



IAM / USW Airport Screeners Conference
February 4 - 6, 2014
Ottawa, Ontario

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In February 2014, the International Association of Machinists (IAM) are joining forces with United Steelworkers (USW) in presenting the first-ever Canadian Airport Screeners Conference.

This historic joint conference will take place in Ottawa from February 4 to 6, 2014.

As you may know, close to 95% of all unionized Canadian screening officers are members of the IAM or USW. This provides our two unions a unique opportunity to work together on issues common to all screeners, in an industry that is very much in flux.

IAM Canadian General Vice-President Dave Ritchie and I are very excited about this opportunity to advance the interests of our members in the airport-screening sector.

As you can see from the agenda below, we will be discussing many issues common to airport screeners across Canada. We will be joined by guest speakers who will help us address challenges as diverse as our relationships with our employers and this Conservative federal government, health and safety issues for screeners and ways our two unions can work together.

As part of the conference, we will participate in a 'lobby day' of Members of Parliament. This will include special training for our members and meetings with key MPs on Parliament Hill.

This conference will be a great opportunity for our front-line airport screeners to come together to discuss our common issues and challenges and learn how to persuade government decision makers to recognize the importance of Canada's unionized airport screeners.

All USW and IAM Local Unions with airport screeners in their membership are encouraged to attend this unique and important conference. There is no limit to the number of delegates a local may send.





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The USW has airport screeners in each of our three Canadian Districts. This is a great chance for these Steelworkers to meet, learn and plan together.

Locals are welcome to send as many members as they like. **The conference registration is FREE to all IAM and USW Screener members.** Locals are responsible for lost time expenses for their delegates.

Please bring this conference to the attention of your co-workers within your local.

Encourage those who are interested in attending.

Please complete the forms below and register early.

I look forward to seeing you at this exciting conference in February.

In solidarity,

Ken Neumann
National Director for Canada

P.S.: If you have any questions regarding the conference, please contact your USW Servicing Staff Representative.





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AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday, February 4

Registration will open at 7:00 a.m. to be followed by an introductory meeting of all of the USW screeners' members and staff. We will review the results of the last round of collective bargaining and discuss some of our top priorities for the future, both in terms of bargaining and collective agreement administration issues.

Tuesday afternoon will feature a full plenary session with screeners from the USW and the IAM. Following some welcoming remarks, the delegates will hear from IAM General Vice-President Dave Ritchie and USW Canadian National Director Ken Neumann. This will be followed by other important guest speakers including the NDP transportation critic and invited speakers from Transport Canada.

The day will conclude with a reception for all of the delegates.

Wednesday, February 5

Wednesday will feature a selection of joint workshops which will run throughout the day. The intention of each workshop is to address the key issues facing our airport screeners today. These workshops will be informative, educational and interactive. They will be facilitated by leading experts in their fields.

Workshops will address some of the following issues:

- Health & Safety
 - Radiation in the workplace
 - Building effective health & safety committees
- Legal Issues
 - New essential services legislation
 - Arbitrations issues affecting screeners
- Anti-Harassment Training
- Respectful Workplaces
- Collective Agreement Administration and Enforcement
- Building Power Within Your Local Union
- Federal Government Policies on Airport Security





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AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

Thursday, February 6

On the final day of the conference, we are planning to take our message to Parliament Hill. We all know that current Federal Government policy has a profound effect on the working lives of airport screeners. It is essential that Federal Politicians hear our message.

The day will begin with a Political Lobbying Training Session & Workshop, to be followed by teams of USW and IAM screeners lobbying their local MPs on Parliament Hill.

The conference will conclude with a report back where we hear the results of our lobbying efforts. We will then decide on future USW and IAM joint screener activities and campaigns to advance our members' interests

The session will end at 5:00 p.m.





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- Agenda:** Agenda highlights enclosed
- Registration:** Tuesday, February 4, from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. in Salon 2C
- Call to order:** Tuesday, February 4, at 1:00 p.m.
- Adjournment:** Thursday, February 6, at 5:00 p.m.
- Place:** Ottawa Convention Centre
55 Colonel By Drive, 2nd floor
Ottawa, ON K1N 9J2
- Hotel:** Les Suites Hotel Ottawa
130 Besserer Street
Ottawa, ON K1N 9M9
Phone: (613) 232-2000
Toll-Free: 1-800-267-1989
Fax: (613) 232-3646
Website: reservations@les-suites.com
Website for on-line hotel reservations
www.usw.ca/les-suites
Group Code: USW2014
Deadline to book a room: January 17, 2014
- Travel:** W.E. Travel 1-888-676-7747 or TST at 1-800-665-4541
Refer to Air Canada Promotion Code # MP3MBTH1
- Registration fee:** **No Registration Fee. Deadline is January 17, 2014**
Please visit our website: www.usw.ca/screeners
- Reception:** Tuesday, February 4, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Please RSVP in the space provided on the registration form.
- Workshop sign-up:** On-site, February 4, from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.

