

Machinists willing to work with Farley!

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Toronto, ON – The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Air Canada's largest union, says it is willing to work with newly appointed mediator James Farley.

Farley, a former Ontario Supreme Court judge who presided over the airline's court-protected restructuring in 2003 and 2004, has been appointed by Ottawa to help mediate the pension dispute between Air Canada and its unions and retirees.

"We're surprised that the federal government would intervene in talks that haven't broken down yet," explained IMAAW District 140 President and Directing General Chairperson Chuck Atkinson. "There's a lot at stake here for all parties involved and if James Farley can assist in bringing the dispute to a satisfactory conclusion that ensures the protection of our pensions, collective agreements and the interests of our members, we welcome his expertise."

The IMAAW represents more than 10,000 members at Air Canada including those who work in Technical Maintenance and Operational Support, Finance and Clerical divisions.

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