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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
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IUE-CWA Local 89177 was conducting negotiations for a new Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with Northrop Grumman and their subcontractors, Chugach Development Corporation, and Westech International, Incorporated. The CBA covers the West Coast Tactical Training Range for the Naval Air Station Fallon, Fallon, Nevada and the Naval Air Station Lemoore, Lemoore, California.

In the wee hour of the morning shortly after midnight on November 14, 2005 the Union Negotiators sent a request across the table to extend the current Agreement. The Company's, Team Northrop Grumman, announced that the CBA and Bridging Agreement was cancelled. This came after the Union had requested a Federal Mediator. The CBA covered wages, hours, benefits, and terms and conditions of employment. Immediately afterwards the company's negotiators departed Fallon, Nevada for their individual states (Virginia, and Arizona).

Union members provide Electronic Warfare and Combat Aircrew Training to the finest Military in the world.

The local union is now working without a Collective Bargaining Agreement and workers are upset. A strike vote has been authorized and the local union is awaiting further authorization from its parent organization, the International Union of Electrical Workers/Communications Workers of America.

Local Union President Larry LeCave, "stated that the Union is doing everything possible to avoid a strike." The companies need to return to the bargaining table so that bargaining can continue. President LeCave further stated "that a strike at this time could impact the operational readiness of our Military Services."

