MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

In the interest of effective and improved labor relations, the U.S. Department of the Air Force, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona (the Agency) and the American Federation of Government Employees, Local 2924 (the Union) agree to the following change to hours of work and the basic work week for all 355 CES bargaining unit employees.

Definition:

- **5-4/9 PLAN (Compressed Work Schedule or CWS):** The 5-4 9/Plan (CWS) consists of a total of eighty (80) hours in nine (9) working days, limited to nine (9) hours per day during eight (8) days of the biweekly pay period and eight (8) hours on the ninth (9th) day to complete the basic requirement for the two (2) week period.
- 1. Employees opting to work the CWS option described above will submit a written request to their supervisor stating their desired work schedule, including their desired Regular Day-Off (RDO) choice between first or second Friday or Monday of the pay period. New employees may submit their written requests for the CWS option after thirty (30) calendar days following entrance on duty.
- 2. Participation in the 5/4/9 CWS option shall be voluntary for full time bargaining unit employees. Supervisors will make every effort to comply with an employee's selection of a compressed work schedule (CWS) option. Employees will not be discriminated against or otherwise adversely affected by their selection of a CWS option. Supervisors will approve or disapprove individual CWS requests in writing within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of the employee's request.
- 3. Approved requests will be implemented the first full bi-weekly pay period after approval by the supervisor. Within each individual shop, RDO's shall be equally distributed between the 4 available days. Employees and Supervisors are encouraged to informally work out any scheduling conflicts amongst each other. In the event conflicts are not able to be resolved informally, second-level supervisors will unilaterally resolve conflicts based on a non-discriminatory process such as service comp dates, experience and expertise level requirements, mission requirements, daylight hours, weather, support availability, and any other non-discriminatory means necessary to make a fair, non-arbitrary decision. If disapproved, the agency will provide the employee with a written explanation as to the reason(s) for the disapproval. Disagreements concerning the disapproval of a CWS option may be resolved through the negotiated grievance procedure.
- 4. Duty start times will be in accordance with current, established hours (i.e. summer/winter hours for individual shops currently observing those schedules.) Flight Chiefs may adjust core hours, breaks and lunch schedules as required.
- 5. When a holiday falls on an employee's scheduled regular day off (RDO) under the **5/4/9** CWS schedule, the holiday will be changed on his/her preceding regularly scheduled work day. (For example, if the employee's RDO is Friday and a holiday falls on Friday, Friday is still counted as the RDO and the preceding Thursday is the in-lieu-of holiday.)

- 6. Individual changes to schedules or assignments to permanent shifts may be approved by supervisors when such requests are received in writing by employees. Request must include enough detail for supervisors provide proper consideration (for example, nature and duration of hardship, education, etc.)
- 7. When the Agency intends to change a bargaining unit employee's compressed work schedule for two (2) or more pay periods, the Agency will provide reasonable advance notice in accordance with the CBA.
- 8. Requests by employees to change their current CWS option must be submitted in writing to the supervisor for approval a minimum of 4 pay periods in advance. Upon written request by an employee, supervisors may waive the four (4) pay period requirement for good cause.
- 9. Supervisors may temporarily change an employee's CWS to a basic eight (8) hour per day schedule when required to do so for such purposes as official travel or training, or other operational requirements, or when a CWS option is not available. The employee may revert to his/her previous CWS immediately following completion of such temporary functions, whenever possible, or at the beginning of the following pay period. Consistent which governing laws and regulations, the same procedures also will apply to situations involving full workdays for jury duty, court leave, administrative leave, travel etc.
- 10. An employee on detail or reassignment will adhere to the tour of duty of the organizational segment to which he/she is temporarily assigned, unless approval of the employee's CWS is granted by the supervisor to whom the employee is detailed or reassigned.
- 11. Employees working a CWS who are being disciplined for misconduct will be placed on a normal eight (8) work day during the pay period while serving a suspension. Employees working a CWS who are undergoing a performance improvement plan, at the election of the supervisor, may be placed on a normal eight (8) hour work day while in this status.
- 12. The parties expect this MOU to remain in effect for a minimum of 1 year from the date it is implemented. Should management determine that the 5-4/9 CWS is causing an adverse agency impact, however, in accordance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. § 6131, it may exercise its right to terminate the CWS at any time during the 1-year period. Neither party waives any rights in accordance with the CBA or the Labor Statute.

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