighty (480) hours.

7.3.2 Vacation Cash Out: Effective upon ratification, employees may cash-out any amount of their accrued vacation hours, provided the employee has a minimum balance of two (2) weeks of vacation hours remaining immediately following the cash out. Cash-outs shall be processed at the employee's current hourly rate of pay as recorded in the payroll system. Such pay shall include the employee's shift hourly rate of pay if applicable as long as the employee has occupied such position or shift for at least thirty (30) days. A "Paid Time Off Cash-Out Request and Waiver" form must be submitted to Payroll by the payroll deadline.

Effective January 1, 2019, employees will be subject to the Port of Seattle's PTO Cash Out Policy.

7.4 Rate of Vacation Pay - Vacation pay shall be at the employee's then current straight-time shift rate of pay.

7.5 Pay on Termination - Upon termination, employees shall be paid for unused vacation accruals. An employee with less than a full years' service shall receive, on a pro rata basis, the proportionate part of his/her vacation then earned.

ARTICLE 8: HOLIDAYS

8.1 Designated Holidays - The following twelve (12) days or days in lieu thereof shall be observed and recognized as paid holidays for regular employees:

<i>HOLIDAY</i>	<i>DAY OBSERVED</i>
<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>January 1</i>
<i>Memorial Day</i>	<i>Last Monday in May</i>
<i>Independence Day</i>	<i>July 4</i>

<i>Labor Day</i>	<i>First Monday in September</i>
<i>Veteran's Day</i>	<i>November 11</i>
<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	<i>Fourth Thursday in November</i>
<i>Day after Thanksgiving</i>	<i>Fourth Friday in November</i>
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>December 24</i>
<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>December 25</i>
<i>Three Personal Holidays</i>	<i>Employee designated(June 1 through May 31st each year)*</i>

Any date commonly observed, as designated by State or national authority, may be observed as a holiday and paid for as such in lieu of the date designated above for the paid holidays listed.

*Personal holidays not used shall not be carried over.

8.2 Other Holiday Observance Considerations - Whenever any of the above holidays fall on a regular employee's normal day off, either the last scheduled workday of the employee's previous workweek or the first scheduled workday of the following week shall be observed as the holiday and paid for accordingly. In such an instance the Port shall decide whether the last preceding workday or the first workday of the following week is to be observed.

8.3 Holiday Pay Rate and Qualifications - Each regular employee shall receive eight (8) hours or ten (10) hours (if working a 4 day ten hour (4x10) workday) holiday pay at his/her hourly shift rate of pay for the holidays designated in A. above, provided:

8.3.1 That the regular employee worked the regularly scheduled workday prior to, and the first (1st) scheduled workday following the holiday. Exceptions will be made in cases where absences have been approved by management.

8.3.2 Employees who are absent due to an industrial injury and who receive Washington State Workers' Compensation for the date of the holiday shall be compensated with supplemental holiday pay, provided the total daily or weekly amount of benefits received does not exceed his/her daily or weekly base wage rate.

8.4 Holidays and Vacations - If a holiday falls within the vacation period of a regular employee, the employee shall be paid as set forth above provided the employee works the last scheduled workday prior to and the first scheduled workday following the employee's vacation unless otherwise excused by management.

Holidays and vacations shall be administered separately and neither holiday nor vacation time shall be forfeited in the event that holidays and vacations are scheduled during the same period.

- 8.5 Pay for Time Worked on Holidays** - Regular employees who perform work on any of the above holidays shall be paid, in addition to holiday pay, the actual time worked at the overtime rate.

ARTICLE 9: BENEFITS

- 9.1 I.B.E.W. Pacific Coast Pension Plan** - The employees covered by this Agreement shall be eligible for benefits under the I.B.E.W. Pacific Coast Pension Plan. Port contributions to this plan shall be fifty cents (\$.50) base rate for all hours compensated for each employee.

