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## **MAINTENANCE WORKERS FOR AIRPORT AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT CONTRACTOR VOTE TO JOIN UNION**

*International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 501 Elected to Represent 30 Employees*

BURBANK, Calif., October 12, 2011 – Thirty members of the Maintenance Department at Bob Hope Airport voted today to affiliate themselves with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 501 for purposes of conducting collective bargaining with their employer, TBI Airport Management, Inc. (TBI AM). TBI AM is a private contractor retained by the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority, owner and operator of Bob Hope Airport, to provide management of the airport, including administration, operations and maintenance.

Local 501 had filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in September seeking to represent the workers. Today's election was conducted pursuant to the National Labor Relations Act.

Larry Gouldthorpe, President of TBI AM, expressed concern that “poor economic conditions, high unemployment rates in the area and the continuing need to provide cost efficient service at the Bob Hope Airport in a very competitive local airport market all combine to make union representation a challenge when considered in the full context of our present environment.”