In an effort to encourage more contractors to bid work in our jurisdiction, as well as the jurisdictions of Maine and Vermont, the Business Managers of Locals 131, 716 and 693 have signed a Memorandum of Understanding. The Memorandum allows a contractor that is signatory in any one of the three locals and has a place of business located in one of the three locals’ jurisdictions to fabricate piping for work in any of the three jurisdictions. It also allows a contractor signatory to any one of the three locals who maintains a place of business in one of the three jurisdictions to bring as many workers as they feel necessary to perform work in any of the three jurisdictions. The contractor must notify the Business Manager of the local that has jurisdiction over the project. He also must notify the Business Manager as to the number of men he will bring into the jurisdiction. All wages, benefits and assessments will be paid per the local agreement where the work is being preformed.

This memorandum is the result of many months of discussion between the managers of Locals 131, 716 and 693. We have been frustrated at finding that good size projects have been awarded without a union bidder in the mix. After talking to contractors about their reluctance to bid work outside of their respective jurisdictions we felt it was time to try something new to entice more union bidders. We all realize that without a union contractor we are unemployed. It is our belief that if a contractor feels comfortable moving foremen and key people when needed, they will bid more work, resulting in more employment opportunities for our members.

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Apprenticeship & Training
Kim Trisciani
Training Coordinator

2007 Plumbing Seminars:
February 12th
May 7th
August 6th
November 5th.
◆ All Seminars begin at 6 pm! ◆

Current State of NH Plumbing License and UA Membership Card with dues paid through the current month are required for seminar registration.

The State of NH is scheduled to change to the IPC 2006 Plumbing Code in June 2007.

UA CERTIFIED WELDERS AND MEDICAL GAS INSTALLERS...
Continuity is required every 6 months.
If you are unable to satisfy this requirement on the job, you may do so here at the hall!

UA Weld Test???
We are looking for members to test during the months of February or March.

All members are encouraged to access the UA website www.ua.org. There is a bundle of exciting information available in the “members only” section.

Instructors for 2007/2008 academic year!
Looking forward to next year, we would like members to assist with our training program in the following areas: Rigging, HVAC, Oxy-fuel torch cutting, Pipefitting and the various Plumbing courses.

We must prepare for the future and continue to improve our training program. Your help is needed to do so.

We have several dedicated and determined members who currently assist with our training program. They are doing a wonderful job and their efforts are APPRECIATED!

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We also realize that the client is much more engaged in the bidding and awarding process, through pre-qualification and oversight. Giving the contractor the ability to sell his work with existing manpower and supervision with a proven track record gives the client a level of comfort in awarding work. The non-union contractor has had this ability and has capitalized by selling their team on certain projects. We are hopeful that this memorandum will give contractors some comfort in bidding outside their jurisdiction as well as some selling power when it comes to making the client comfortable using them to build. In the end it comes down to union contractors bidding more work. Without them bidding we do not stand any chance of being on site. If a contractor from Maine or Vermont is awarded a job and we employ just one person on that project, that is one more person employed than had the work been awarded non-union.

NNE District Council 10
Dennis E.E. Adams

Brothers and Sisters,
I recently attended Local 716's union meeting and had some very good dialogue with them about the District Council. They expressed concerns on funding and asked for more help from the UA. The officers and I know that the UA is working on it and we should hear something more over the next few months. I also attended the New England Mechanical Service Contractors Association's meeting and made a presentation to them about the District Council and what we feel are the advantages for them to bid more work in our jurisdictions. Several contractors spoke with me after my presentation expressing interest in venturing north to our areas. We always welcome more contractors to bid on new work and service & maintenance work. As we all know, without contractors we have nobody to work for.

Fraternally yours,
Dennis
I often get calls from members and contractors asking about specific holidays and whether or not the Local recognizes them. So I’ve cut the page right from the contract and printed it below so you can clip it out and save it.

**ARTICLE VII E) HOLIDAYS:**

Local holidays shall be: New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King Day, President’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran’s Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. No work of any sort shall be done on Labor Day, except emergency work. All work performed on holidays shall be considered overtime and charged double the regular hourly rate. When a holiday falls on a Saturday it will be honored on the Friday prior to the holiday. When a holiday falls on a Sunday; it will be honored on a Monday. Where Federal and State holidays conflict, the Federal date will be observed.