Effective September 1, 2017 and for the term of the agreement, any increases emanating from the rehabilitation plan beyond the current rehabilitation plan contribution by the Port of fifty-eight cents (\$0.58) per compensated hour of work will be shared (50%-50%) between the Port of Seattle and members of the IBEW, Local 46, Electronic Technicians. Employee contributions on the basis of the fifty-percent will be deducted from employee wages.

- 9.2 Puget Sound Electrical Workers Pension Trust** - The employees covered by this Agreement shall be eligible for benefits under the Puget Sound Electrical Workers Pension Trust. Effective June 1, 2017 fifty cents (\$3.50) per hour. Effective January 1, 2018, Port contributions to this plan are three dollars and ninety-two cents (\$3.92) per hour for all hours compensated for each employee.

Effective January 1, 2019 Port contributions to this plan are four dollars and seventeen cents (\$4.17) per hour for all hours compensated for each employee.

- 9.3 Annuity** - Employees covered by this agreement shall be eligible for benefits under the Puget Sound Electrical Workers Annuity Plan. Effective June 1, 2017, Port contributions to this plan shall be two dollars (\$2.00) two for all hours compensated for each employee. Effective January 1, 2018 the Port will contribute 4.5% of gross monthly wages to the Plan.

- 9.4 Healthcare Trust Fund** - **The employees covered by this Agreement shall be eligible for benefits under the Puget Sound Electrical Workers Healthcare Trust Fund.**

Effective June 1, 2017, the Port shall contribute the amount of \$8.10 per each hour compensated for the monthly contribution equaling 155 hours each month for each Employee covered by this Agreement.

Effective January 1, 2018, the Port will contribute a lump sum base rate amount of \$1225 to the Healthcare Trust Fund. The Port's share of the monthly contribution will be \$1200 and the Employee's share will be \$25 per month.

The new formula for cost sharing of any future contribution increases necessary by the Trust over the Base Rate of \$1225 per month will be 50% Employer share of the increase

and 50% Employee share of any increase. When the Employee's share of the increases reaches \$122 per month, future increases that are necessary will be paid at 90% by the Employer and 10% by the Employee.

Effective May 31, 2019, the Port will contribute a lump sum base rate amount of \$1256 to the Healthcare Trust Fund. The Port's share of the monthly contribution will be \$1231 and the Employee's share will be \$25 per month.

The new formula for cost sharing of any future contribution increases necessary by the Trust over the Base Rate of \$1256 per month will be 50% Employer share of the increase and 50% Employee share of any increase. When the Employee's share of the increases reaches \$126 per month, future increases that are necessary will be paid at 90% by the Employer and 10% by the Employee.

9.5 Sick Leave

9.5.1 Sick Leave Accrual - Effective on June 1, 2017, employees shall accrue sick leave at the rate of .022308 per straight time hour compensated, but not to exceed the equivalent of forty-eight (48) hours per year.

Effective January 1, 2018 employees shall accrue sick leave at the rate of .025 per hours compensated.

9.5.2 Pay Rate - Sick leave pay shall be at the shift straight-time hourly rate.

9.5.3 Eligibility - Sick leave will be used only in instances of bona fide employee, immediate family, or others (as required by law) illness, injury or disability resulting in absence from work as normally scheduled.

9.5.4 Maximum Accrual - Any unused sick leave benefits shall be accumulated into a sick leave bank up to a maximum of four-hundred and eighty hours (480) to be used for future illness of an employee as his/her needs may require, but may not in any event be converted to additional vacation, or time off with pay. Sick leave used shall be deducted from the accumulated bank. Unused sick leave may not be converted to cash payment except under termination or retirement following five (5) continuous years of active employment in a permanent position, qualified employees shall be compensated for fifty percent (50%) of their unused sick leave (within the 480 hour limit) at the rate of pay upon termination.

9.5.5 Pay Off - The following provisions establish the methods for application of sick leave benefits in conjunction with other benefits:

(a) In no case shall the combined effect of sick leave and/or other benefits be applied so that compensation exceeds the employee's normal rate of pay.

