

Contract Update – July 13, 2010

Some progress is being made in contract negotiations between AFGE and the Social Security Administration.

The Union has proposed that employees on long-term assignments be allowed to go home every 90 days at Government expense and management seems to favor that idea.

The agency is balking at another issue, however. The Union has submitted several proposals that were in-effect regarding long-term training situations (for example, insuring that employees got appropriate housing reimbursement and there would not be reductions in their per diem).

“The agency doesn’t want anything in the next contract about those past agreements,” said Steve Kofahl, a member of the AFGE bargaining team. “It also didn’t offer any kind of counterproposals. SSA wants NO Union involvement in these issues at all.”

Negotiations should continue through July 23.