**The final agenda and other conference materials will be distributed at registration.
Simultaneous translation will be provided.**





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HOTEL AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE CENTRE:

Ottawa Convention Centre

55 Colonel By Drive
Ottawa, ON K1N 9J2

HOTEL GUEST ROOMS:

Les Suites Hotel Ottawa
130 Besserer Street
Ottawa, ON K1N 9M9
Phone: (613) 232-2000
Fax: (613) 232-3646
Toll-Free: 1-800-267-1989
Website: reservations@les-suites.com
Website for on-line hotel reservations:
www.usw.ca/les-suites
Group Code: **USW2014**

Delegates are responsible for making their own hotel arrangements. All rooms are one bedroom suites (includes full kitchen and laundry facilities).

When booking, please indicate that you are attending the **IAM/USW Airport Screeners Conference** to receive the conference rate of **\$169.00/night + taxes**, single occupancy and **\$194.00/night + taxes**, double occupancy. Includes high-speed internet and fitness centre. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m.; check-out time is 11:00 a.m.

Cancellation policy is by 4:00 p.m. the day **before** arrival. Parking is \$20 per day unlimited in/out access.

The cut-off date for the block of rooms is January 17, 2014. After this date, availability and room rates are NOT guaranteed.

USW TRAVEL AGENCIES:

W.E Travel

509-350 Sparks Street
Ottawa, ON K1R 7S8
Toll Free: 1-888-676-7747
Tel: (613) 232-9908
Fax: (613) 232-9931
Website: www.wetravel.net
E-mail: Lorna Parent
(lorna@wetravel.net)

Times Square Travel

6720 NO. 3 Road
Richmond, BC V6Y 2C2
Toll Free: 1-800-665-4541
Tel: (604) 273-1811
Ext. 237 (Colleen Burke) or
Fax: (604) 273-8001
Website: www.travelst.ca
E-mail: colleen@travelst.ca

Ask the travel agency to book under AC Convention # MP3MBTH1. If you use Air Canada, a discount of 10% is available with this convention # only on Tango Plus fares, not on Tango fares.





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SPECIAL NEEDS FORM
 (One form per family)

ON-SITE CHILD CARE:

Please indicate below if you require childcare during the conference.

NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN)	Please circle the day(s) childcare is required.	AGE
	Tues/ Wed/Thurs	
	Tues/ Wed/Thurs	
	Tues/ Wed/Thurs	

ACCESS & SERVICES FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES:

What is your type of disability? Mobility impaired
 Use of a wheelchair Blind or visually impaired
 Deaf or hearing impaired Other (please specify) _____

CONFERENCE MATERIAL IN ALTERNATE MEDIA: Yes No
If yes, please specify type: _____

Service for deaf or hearing impaired: Yes No
If yes, please specify: _____

NAME OF DELEGATE	TELEPHONE NO.
	Home: _____
	Work: _____

Local Union No. _____

Return before January 17, 2014 (preferably with registration form) to:
 United Steelworkers, Canadian National Office
 #800-234 Eglinton Avenue East, Toronto, ON M4P 1K7
 Attn: Dianna Kornic, IAM/USW Airport Screeners Conference 2014
 or by fax to: (416) 482-5548





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 55 Colonel By Drive • Ottawa, ON K1N 9J2

Local Union #: _____ District #: _____ Contact ph #: _____

NAME	GENDER M/F	LANG. E/F	ADDRESS	Attending Tuesday Reception? Y/N
..... Email:				
..... Email:				
..... Email:				
..... Email:				

Registration deadline is January 17, 2014. Registration is not limited. If you are registering more than four people, please copy this form.

LU President: _____ LU Recording Secretary: _____ LU Seal: 
Signature *Signature*

No Registration fee	Total number of delegates = _____
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Please send registrations by mail to:

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For online registration information, please visit our website at
events.signup4.com/USWNSC