(b) An employee who is collecting Worker's Compensation temporary occupational disability benefits may draw sufficient sick leave benefits from

his/her disability benefits, provided the total daily or weekly amount of benefits does not exceed his/her daily or weekly base wage rate, until such time as his/her leave bank is depleted.

- 9.5.6 Abuse of Sick Leave** - Both parties are committed to work to minimize or eliminate any abuse of sick leave.
- 9.6 Shared Leave** - Employees covered by this agreement are eligible to participate in the Port's Shared Leave program.
- 9.7 Family Medical Leave Act & State Family Care Act** - The Port shall comply with the Family Medical Leave act and State Family Care Act. These benefits shall be available to domestic partners of employees as well as those persons required by these statutes. For purposes of this Article, domestic partnership shall mean a heterosexual or same sex couple as defined by Port of Seattle Policy HR-5.
- 9.8 Failure to Return to Work** - Failure to return to work from an approved Medical or Family Leave of absence by the expiration date of the leave of absence may be cause for termination of employment.
- 9.9 Bereavement Leave** - Any employee who suffers a death in the employee's immediate family shall be allowed twenty four (24) hours leave compensated at the employees regular shift rate. In cases in which the funeral is outside of Washington State, the employee may request up to sixteen (16) hours of additional paid leave, not to exceed a maximum of forty hours (40). Individual circumstances such as the distance to the funeral and the extent of employee involvement with the arrangements for the deceased shall be considered in determining the number of days to be granted an employee.
- Bereavement leave may be granted for the death of family members; defined as the death of an employee's spouse or domestic partner, the employee's (or employee's spouse or domestic partner's) parent, child, step-child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, aunt, uncle; or a sibling's spouse, domestic partner or child.
- 9.10 Flexible Spending Account** - Employees shall be eligible for participation in the Port of Seattle's Flexible Spending account program. Eligibility and participation of employees shall be subject to the terms and conditions of such plan including any plan amendment, revision or possible cancellation. It is further agreed that content of the plan itself, plan administration and any determination made under the plan shall not be subject to the grievance or to any other Provision of this Addendum or to negotiation by the Union.
- 9.11 Deferred Compensation** - Employees shall be eligible for participation in the Port of Seattle's Deferred Compensation Plan. Eligibility and participation of employees shall be subject to the terms and conditions of such plan including any plan amendments, revisions, or possible cancellation. It is further agreed that content of the plan itself, plan administration, and any determinations made under the plan shall not be subject to grievance or arbitration procedures or to negotiation by the Union.

9.12 **Paid Parental Leave.** The Port shall continue to provide Paid Parental Leave to members of the bargaining unit. Eligibility, participation, and terms of the Paid Parental leave shall be as provided to non-represented employees. The Port may change or modify its Paid Parental Leave policy and/or procedure. If the Port desires a change/modification, the Port agrees to provide the union with advance notice of any change. The same benefit shall be extended to this bargaining unit as provided to other bargaining units and non-represented employees, as may be changed, at the discretion of the Port.

ARTICLE 10: JOB-RELATED COURSE WORK AND/OR TRAINING

At the Port's discretion, the Port may provide compensation for job-related course work or training. Effective January 1, 2016, members of the bargaining group will be eligible to apply for Tuition Reimbursement pursuant to the Port's Employee Learning and Development Policy (HR-12).

ARTICLE 11: TRAVEL

Since the Sea-Tac International Airport is the permanent headquarters and place of business of the Employer under this Agreement, the employees will furnish their own transportation to and from the Airport and shall receive no compensation for time or mileage for such travel.

The Port shall use the Fair Labor Standards Act regulations on travel time as they existed on the ratification date of this contract as a minimum standard to apply in all wage issues involving travel time. In the event more generous FLSA regulations are adopted, the Port shall then apply the applicable new regulations.

