



Teamsters

Tradeshow

& Convention Center News

Opening Doors

Boston Convention and Exhibition Center to Bring in Big Shows



Local 82's trade show workers in Boston are excited about the opportunities presented by the new convention center that opened its doors in June. The Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC) is reinvigorating an area that had been feeling the growing pains of dated and limited exposition facilities.

including President, business agent and steward for the members at Freeman Decorating Company, which handles exposition services for the BCEC. Dodd felt that it was past time for a new facility in the Boston area.

More Members Working

"The increase in the volume of work for our members is paramount with this new hall," said Dodd. "The Hynes Convention Center has only 193,000 square feet of exhibit space. The new center is nearly triple that."

The BCEC is not only a striking facility with its distinctive design, it is

The new convention center is located on waterfront property just minutes away from Logan Airport. With 516,000 square feet of exposition space, the center will be able to house any trade show, and with those shows come something very important to the area—union jobs.

Bill Dodd wears an assortment of hats at Local 82 in Boston

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Election 2004: A Clear Choice for Working Families Bush for Big Business, Kerry for Workers

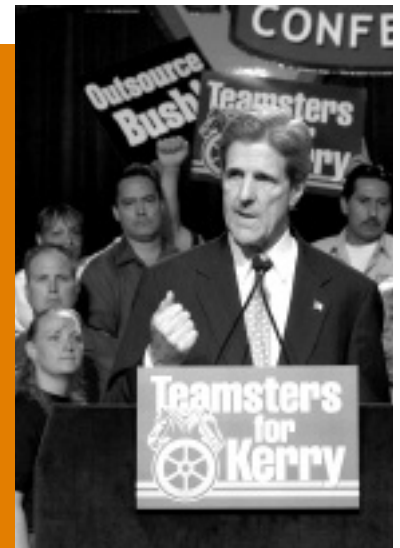
Since taking office, George W. Bush has made it clear what his attitude is toward the needs of working families. From health care to retirement security to jobs and trade, this administration consistently has worked for its Big Business contributors and against the men and women across this country who work for a living.

Still, many people are asking: How would a second Bush term affect the needs and

challenges of working families? During his acceptance speech at the Republican Convention in early September, Bush shared his vision for working families, if he's given a second term in office. In his speech, the President set his sights on basic worker benefits.

"Many of our most fundamental systems—the tax code, health coverage,

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Senator Kerry at the Teamsters Unity Conference



A Message From Trade Show Division Director John Perry

Time for Change

As the election grows near, it is important for every working man and woman to understand the importance of choosing the best candidate to guide this country in the right direction.

Our membership is growing every day as workers unify to gain a voice in the workplace. With new facilities like the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center being built, there will be more jobs for Teamsters in our division. However, we must ensure that this trend continues and secure strong contracts for our members.

As a member of a union, you understand the battles working people face while the Bush

administration continues to cater to big business and special interests instead of addressing your concerns.

It is time for a change and, if we are united, we can elect a candidate that will fight to keep good jobs from being outsourced overseas, drive down the rising costs of health care and protect the rights of workers across the country. John Kerry is that candidate.

On November 2, cast your vote to protect American jobs and affordable health care. Cast your vote John Kerry.

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Staying Strong

Local 714 Wins Contract With Metropolitan Pier and Expo Authority

Trade show warehousemen at Chicago’s Local 714 recently approved a new three-year contract with the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority. The workers are receiving room warehousemen at the McCormick Place Convention Center.

“This was one of the toughest negotiations we’ve had at McCormick Place,” said Robert Hogan, Local 714’s Secretary-Treasurer. “Like so many other companies, they’ve had to slash their budget. We were as understanding as possible until a proposal was presented to change the health care plan. Their proposed health care package would have cost our guys a significant amount of money, but in the end we prevailed.”



While the 2004 negotiations were the longest with the employer since Local 714 became the collective bargaining agent in 1966, members “were less concerned with time

and more concerned with maintaining adequate health care for their families,” Hogan said.

McCormick Place is a 2.2 million square foot convention and trade show facility on Chicago’s lakefront. In 2003, McCormick Place drew over 2.5 million visitors to 83 events. Its governing body, Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, also manages Navy Pier, Chicago’s most visited tourist attraction.

