

THE NEW LOUISIANA PURCHASE

Hawker Beechcraft has informed your Negotiating Committee that they have received a much larger offer from the state of Louisiana, that would mean moving the entire Hawker Beechcraft company, including ALL facilities and the corporate headquarters, to Baton Rouge.

HBC would no longer exist in Kansas. Every hourly employee, engineer and any other non-bargaining employee will lose their jobs!



Kansas Governor Mark Parkinson has contacted IAM International President Tom Buffenbarger to set up a meeting with the IAM, HBC CEO Bill Boisture, and the Governor's office. The Governor has indicated there may be assistance available to sustain a portion of the HBC jobs in Wichita. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct 5.

The state of Kansas has worked hard with the IAM and business leaders to support our aerospace industry. Our International President believes that there is a realistic chance to keep part of Hawker Beechcraft in Wichita. It's in the hands of the Governor and the state of Kansas, and the IAM will do everything it can to help make it a reality. The IAM believes it is imperative for the Governor to leave absolutely no stone unturned to save every job possible at HBC.

During the meeting Friday, your Negotiating Committee was informed of the offer, HBC suspended negotiations at this time. Further negotiations will be contingent upon what Governor Parkinson can do. The contract vote scheduled for Saturday Oct. 9th has been cancelled.

If Kansas were able to make an offer to HBC that could save some Wichita jobs, the membership ratifying a re-negotiated contract would be a key part of the final deal to keep those jobs in Wichita.

This is cold, hard reality, brothers and sisters. What is happening is wrong, but we must face it head-on anyway. We will keep you informed as this effort develops.

Your Negotiating Committee

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