



# ABF CONTRACT

# UPDATE

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## TEAMSTERS MAKE CONTINUED PROGRESS AT ABF NEGOTIATIONS

During the week of February 26 to March 1, the Teamsters National Freight Industry Negotiating Committee (TNFINC) and ABF Freight resumed bargaining for a new national collective bargaining agreement, and the parties continued to make progress on issues important to members.

Representatives from the union and the company discussed the status and role of ABF within the ArcBest corporate family and had a positive dialogue concerning the future of ABF in the evolving transportation marketplace. The two sides also discussed various methods for growing work at ABF Freight and preserving Teamster jobs, and both sides also discussed equipment improvements. The current contract expires March 31, 2018.

Only a few issues remain unresolved in terms of the National ABF National Master Freight Agreement (NMFA) language articles. Both sides also had discussions on some supplemental agreements.

Negotiations resume in Kansas City on March 12 where economics will likely be on the table as well as language in supplemental agreements. Prior to the next round of negotiations, the company will be sharing additional economic and business data with TNFINC's economists.



"This week's session was positive and productive," said Ernie Soehl, Director of the Teamsters National Freight Division and Co-Chairman of TNFINC. However, Soehl cautioned that "the upcoming economic discussions, including pension and health and welfare are likely going to be very difficult."

Soehl reaffirmed that "TNFINC is 100 percent committed to getting the best possible contract" and that the union committee remains united and focused on addressing the membership's objectives.

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