## **Machinists Ratify with AJW Technique**

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Montréal, QC – Members of IAM Local Lodge 2309 have ratified a two-year wage re-opener agreement and secured the first year of the next contract with AJW Technique. "The wage re-opener involves the fourth and fifth years of the current five-year agreement while securing a wage increase in the first year of the next collective agreement," explained IAM Transportation District 140 President and Directing General Chairperson Fred Hospes.

The first year of the wage re-opener provides a wage increase of 7.5 per cent effective January 14, 2016 and a wage increase in the second year of 3.5 per cent effective January 14, 2017. A 3 per cent wage increase in the first year of the next collective agreement.

In addition to the negotiated wage increases the bargaining committee negotiated vacation enhancements.

"I can't say enough about the efforts of our bargaining team," said Hospes. "They bargained aggressively in their determination to achieve a good deal for our members and it paid off." Transportation District 140 General Chairperson George Kuehnl stated "this agreement will provide AJW Technique the ability to bid on future work over the next three (3) years on a known cost structure and the potential growth with future hi-tech employment opportunities." Hospes added "The potential employment growth at AJW Technique is good for Canada and the Province of Quebec."

AJW Technique began aircraft component maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) operations in Montreal in 2013 after purchasing the former Aveos component shop.

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