ARTICLE 12: TRAINING

12.1 Probationary Training - Because of the complexity of the electronic systems at the Airport, approximately eight (8) months, but not to exceed eight (8) months, of training are required before a technician is adequately trained to work alone. If an employee needs additional training beyond the eight (8) month probationary period, the Port, with input from the Union, may extend the probationary period to twelve (12) months at the current rate of pay. After successful completion of this eight (8) month training period, or extended four-month period, on either the Central Control, Satellite Transit, or Closed Circuit TV systems, the technician will be considered as and paid at the established rate for Automated Control Specialist as set forth in this Agreement.

12.2 Training - When full time employees (FTE's) are directed or volunteer on a shift paying lower shift differential or no differential, the first thirty (30) working days of such shift will be paid at the higher shift rate.

ARTICLE 13: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

It is the Port and the Union's goal that all employer/employee disputes be addressed as quickly as possible. With this goal in mind, the parties agree to attempt to settle employer/employee disputes prior to filing an official written grievance.

Disputes between employees and management arising during the term of this Agreement and not resolved prior to filing an official written grievance shall be referred to a Business Representative of the Union and to the Port within the timelines established below. A grievance not brought within the time limit prescribed in Step 1, shall not be considered timely and shall be void. The time limits may be waived at each step by mutual agreement, in writing, by the Union and the appropriate management representative.

Step 1: The Union's business representative shall present the grievance in writing to the Employer Representative. The written grievance shall contain a statement of the relevant facts, the specific section(s) of the Agreement allegedly violated and the remedy sought.

Any complaint, dispute or grievance not filed in writing by the complaining party within twenty (20) calendar days from the date either party knew or reasonably should have known of the alleged violation shall be waived. The Union Business Representative and the Employer Representative shall meet to resolve the grievance within five (5) working days from date of filing. In the event settlement is not reached, the grievance shall proceed to Step Two (2).

Step 2: If a settlement is not reached in the manner above described, the dispute shall be referred to a Joint Conference Committee that shall be set up under this Agreement and shall consist of two (2) representatives of management and two (2) representatives of the Union. This committee shall select its own chairman and secretary from within the committee, one from the Union and the other from Management and shall meet at such times and places as it may decide. It must meet within five (5) working days after a dispute is referred to it for resolution. However by mutual consent, the parties may extend the meeting deadline.

Step 3: In the event the grievance is not resolved in Step Two (2), Representatives of the Labor-Management Committee, one from each side, shall meet within five (5) working days of the completion of Step Two (2) and select an arbitrator by alternately striking from a list of five (5) names supplied by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. The arbitrator shall not have the right to add to or subtract from any terms of this Agreement and all decisions must be within the scope and terms of this Collective Bargaining Agreement. The Labor-Management Representatives shall meet with the arbitrator and present their cases. They shall have the right to override the arbitrator during this meeting. In the even they cannot reach a decision, the decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding.

Each party will bear its own costs of presenting grievances under this agreement, including attorney's fees. The Arbitrator's fee shall be shared equally by the Union and the Employer.

ARTICLE 14: STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

- 14.1 Work Stoppages** – There shall be no stoppage of work either by strike or lockout because of any proposed changes in this Agreement or dispute over matters relating to this Agreement. All such matters shall be handled using the grievance/arbitration procedure in this Agreement.
- 14.2 Discipline** - Any employee participating in such work stoppage or in other ways committing an act prohibited in this Article may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge, suspension, or other disciplinary action as may be deemed applicable to such employee.

ARTICLE 15: SENIORITY

- 15.1** The Manager of Electronic Systems and the Shop Representative will initiate and update the Seniority List.
- 15.2** New or vacant positions shall be filled with the most senior person who has bid for the position. If no bids, the least senior person will be assigned to the open position. Upon completion of the bid process, Technicians are to remain in the position specialty (i.e., Electronic Systems or STS) for a minimum of three (3) years.

