Public Sector Bargaining In Crisis

A two-day collective bargaining school for union leaders, staff and members involved in collective bargaining for federal, state and local government, and school district workers, presented in cooperation with the Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO.

Successful bargaining in tough times; topics include:

- Responding to the nationwide assault on collective bargaining rights
- Overview of state & federal bargaining laws, including changes & proposals
- Are we really broke? Understanding public sector budgets
- Bargaining preparation and research
- Public outreach & media communication
- Navigating the impasse process; voluntary agreements, mediation and arbitration

Separate federal, state & local government, and school district tracks for selected sessions

Space is limited, register early! (Limited to first 50 registrants)

When: September 9 & 10, 2011 (Friday-Saturday)
Where: Pappajohn Education Center, 1200 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA
Cost: $150/person, includes instruction, materials, and lunches (housing not included; see below for hotel information) Group discount: If your local sends more than 5 participants to this program, the registration fee for participant #6 and above is $75/person

Time: Registration from 9:30-10:00 a.m. on September 9; program will conclude by 3:00 p.m. on September 10

THREE WAYS TO REGISTER: 1) Call the Labor Center at 319.335.4144; 2) email us at labor-center@uiowa.edu; 3) register online at http://www.continuelearn.uiowa.edu/laborctr/registration/registration.html. When registering by phone or email, please include the name(s) of the participant(s), union name and local #, mailing address, daytime phone #, union title/position, and name of employer. If you pay your registration fee in advance, make your check payable to The University of Iowa and mail it to: Labor Center, The University of Iowa, 100 BioVentures Center, Room W130, Iowa City, IA 52242-5000.

Registration deadline: August 22, 2011. A confirmation letter and program agenda will be sent to each registrant in advance of the program.

HOUSING: A block of rooms is being held at the Hotel Fort Des Moines under “Public Sector Bargaining” for the night of September 9 at the approx. rate of $109 (plus tax). You will need to reserve and pay for your own housing directly with the Hotel Fort Des Moines at 1-800-532-1466. A small number of rooms are being held for the night of September 8 if you arrive the evening before the program begins.

If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to participate in a program, please contact the Labor Center in advance at (319) 335-4144.