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**AGREEMENT**

Between

**HELENA LABORATORIES**

And

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**WORKERS OF AMERICA**

**AFL - CIO**

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**Article 1**

**Recognition**

Helena Laboratories, herein called the Company, recognizes the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, as the exclusive bargaining agent with respect to wages, hours of employment, or other conditions of employment for all production assembly workers, electronic technicians, shipping employees, clerical and printing employees, in accordance with NLRB certification No. 23RC-4151.

**Article 2**

**Management’s Rights**

It is understood and agreed that management possesses all rights, powers or authority it had prior to the signing of the agreement except those specifically abridged, delegated, granted, or modified by this agreement. Nothing herein shall conflict with valid labor laws.

**2.01 - Suspension/Discharge**

The Company reserves the right to suspend or discharge any employee for just cause.

Any question or dispute which might arise between an employee and the supervisor shall not justify the employee in disobeying any order or refusing to work as directed, but shall be only a basis for appeal by the method provided in the grievance procedures. If an employee disobeys an order or refuses to work as directed, the employee may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

**2.02 - Solicitation**

No employee should solicit other employees for any reason during working time unless written approval is given in advance by the personnel department.

**Article 3**

**Benefits**

The following benefits in existence at the initiation of this agreement will be continued:

1. Profit Sharing / 401(K) Plan

2. Vacation

3. Sick Pay

4. Life Insurance

5. Holidays

**3.01 - Group Insurance Benefits**

The Company will maintain the basic health insurance plan under Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) group #25386 (Plan), with Group Insurance Benefits defined below, during the term of the Labor Agreement provided: 1) that BCBS continues to make available to the Company a self-insured/ASO (Administration Services Only) product, and 2) third-party stop loss insurance coverage for the Plan continues to be available to the Company at economically sensible rates. In the event a BCBS ASO plan becomes unavailable or the premium for third-party stop loss insurance coverage increases during the term of the Labor Agreement to a level that is not economically sensible then Company retains the right to discontinue the BCBS group #25386 Plan, provided Company gives Union minimum 60 days advance notice or the same advance notice the Company received from BCBS. In the event the Company intends to discontinue the Plan, the Company will first attempt to find a fully insured healthcare plan with benefits comparable to the current BCBS # 25386 Plan and, if such a plan is available, will enroll participants and pay a biweekly bonus equal to 1/26th of the base figure listed below, to be included on participant’s regular paycheck, toward the new plan’s premiums. If the Company is unable to enroll participants in a comparable fully-insured healthcare plan, the participants may elect to find their own healthcare plan and the Company will pay a biweekly bonus equal to 1/26th of the base figure listed below, to be included on participant’s regular paycheck. Whether enrolled in the Company’s fully insured plan or in an individual Affordable Care Act qualifying health plan, in order for participants to receive the 1/26th of

base figure bonus they must be current on the premiums due their respective health plan carrier. In the event a fully-insured

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healthcare plan with comparable benefits is not available, the Company and the Union agree that the Labor Agreement can

be reopened for negotiations strictly limited to healthcare benefits.

For purposes of clarification the following definitions apply:

“third-party stop loss insurance coverage” – means insurance from a third party provider that fully insures and protects the Company from and against all liability above $100,000.00 (one-hundred thousand) per plan year per individual and $2,636,000.00 (two-million six-hundred thirty-six thousand) in the aggregate per plan year that may arise up to and including the maximum benefits payable to all covered individuals mandated from time to time by applicable law; and “economically sensible rates” – means premium rates not to exceed 150% of the Company’s premium expense for stop loss coverage at the start of the term of the Labor Agreement.

 Office Out of Urgent

 Major Medical Visit Pocket RX Care ER

 Deductible Co-pay Max Copay Co-pay Copay

 Current 2025 2,750 / 6,300 50/70 ACA Max 15/65/85 30 170

 Year 1 2026 2,750 / 6,300 45/65 ACA Max 15/65/85 40 275

 Year 2 2027 2,800 / 6,800 50/70 ACA max 15/65/110 50 325

 Year 3 2028 2,900 / 7,000 50/70 ACA Max 17/70/120 60 350

 Year 4 2029 3,000 / 7,100 50/75 ACA Max 17/70/120 70 400

 Year 5 2030 3,000 / 7,100 50/75 ACA Max 17/75/130 70 500

The contribution per participant by Company will be as follows:

A base figure of $3,700 per participant will be used for Year 1, effective at ratification

A base figure of $3,850 per participant will be used for Year 2, effective February 2026

A base figure of $4,000 per participant will be used for Year 3, effective February 2027

A base figure of $4,100 per participant will be used for Year 4, effective February 2028

A base figure of $4,200 per participant will be used for Year 5, effective February 2029

The net savings realized from the Section 125 Plan will be contributed in its entirety toward all employees’ payroll deductions for health insurance. The Company will meet with the Union prior to February 1 of each year to provide documentation pertaining to Section 125 Plan savings and employee payroll deductions. If this base figure is surpassed, it is understood and agreed that the Company reserves the right to increase payroll deductions. Increases, should they become necessary, will become effective February 1st of each year through the term of this agreement.

