



Breaking News - July 24, 2009

**Contract Update– Ground Rule Bargaining Completed!
AFGE reacts to SSA Conferences**

Contract Update

After three trips to the bargaining table, AFGE and SSA have agreed to the conditions under which bargaining for the National Agreement will be accomplished.

The agreement provides general information about when and where the negotiations will take place, the number of negotiators for each team, as well as provisions for preparing and exchanging proposals.

The parties will begin negotiations on October 20, 2009.

AFGE Reacts to SSA Management Conferences

AFGE's chief negotiator, Witold Skwierczynski, presented a scathing statement to Commissioner Astrue, Deputy Commissioner Linda McMahon, Regional Commissioner Pete Spencer and key members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate in response to the negative publicity and costs of management conferences.

To review the Ground Rules agreement between SSA and AFGE, and AFGE's reaction to SSA Management Conferences, please go to:
www.mycontract2009.org

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- a more family friendly work place?
- to feel less stress at work?
- to be appreciated for the job you do?
- to be able to leave your job at work?

AFGE will be conducting employee meetings across the country throughout the contract negotiation process. Learn how to get the contract you want and need.

Attend an AFGE meeting.. Contact your Local President about the next meeting near you!



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