

## MOUs on DUO

**B**elow are the two Memorandums of Understanding relating to the implementation of Delivery Unit Optimization (DUO). The full text of these agreements also can be found in the Materials Reference System.

### **Memorandum of Understanding Re: Delivery Unit Optimization (M-01745) March 22, 2011**

Delivery Unit Optimization (DUO) refers to a process that includes permanently moving all city carrier assignments from one location to another location(s).

Regarding the city letter carrier craft, the parties agree to the following principles when Delivery Unit Optimization results in moving city letter carriers from one installation to another:

1. All city letter carriers and transitional employees will be moved from the losing installation to the gaining installation(s). However, this provision does not alter or modify the rights or obligations of either party under the Memorandum of Understanding, Re. Transitional Employees Additional Provisions.
2. At least 60 days advance notice, whenever possible, will be provided to the Union at the National, Regional, and Local Levels, and to individual city letter carriers who are to be moved to another installation.
3. City letter carriers from both the gaining and losing installations will retain their craft installation seniority and bid assignments. For the purposes of applying Article 41 .2.B.7, all craft seniority will be credited as earned at the gaining installation.
4. Hold down assignments obtained pursuant to Article 41.2.B will not be impacted by the movement of city letter carriers under the Delivery Unit Optimization process. Temporary higher level carrier technician assignments obtained pursuant to Article 25.4 of the National Agreement will not be impacted solely by the movement of city letter carriers under the Delivery Unit Optimization process.
5. The parties agree that annual leave requests previously approved in either the gaining or losing installation(s) will be honored except in serious emergency situations, pursuant to Article 10.4.D of the National Agreement.
6. This agreement does not apply to the movement of city letter carriers when installations are discontinued, consolidated, or when a station or branch is transferred or made independent in accordance with Article 12.5.C.1, 12.5.C.2, and 12.5.C.3.

This agreement is reached without prejudice to either party's position on this or any other matter and may only be cited to enforce its terms.

### **Memorandum of Understanding Re: Local Memorandum(s) of Understanding under Delivery Unit Optimization M-01744 March 22, 2011**

Delivery Unit Optimization (DUO) refers to a process that includes permanently moving all city carrier assignments from one work location to another location(s).

The parties agree to the following process to the following process to address issues related to Local Memoranda of Understanding resulting from Delivery Unit Optimization:

1. The local parties at the gaining installation will identify and discuss any existing Local Memoranda of Understanding (LMOU) provisions from the losing installation(s) that are different from those in the gaining installation(s). While these discussions are not considered Article 30 local implementation, the local parties will make necessary revisions to the LMOU in the gaining installation(s) to accommodate city delivery operations moving from the losing installation(s).
2. Any LMOU issues not resolved at the local level will be referred within 30 days of DUO notice to the Area Manager, Labor Relations (or his/her designee) and the National Business Agent (or his/her designee) for resolution.
3. Any LMOU issue(s) not resolved within 20 days of receipt by the Area and NBA will be forwarded to the parties at the National Level for resolution.
4. Any provision(s) of an LMOU from a losing installation that is made part of the LMOU in the gaining installation(s) will use the date the provision was added to the LMOU in the losing installation for the purpose of applying Article 30.C.
5. In the event city delivery assignment(s) are returned to the losing installation(s), the original LMOU in the losing installation(s) shall be reinstated.
6. This agreement does not apply to the movement of city letter carriers when installations are discontinued, consolidated, or when a station or branch is transferred or made independent in accordance with Article 12.5.C.1, 12.5.C.2, and 12.5.C.3.

This agreement is reached without prejudice to either party's position on this or any other matter and may only be cited to enforce its terms. Either party to this agreement may unilaterally withdraw from this process with 60 days notice to the other party. However, such withdrawal will not impact the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5 above. ☒