If it becomes cost effective to change insurance carriers, the change will be made with mutual understanding between the Company and the Union.

The Company and the Union will establish a Joint Committee on Health Care Cost Containment. The Committee of two (2) from the Company and two (2) from the Union, will study total health care costs and make recommendations to try and reduce the costs of health care. The Company retains the sole right to administer these programs as best fits the needs of both Company and employees.

To participate in the group health insurance plan, an employee must authorize payroll deduction for his or her portion of the applicable premiums.

An employee on leave of absence is responsible for the employee’s portion of all premiums necessary to keep the employee’s group health insurance in effect during the leave of absence. During the leave of absence, the employee’s first payment is due on or before the last day of the month following the commencement of the leave of absence.

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Subsequent payments during the leave of absence will be paid monthly and are due on or before the last day of each month.

Employees’ on leave of absence who fails to make the required payment on or before the due date will cease to be covered

by the group health insurance. Upon failure to pay the premium due, the loss of coverage will be treated as a qualifying event for all purposes under COBRA.

**3.02 - Holidays**

The Following days shall be considered holidays:

1. New Year’s Day

2. Memorial Day

3. Fourth of July

4. Labor Day

5. Thanksgiving Day

6. Day following Thanksgiving

7. Christmas Eve

8. Christmas Day

**A. Eligibility**

To be eligible for holiday pay, an employee must:

1. Be classified as a regular full-time employee
2. Have worked the full scheduled day before and the full scheduled day after unless the employee has a prior approved scheduled vacation day.
3. One emergency sick day or one bereavement day per year may be used to qualify for holiday pay.
4. Have successfully completed his/her probation period with the exception of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

**B. Holiday Pay**

Eligible employees working 8 hour shifts not required to work on the Holiday will be paid 8 hours at their base rate for each holiday.

Employees working 10 hours shifts will be given the option of choosing Holiday Pay in 8 hour or 10 hour increments. Eligible 10 hour shift employees choosing the 8 hour option who are not required to work on the Holiday will be paid 8 hours at their base rate. Eligible 10 hour shift employees choosing the 10 hour option who are not required to work on the Holiday will be paid 10 hours at their base rate, provided the Holiday occurs on a regularly scheduled work day. Employees choosing the 10 hour Holiday Pay option will receive no Holiday Pay for Holiday(s) occurring on the employee’s scheduled day(s) off.

Employees must elect their 8 or 10-hour Holiday Pay option by December 1, 2025, for the term of the Labor Agreement. Holiday Pay option will become effective on January 1, 2026, and cannot be changed until December 31st of the year of the contract’s expiration.

Any employee who is required to work on a Holiday will be paid 1-1/2 times their base rate or may receive another day off in lieu of Holiday Pay. Holiday Pay will be considered as time worked in computing the work week of an employee.

**C. Other**

When a holiday falls on a weekend, a decision by the Company will be published as to the disposition of the holiday. When a holiday falls within an employee’s vacation, he/she will be paid for an extra day.

When Christmas Day falls on Thursday, the Company agrees to change the Wednesday Christmas Eve holiday to Friday.

**3.03 - Vacations**

All regular full-time employees are eligible for forty (40) hours paid vacation upon their first year hire anniversary, providing they have worked eighty (80) hours the previous 12-month period. On January 1, following the employees first year hire anniversary, the employee will be eligible for forty (40) hours paid vacation provided they have worked eighty (80) hours during the previous 12-month period. On each subsequent January 1, employees with two (2) years’ service will receive eighty (80) hours paid vacation provided they have worked eighty (80) hours during the previous 12-month period.

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Vacations are based on length of service as follows:

        One (1) year - forty (40) hours

        Two (2) years - eighty (80) hours

Vacation time must be used in the year it is earned. Vacation time cannot be carried over into the following year except for employees who become eligible for a vacation after October 1st. In this case, the vacation may be carried over, but must be used no later than October 1st of the following year.

