

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE  
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
AND THE  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS,  
AFL-CIO**

It is hereby agreed by the U.S. Postal Service and the National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO that the following represents the parties' agreement with regard to implementation of the upgrade issue emanating from the September 19, 1999, Fleischli Award, our agreement regarding case configuration when using the vertical flat casing work method, and additional provisions relative to the 1998 National Agreement.

1. Effective November 18, 2000, all city letter carriers grade 5 will be upgraded and the pay differential of grade 6 carrier technicians shall be maintained in accordance with the procedures set forth in the attached Memorandum of Understanding.
2. The provisions of Article 35, Section 2, concerning the national joint EAP committee will be renewed for the remainder of the term of the 1998 National Agreement.
3. The Memorandum of Understanding Re: Leave Sharing found on page 161 of the 1994 National Agreement will be renewed for the remainder of the term of the 1998 National Agreement.
4. The Memorandum of Understanding Re: Sick Leave for Dependent Care found on page 162 of the 1994 National Agreement will be renewed for the remainder of the term of the 1998 National Agreement.
5. The 30-day period of local implementation specified in Article 30 and the Memorandum of Understanding Re: Local Implementation will commence on October 2, 2000.
- ⑥ When management elects to reassess the case configuration of a route currently using the DPS Vertical flat casing work method or changes the DPS work method on a route from the composite bundle work method to the vertical flat casing work method, management will determine for each route, whether 4, 5, or 6 shelves will be used.

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