

# Organized: USF Reddaway Eleven Office Workers Are First for Company

At USF Reddaway in Compton, Local 63 has made organizing history once again.

"These clerical workers become the first unionized clerks at USF Reddaway, and we look forward to providing them with excellent representation," said Secretary-Treasurer Randy Cammack.

Ramiro Alonzo is the freight business agent for the terminal; he now represents the office workers.

"I'm proud to say that these 11 office workers will enjoy similar health and welfare, vacation and pension benefits that the USF Reddaway freight workers gained last August," explained Alonzo.

Alonzo and fellow Local 63 organizer Randy Korgan were key players in the successful organizing campaign that resulted in a five-year contract for 156 USF Reddaway employees.

Last fall, when office workers witnessed the freight contract rati-

fication, they made it known that they were ready for representation, explained payroll clerk Kevin Sasaki.

"I'm 45 years old, I've worked in this office for nearly 22 years, and now, finally, with Teamsters at the table, I'm no longer worried about job security," he said. Sasaki began his career in the Compton terminal's warehouse and soon moved to a clerical position. He currently manages payroll and human resources.

"I'm excited about the contract," agreed Clerk Lillie Gomez. "And I'm excited about becoming a Teamster."

Gomez manages the damaged freight and has been at the office for four years. As a mother of four children, Gomez says she is looking forward to the fair pay rate and health care benefits that come with Teamster membership.

"We've been through a lot

here, and we used to worry a lot, especially with the recent economic downturn," Sasaki added. "Now, we worry less. Even my wife worries less," he said with a smile.

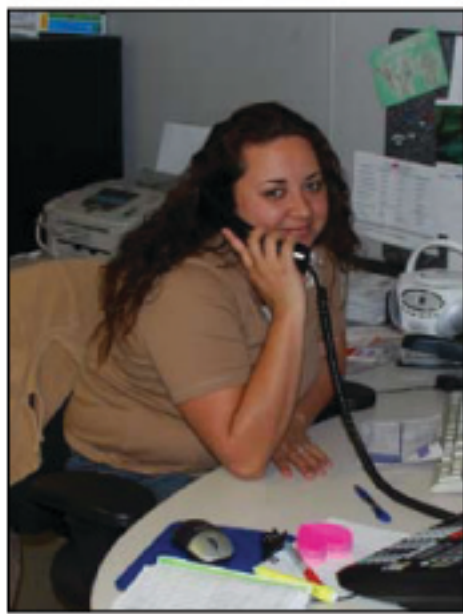
"We can thank the Teamsters for the fact that we're here today. Under the protection of a contract, and with the Teamsters behind us, we can look ahead to tomorrow," Sasaki finished.

At press time, negotiations were ongoing.

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