

# **Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes Division Of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters**

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## **BMWED SYSTEM FEDERATIONS ANNOUNCE MERGER**

Nashville, TN - The governing bodies of Allied Eastern Federation and Missouri Pacific Federation of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes Division convened today and finalized a merger between the two federations. The newly created federation will be known as the Allied Federation.

The Allied Federation will represent more than 5,500 members of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. "Today we took a giant step toward strengthening our member's ability to deal with the ever increasing difficulties they face every day on the tracks," said former Missouri Pacific Federation General Chairman Bill Palmer. The new Allied Federation General Chairman, Dennis Albers said, "We look forward to working together as one unit to improve the quality of representation for all of our members."

The Allied Federation will represent members employed by a number of railroads, including CSX, Union Pacific and Kansas City Southern. The newly merged federation's membership stretches from Gallop, NM to Newport News, VA and from Ontario, Canada to Homestead, FL. "This merger is another big step forward and will have a big impact on the representation of our members," said Allied Federation Executive Board Chairman Greg Harless.

The Allied Federation represents maintenance of way workers who build, construct, inspect and maintain railroad tracks, bridges, buildings and equipment. The Allied Federation is now the largest of 26 federations/divisions that make up the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

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