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First IAM Election at Delta Air Lines Underway

The National Mediation Board (NMB) yesterday mailed telephone and Internet voting instructions to nearly 100 Delta Air Lines and Northwest Airlines flight simulator technicians, opening a three week voting period in the first IAM election since Delta acquired Northwest. Pre-merger Northwest Sim Techs are IAM members, while their Delta counterparts are currently non-union. Voting will end at 2pm ET on February 25, 2010.

“Voter participation is critical in this election,” said General Vice President Robert Roach, Jr. “NMB rules count any eligible voter who chooses not to participate in the elections – for whatever reason – to have voted against union representation.”

Once Sim Tech voters receive their Personal Identification Number (PIN) and Voter Identification Number (VIN) from the NMB, they can vote by calling 1-877-NMB-VOTE, or visiting www.nmb.gov and clicking red link that says “Click Here to Vote in a Representation Election.”

Any eligible Sim Tech voter who has not received a PIN/VIN from the NMB by February 8, 2010 should contact in writing the NMB Office of Legal Affairs and request a duplicate PIN/VIN and reference NMB Case No. R-7230. Duplicate PIN/VIN request forms are also available from IAM Representatives. The correct address to submit the request is:

National Mediation Board Office of Legal Affairs
1301 K St., NW
Suite 250 East
Washington, DC 20005

Elections for other employee groups at the combined airline are not yet scheduled. More information about the Sim Tech election is available at www.iam143.org.

Support Airline Workers, Create Jobs: Complete the FAA Bill

The Federal Aviation Administration has existed on eight short-term funding extensions since it first expired in September 2007. Meanwhile, the FAA needs updated safety, infrastructure and modernization programs, as well as protections for worker rights.

An updated bill would also bring thousands of jobs. Please visit www.ttd.org to contact your Senators to urge them to pass the Federal Aviation Administration bill.