

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
AND THE
AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS UNION, AFL-CIO

ARTICLE	16
SECTION	
SUBJECT	VETS PREF

Recognizing the need for clarification of the procedures to be followed in according employees their administrative rights under Title VII, the Veterans' Preference Act, and the National Labor Relations Act, and in order to resolve litigation in the cases of U.S. Postal Service, 281 NLRB No. 32 (1986), U.S. Postal Service, 281 N.L.R.B. No. 138 (1986); and U.S. Postal Service, 281 N.L.R.B. No. 139 (1986), the parties enter into the following memorandum of understanding.

1. The parties agree that when the Postal Service meets with an individual employee to resolve an EEO complaint (formal or informal), or to afford an individual preference eligible employee the right to respond to a proposed adverse action as provided by the Veterans' Preference Act, the Postal Service is under no obligation to invite the Union to be present or to participate at such meetings. A Union official may be present and participate only if that official is the employee's personal representative.

2. The parties recognize and agree that the Postal Service and an individual employee may enter into settlement agreements to resolve EEO complaints and proposed adverse actions against preference eligible employees without the knowledge or consent of the Union. However, the Postal Service shall not adjust or attempt to adjust with the individual employee any related grievances, except, to the extent permitted by Section 9a of the