

Contract Update – June 15, 2010

After a break of several weeks, negotiations between AFGE and the Social Security Administration resumed today and Union leaders believe there has been a positive change in the agency’s tone and attitude.

“We seem to be moving on a number of issues,” said Witold Skwierczynski, the Union’s Chief Negotiator.

Steve Kofahl, another member of the AFGE contract team, also said SSA officials are now showing a willingness to deal with the Union on matters which had previously stalled. One of those is a procedure for Union reps (including retired employees who still do Union work) to have access to SSA space and facilities.

This latest round of contract talks should continue until June 25th, with more bargaining set for mid-July.