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Sisters, Brothers, and Siblings

On Thursday, 2 October 2025, Local 4 members at Seabrooks Solutions, at Solomons were furloughed at the end of their shift. This was due to the funding not getting put on contract from the government.

On Friday, 3 October 2025, Local 4 was notified by V2X that members at the Test Pilots School (TPS) were going to a reduced workforce due to the current government shutdown. When this notification was brought to the attention of IAM District 4, Assistant Directing Business Representative Mark Duval, he began working at softening the blow to our members. There were multiple scenarios that included, immediate furlough, reducing hours for all workers, blue/gold, ect.

The decision to do the blue/gold schedule was to keep everyone employed with benefits; it was not the intention to put anyone out of a job. All of this is due to the lack of funding for TPS. The company did state that if members choose to use vacation or sick time on their days off, they would be able to do so. There are actions taking place to try and see if other hangars/platforms can absorb those that are being affected during this shutdown.

There are no guarantees as to when the government will open back up nor are there any guarantees to back pay. The Union is asking for dues dispensation from the International for those members affected. I ask that all members continue to remain vigilant and fluid as these unprecedented times continue to change.

Until the government shutdown is concluded, it is noteworthy to mention that there is no contract/platform that is immune from this shutdown. Now would be the time to start preparing for what might happen in the future.

I ask that we keep all of our members being affected by this shutdown in our thoughts and prayers. Please understand that as information is passed to the Union, we will pass it on to you all.

In Solidarity,

Jeremy Leissner
President

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