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also constructed to make the setup and takedown of shows as easy as possible. There is easy access for exhibitors with 52 bays in the loading dock, and a one-level design to simplify the process.

“We’ve been looking forward to this for a while,” said Dodd. “The plans were introduced in 2001, so we have been anticipating this for a long time. It will allow us to put more members to work and possibly double our membership.”

ELECTION 2004: A Clear Choice For Working Families

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pension plans, worker training—were created for the world of yesterday, not of tomorrow,” the President stated. Clearly, Bush intends to use the power of his office to continue undermining—and in some cases abolishing—critical health and retirement programs.

He also laid out his plan to advance his assault on core labor rights. Just days after his administration implemented new regulations that will take overtime rights away from 6 million working Americans, Bush pledged in his speech to go even further in a second term. He called for new “labor law reform”—including flex-time and comp-time programs—that would enable more

companies to force their employees to work expanded and constantly changing schedules without any additional compensation.

Kerry-Edwards: Renewing America's Commitment to Working Families

Fortunately, John Kerry and John Edwards know that health coverage, pensions, and worker training are not things of the past. These two leaders have proven their commitment to working families, as both of them have earned lifetime labor voting records of better than 95 percent.

The Kerry-Edwards health care plan



would make the same insurance that members of Congress use available to all Americans, ensuring that everyone has access to affordable, quality health care. Right now they are leading the fight in Congress to allow for the re-importation of safe, approved prescription drugs from Canada, drastically reducing the costs of medication for seniors and other working Americans.

Kerry and Edwards would also bring a renewed commitment to job creation and fair trade to the White House. They will close tax loopholes that encourage companies to move overseas, and they will put an end to the Bush administration’s “outsourcing” agenda, which has caused 1 million American jobs to leave the country.

“Working families and union members find themselves facing the greatest challenges and, perhaps, the bleakest future in fifty years,” said Jim Hoffa, Teamsters General President. “Fortunately, we can do something about it. By voting the issues that matter most to us—health care, retirement security, jobs and trade—we can help renew our nation’s commitment to the values that built our economy and created the middle class. We can put America back to work!”

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A SECOND BUSH TERM:

What Would It Mean for Working Families?

HEALTH CARE: 3 million retirees will lose their employer-provided prescription drug plan due to George Bush’s sham prescription drug plan, and 5.2 million more people are without health insurance today than four years ago. With a second term in office Bush will be able to move forward plans to privatize Medicare and establish “medical savings accounts” which would allow wealthier Americans to buy their way out of the health care crisis.

RETIREMENT SECURITY: 10 million working Americans—including many Teamsters—saw their retirement plans put in jeopardy when the President used a veto threat to prevent Congress from enacting meaningful pension relief for multi-employer pension plans. **The President will continue to promote an agenda that harms traditional pension plans and their participants**, while at the same time undermining laws passed in recent years to reign in corporate CEOs who doctor the books and lie to investors.

JOBS AND TRADE: 2 million more Americans are out of work today than at the beginning of the Bush administration, and 1 million jobs have gone overseas due to Bush’s outsourcing policies. **Bush administration officials have already stated their intention to enter the United States into more job-killing trade deals, and the President himself committed during his convention speech that he would continue his “free trade” agenda.**

A Message from General President James P. Hoffa



Vote!

Every working man and woman who cares about their future—the future of their jobs, the future of their health care and retirements, and the very future of our country—should vote for John Kerry

and John Edwards on November 2.

Let's cut through the spin and campaign rhetoric and simplify the presidential race to what it is really all about. The Bush/Cheney ticket is for corporate interests while John Kerry and John Edwards stand with working Americans.

Kerry and Edwards support the right to organize. They have rallied workers on picket lines. John Kerry was once a warehouse driver and member of

Teamsters Local 25. John Edwards has worked in a mill. Can you imagine Bush or Cheney—both former CEOs—on a picket line? You would also have to be dreaming to think Bush/Cheney would do anything to strengthen workers' rights at the expense of corporate profits.

Don't be fooled by wedge issues, comments taken out of context and savvy advertising. The choice is clear. A John Kerry administration would welcome labor as a partner in Washington. Four more years of George Bush could destroy what it has taken 100 years to build. On

November 2, stand up for working families and elect public officials like John Kerry who will build our middle class rather than destroy it. And remember, every vote counts.

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