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DIVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF
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**HURON & EASTERN RAILWAY EMPLOYEES
VOTE IN FAVOR OF UNION**

MEMBERS OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVE BMWED/IBT REPRESENTATION

The Allied Federation, headquartered in Hendersonville, TN, scored a major victory on February 17, 2010, when employees of the Huron & Eastern Railway Company voted in favor of union representation. After the votes had been counted, an overwhelming majority of Huron & Eastern employees chose to be represented by the Allied Federation which already represents more than 7,000 members of the BMWED/IBT,

BMWED/IBT Organizer Tim McCall, who headed the organizing drive offered, "Allied Federation Vice Chairman Len Buckley deserves a lot of credit for the hard work and efforts he put into this campaign. Also, the Huron & Eastern Employees are to be congratulated for showing great dedication and focus throughout the organizing drive. They wanted to be represented by the Allied Federation and their efforts and support, and finally their vote, illustrated that point."

"The employees at Huron & Eastern knew the value of our union and worked hard to accomplish recognition. We're glad to add the employees at Huron & Eastern to our membership and look forward to securing their first union contract," said Allied Federation General Chairman Dennis Albers.

The Huron & Eastern Railway, owned and operated by Rail America, operates in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan. They are headquartered in Vassar, Michigan with their main junction located in Saginaw.

The BMWED is an autonomous division within the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. The BMWED represents about 35,000 men and women engaged in the construction, repair and maintenance of railroad tracks, bridges, structures and equipment.

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