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Tentative Agreement Reached in Boeing-Machinists Talks

WASHINGTON, DC—Arthur F. Rosenfeld, Director of the U.S. Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS), announced today that negotiators for the Boeing Company and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW) have reached a tentative agreement during talks overseen by federal mediators in the nation's capital.

Rosenfeld said that no details of the tentative agreement will be released by the Agency. The tentative agreement is pending a ratification vote by IAMAW members.

The latest round of discussions between the parties in the presence of federal mediators began Thursday, Oct. 23, in Washington.

The FMCS Director commended negotiators for the IAMAW and Boeing for their hard work at the bargaining table. "Both sides showed professionalism and a willingness to roll up their sleeves and to stick with the difficult task in front of them," he said.

The U.S. Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, created in 1947, is an independent U.S. government agency whose mission is to preserve and promote labor-management peace and cooperation. Headquartered in Washington, DC, with 10 district offices and 68 field offices, the agency provides mediation and conflict resolution services to industry, government agencies and communities.

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