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To: All National Signatory Contractors

Recently, numerous questions have been raised relative to the check-off dues, the proper amounts to be deducted and where the remittance of said dues are to be submitted when contractors are working outside the jurisdiction of their principal place of business (home local union or district council).

Please be advised that the "IUPAT Membership Application" has an authorization section which contains the following language: *"This is to further authorize said employers, when I am working for them or any one of them within the jurisdiction of any union affiliated with the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades other than my own District Council or Local Union, to deduct from my wages the amount of administrative dues or business agent "assessment" (in the nature of dues), provided for in that other Union's bylaws, and remit such amount to the other Union, I authorize said employers to continue to deduct from my wages the amount specified in the first sentence of this authorization and remit the same to my own Union."*

Section 263 of the IUPAT General Constitution states the following: (a) *When a member of one District Council or Local Union works for his or her home employer within the jurisdiction of another affiliated District Council or Local Union, and the bylaws of that other District Council or Local Union make provision for administrative dues, or a Business Manager "assessment" in the nature of dues, the member shall pay to the other District Council or Local Union, either directly or by check-off, the amount of administrative dues, or Business Manager "assessment," called for by that other organization's bylaws. While so employed, the member shall not be required to pay any other dues to the District Council or Local Union in whose jurisdiction the member is working.*

(b) *When a member of one District Council or Local Union works for his or her home employer within the jurisdiction of another affiliated District Council or Local Union, and the bylaws of that other District Council or Local Union make no provision for administrative dues, or a Business Manager "assessment" in the nature of dues, the member while so employed shall pay to the other District Council or Local Union an amount equal to the current dues and assessments called for by that other organization's bylaws. This obligation shall commence after the expiration of 60 days following the beginning of the member's work in that other jurisdiction.*

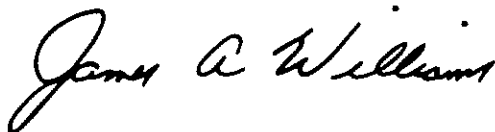
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Furthermore, Article XIV of the national agreement has the following language: ***Section 1.*** *When the Employer performs a job within the jurisdiction of a District Council or Local Union whose by-laws contain a provision for administrative dues or business agent "assessment" the Employer shall check-off from the wages of all employees covered by this Agreement and employed on that job administrative dues or business agent "assessment" in the amount stated in that District Council's or Local Union's by-laws, and shall remit that amount to that District Council or Local Union.*

Therefore, in an effort to clarify this issue, please be advised of the following: When the Employer performs a job within the jurisdiction of a District Council or Local Union whose by-laws contain a provision for administrative dues or business agent "assessment" the Employer shall check-off from the wages of all employees covered by this Agreement and employed on that job administrative dues or business agent "assessment" in the amount stated in that District Council's or Local Union's by-laws, and shall remit that amount to that District Council or Local Union where the work is performed.

In addition, all Employers when working under a national agreement shall remit the check-off dues in accordance with Article XIV (stated above) of the national agreement.

Sincerely,



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cc: All GEB Members
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