

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Began offering RTOA contractors access to rail-related project tracking through Industrial Information Resources.
- Participated in Railroad Day on Capitol Hill to lobby the U.S. Congress for additional rail infrastructure funding.
- Promoted LIUNA, the IUOE, and their signatory contractors at industry trade shows and conferences.
- Placed advertisements in several major rail industry trade publications.



RAILROAD COOPERATION AND EDUCATION TRUST

The Railroad Cooperation and Education Trust (RAILCET) is a labor-management partnership between the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), and the member contractors of the National Railroad Construction and Maintenance Association (NRC), all of whom are signed to the Rail Transportation and Operation Agreement (RTOA).

Improved Rail Agreement Attracts New Signatories, Leads to Increase in Man Hours

RAILCET marketed to railroad contractors and owners a new, five-year Rail Transportation and Operation Agreement (RTOA) between LIUNA, IUOE, and the NRC. The new agreement includes several improvements to make it easier to use, including workforce mobility, flexible work weeks, streamlined grievance procedures, geographically zoned wages and benefits, and high-quality, low-cost health insurance.

RAILCET helped to increase the number of hours worked under the RTOA and the number of contractors signed to it. The terms of the new agreement enticed several rail construction and maintenance contractors to sign, including a contractor who had previously worked union in Ohio, but non-union elsewhere. The new RTOA enabled the contractor to utilize the agreement outside of Ohio, yet still remain competitive with other project bidders. Although the RTOA covers only 41 states, a new provision of the RTOA allows it to be expanded into any of the remaining nine states with the permission of LIUNA and IUOE officials. The improved agreement is making it easier for RAILCET, LIUNA, IUOE, and their signatory rail contractors to pursue rail construction and maintenance projects and jobs throughout the United States.

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