No later than January 1, 2018, the Port and the Union agree to establish a special Labor/Management Committee to formulate a review process for employees who want to bid from one crew to another (ET & STS) when a vacancy or shift change occurs.

Exceptions: The Port and the Union may mutually agree to waive the bid process or the three (3) year requirement to accommodate special circumstances. Foreman and General Foreman positions are selected at Management's discretion from current shop employees and are not subject to the bid process outlined above.

- 15.3** If layoffs should occur, they shall proceed in order of seniority, from least senior to most senior.

ARTICLE 16: MISCELLANEOUS

- 16.1 Election to Union Office** – An employee elected or appointed to a position in the Union that requires a part or all of his/her time will be given an unpaid leave of absence up to one (1) year upon written application.
- 16.2 Port of Seattle Labor-Management Committee(s)** - The Port and the Union recognize the importance of a collective bargaining and employee relations climate in the Port that encourages cooperative efforts and joint problem-solving amongst all involved parties to

better serve the public, increase productivity, reduce waste, improve safety, improve morale, and recruit, train and retain quality employees. In the interest of meeting these challenges, the Port and the Union agree to establish labor-management committee(s) where mutually agreed.

- 16.3 Bulletin Boards** – The Port agrees to permit the Union shop stewards and business representatives to post on designated Port bulletin boards the announcement of meetings, election of officers, and other Union material.
- 16.4 Shop Stewards** - The Union shall appoint a shop steward. The shop stewards may conduct representational responsibilities including, but not limited to, attending grievance, Weingarten and Loudermill meetings during his/her regular scheduled shift, without a loss of regular compensation, if excused from work by the employee's manager/designee. Port management must approve use of Port facilities for Union business outside of these processes in advance and employee attendance will be on unpaid time.
- 16.5 Safety** - The Port, Union and employees agree to comply with all applicable safety laws and regulations. In the event an employee discovers or identifies an unsafe condition s/he will immediately notify the manager/designee. No employee will be disciplined for reporting an unsafe condition. No employee will be required to use unsafe equipment or work in an unsafe environment. Any safety protection device required by the employer or the State of Washington shall be supplied by the employer, with the exception of Safety Shoes (See Article 17.7).
- 16.6 Reprimands** – Letters of reprimand for cause shall be expunged from employee personnel files within two (2) years so long as there is no reoccurrence of the conditions for the reprimand.
- 16.7 Footwear Allowances** – The Port shall pay employees who have accrued at least 1,000 hours of work a one hundred and fifty dollar (\$150) stipend each contract year for the purchase price or repair of approved footwear meeting the ASTM F2413-05 standard. The stipend shall be paid in the first pay period of each contract year.
- 16.8 Parking** – In the event employees are not allowed to park in the parking garage or park free of charge, the Port agrees to negotiate such impact on the employees.
- 16.9 Audio/Visual Work Jurisdiction Re-opener** – Either party may agree to reopen the agreement to negotiate and/or discuss the sharing of jurisdiction over audio/visual equipment duties with the Utility Worker classification.

ARTICLE 17: SAVINGS CLAUSE

Should any part hereof or any provisions herein contained be rendered or declared invalid by reason of any existing or subsequently enacted legislation or by any decree of a court of

competent jurisdiction, such invalidation of such part or portions of this Agreement will not invalidate the remaining portions hereof; provided however, upon such invalidation the parties will meet and negotiate such parts or provisions affected. The remaining parts or provisions will remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 18: EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION

18.1 Duration – This Agreement will become effective upon full and final ratification and approval by the Union and the Port of Seattle Commission and covers the period from June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2019.

18.2 Modification and Re-opener Clause – Contract negotiations for the succeeding contract may be initiated by either party by providing to the other written notice of its intention to do so at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date.

18.3 Wage rates - Shall be effective as indicated in Article 5.

Agreed and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2018.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the aforementioned have executed this Amendment to Collective Bargaining Agreement this _____ day of _____, 2018.

PORT OF SEATTLE

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