



STEELWORKERS  
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TOGETHER**

UNITED STEELWORKERS  
**USW**  
UNITY AND STRENGTH FOR WORKERS

**BARGAINING BASICS  
WITH U.S. STEEL**



## WHAT IS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING?

Collective bargaining is the legal process for reaching a contract between our union and employer over important issues like wages, benefits, paid time off, safety, schedules, and job security.

## WHEN DOES OUR CONTRACT EXPIRE?

Our contract with U.S. Steel expires at midnight on September 1, 2022.

## WHY IS HAVING A CONTRACT IMPORTANT?

Bargaining a contract is the best way to ensure we have real protections at work. With a contract in place, management cannot just decide on its own to make changes like cutting wages, firing employees, playing favorites or changing schedules and holidays.

Our contract also includes a process to hold the company accountable if management violates the agreement – called the grievance and arbitration procedure.

## WHAT HAPPENS IN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS?

Both sides have a legal obligation to bargain in good faith. They draft and discuss proposals and request and exchange information. Some complicated issues such as healthcare, retirement and safety will be referred to sub-committees for more in-depth discussion.

Throughout the process, both sides meet separately, make counter proposals, test out ideas and look for ways to bridge differences. The goal is to reach an agreement that both honors union members' hard work and sacrifices and helps ensure the success of the company.

## WHAT ISSUES ARE DISCUSSED IN NEGOTIATIONS?

Generally, contract proposals fall into one of two categories:

1. economic proposals such as wages, benefits, retirement and healthcare, or
2. non-economic items such as safety, seniority and scheduling.

Local union and management representatives will also discuss plant-related or unit-specific items in local issue negotiations. Talks to address these issues take place ahead of master agreement bargaining. Issues not resolved at the local level may end up moving to the master table.

## HOW DO WE WIN A FAIR CONTRACT?

We win a fair contract by sticking together. The company isn't going to just hand us anything, but our solidarity and determination give us bargaining power. Sharing information and participating in solidarity activities show management we are strong, united and willing to fight. Management will try to divide us, but we can fight back when we do it together.



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You can do your part by supporting our Communication & Action Team (CAT) and participating in solidarity actions like sticker days and rallies that show management we're strong and united.

## HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION ON NEGOTIATIONS?

Look for more information from a CAT team member and sign-up to receive text message updates by **texting USS to the phone #47486.**

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**LOCAL**

1299

1014

1066

2695

6103

1899

1013

2122

1219

1557

2227

2227-1

4889

1938

2660

1104

**FACILITY**

GREAT LAKES WORKS

GARY EASTSIDE

GARY WESTSIDE

GARY WORKS/MIDWEST

MIDWEST

GRANITE CITY

FAIRFIELD TUBULAR

FAIRFIELD FLAT ROLL

EDGAR THOMSON WORKS

CLAIRTON COKE WORKS

IRVIN WORKS

MON VALLEY WORKS

FAIRLESS

MINNTAC

KEETAC

LORAIN TUBULAR

**LOCATION**

ECORSE, MICH.

GARY, IND.

GARY, IND.

GARY/PORTAGE, IND.

PORTAGE, IND.

GRANITE CITY, ILL.

FAIRFIELD, ALA.

FAIRFIELD, ALA.

BRADDOCK, PA.

CLAIRTON, PA.

WEST MIFFLIN, PA.

MON VALLEY, PA.

FAIRLESS HILLS, PA.

MT. IRON, MINN.

KEEWATIN, MINN.

LORAIN, OHIO