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## Affected Clerks Must Act by June 20, 2001

# Saved Grade Available For AFSM 100-Impacted Employees

Clerk employees who were impacted by the deployment of an AFSM 100 from January 1, 2000 to the present, and who voluntarily bid to a lower level, are eligible to be placed back into their former wage level with a saved grade, announced Clerk Division Director Cliff Guffey.

These employees have until **Wednesday, June 20, 2001** to submit to their Human Resources Department details of when they bid to the lower level, what position/duty assignment they were in, and how they were potentially impacted due to the AFSM 100 deployment. Affected clerks are strongly encouraged to take the appropriate action to gain

this negotiated benefit.

Impacted employees may be FSM L-5 and L-6 distribution clerks, distribution and window clerks, expeditors or other employees.

For details, refer to the Memorandum of Understanding that accompanies this bulletin.

## No Bidding Necessary for Two Years

# Clerks to Retain Saved Grade

On May 5, 2001, every clerk craft employee who is currently in a saved grade status will be given the benefit of the enhancements in saved grade negotiated in the recent clerk Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

These employees will **not** have to bid to retain saved grade for two years—until May 5, 2003. After May 5, 2003, these employees will not be required

to bid every duty assignment in their former wage level, but will only be expected to bid or apply to positions for which they are qualified.

Anyone receiving a saved grade after April 2, 2001 will also have a two-year grace period, after which they will be expected to bid or apply only to positions for which they are qualified.

## Make Room Reservations by Monday, May 21, 2001

### ***New Hotel Deadline for Deaf/Hard of Hearing Conference***

The deadline for obtaining hotel reservations for the APWU Deaf/Hard of Hearing Conference at the group rate has been extended to Monday, May 21, 2001. The conference will take place June 13-16, 2001 in Long Beach, CA. For more information, refer to *News Service* bulletin number 3, dated March 5, 2001.

## November 4-7, 2001, in Las Vegas, NV

# Fifth Biennial Clerk Craft Conference

The 2001 Clerk Craft Conference will be held November 4-7 at the Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada. Registration packets will be available for pick-up on Sunday, November 4. Pre-registering will guarantee that your information packet will be available.

Workshops will be held Monday and Tuesday, November 5 and 6. The general session will be held on Wednesday, November 7, and will end at 5:00 pm.

There will be a **\$25 registration fee** for this conference to cover the cost of materials. Please make checks payable to "APWU Clerk Craft Conference." This fee is payable in advance by sending a check with the registration form below to the address given.

This conference will be unlike clerk conferences of the past. All participants will be assigned rooms,

and the instructors will rotate. This will ensure that all participants will receive the same training. Scheduled workshops include: RI 399, Level 4/5 arbitration training, casual grievances instruction, FMLA training, union response to abusive supervisors, new Clerk Division CDs and more.

### Hotel Information

The APWU has guaranteed rooms at a discounted rate. All locals should begin to secure rooms at the Riviera Hotel as early as possible. The Clerk Division requests that all participants stay at the Riviera, a **union** hotel. The telephone number to register is **800-634-6753** (toll-free), or **702-794-9412**. You may also register online at [www.theriviera.com/apwu.html](http://www.theriviera.com/apwu.html).

Information on discount air fares and car rental will be published when it is available.

### 2001 Clerk Craft Conference Registration Form

(please print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security no. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Local \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs (sign interpreter): Yes  No  Registration fee of \$25.00 enclosed: Yes  No 

Mail to: **APWU Clerk Craft Conference**  
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