Vacation time may be taken on a single day basis or up to eighty (80) consecutive hours provided the employee has the hours available and if the work schedule permits. Employees may take vacation days in half-day (.5-day) increments, subject to work schedule availability and with prior approval from their immediate Supervisor. Vacation time may also be used for FMLA leave in one-minute (1-minute) increments. If an employee has less than a half-day (.5-day) of vacation remaining as of December 31st in the year it was earned, they shall be paid for the balance of their vacation time at their current base rate of pay.

Employees must designate, prior to taking their first vacation day of a given year, whether their vacation time will be taken in eight-hour (8-hour) or ten-hour (10-hour) increments. All vacation time for the year must be taken in the same hourly increment. Mixing of eight-hour (8-hour) and ten-hour (10-hour) increments is not permitted.

The Company will provide vacation schedules no later than November 1st for the following year. Department schedules will be offered to employees in order of seniority. If vacation is taken on a daily basis, vacation pay will be included in the regular pay check.

No striking employee will be eligible for vacation during a strike. In the event a strike prevents an employee from using their vacation time during the year it was earned, an exception will be made to allow the returning striker to use the vacation in the subsequent year or, if he/she elects, exchange vacation for wages.

Yearly vacation schedules shall be posted and made visible to all respective departments throughout the current vacation year.

**3.04 - Sick Pay Benefits**

Employees working 8 hour shifts will accrue 4 sick hours for every 180 hours paid. Employees working 10 hour shifts will accrue 5 sick hours for every 225 hours paid. Sick hours must be taken in a minimum of 2 hour increments. Sick hours taken for purposes of FMLA may be taken in minute increments consistent with the employee’s FMLA time off.

Employees with five years or more of service who use their accumulated sick hours for a catastrophic illness covering a period of fifteen working days, may regain the accumulated sick hours at an accelerated rate. For employees working 8 hour shifts, 8 sick hours will be accumulated for every 180 hours paid, until total sick benefits used during that one illness have been regained. Employees working 10 hour shifts will accumulate 10 sick hours for every 225 hours paid.

At the end of each calendar year, any sick hours in excess of 20 may be exchanged for wages at the employees’ current base wage scale. Provided employees elect this option, it will be distributed on the first paycheck in December of the same calendar year. Employees who have had no more than two (2) absences and no more than fifteen (15) tardies/times-missed will accumulate an additional ten (10) sick hours for that year.

On the effective date of resignation or termination, accumulated sick pay will be exchanged for wages at the employee’s current base wage scale.

**3.05 - Life Insurance**

The Company will maintain life insurance coverage for each employee under Blue Cross Blue Shield G25386-3 (Policy) during the term of the Labor Agreement. The Policy will have a maximum benefit of $15,000 through 69 years of age. Employees aged 70 and over will have diminished limits based upon the Policy’s historical age restrictions. In addition, retired employees with 20 years or more service will receive Policy coverage for a period not to exceed 2 years from the date of resignation.

**Article 4**

**Hours of Work and Overtime**

**4.01 - Scheduled Hours**

Hours are generally defined to be hours worked between eight (8) A.M. to five (5) P.M.

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**A.  Normal Work Week** - A normal work week is defined as forty (40) hours beginning at 12:00AM Saturday morning and ending at 11:59PM the following Friday night.

**4.02 – Overtime**

A. When an employee is required to work overtime, he/she will be paid for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) within a normal work week at the rate of one and one half (1.5) times his/her base rate of pay. Proper notification of at least two (2) hours will be given before scheduling an employee to work overtime. All overtime must be approved by the immediate supervisor prior to being worked. With the exception of sick leave, the computation of hours worked shall include time worked plus all other paid time off.

B. The computation of overtime pertaining to sick leave:

Sick time shall be considered as time worked for the computation of mandatory overtime. If sick leave is used on a mandatory

overtime scheduled day, you will be compensated at your regular hourly rate. Sick time shall not be considered as time worked for the computation of voluntary overtime.

1. Voluntary Overtime – Overtime completed hours at the discretion of the employee.
2. Mandatory Overtime – Overtime completed hours worked at the requirement of management.

C. Excluding work on an authorized holiday, an employee will not be assigned to work overtime, either on a scheduled day or a non-scheduled day, in excess of fifteen (15) hours in a calendar week unless the employee consents to such overtime assignment

**4.03 - Show-Up Pay**

When an employee shows up on time at the beginning of the scheduled work shift and work conditions are such that he/she cannot complete two (2) hours of service, he/she shall be given a full two (2) hours pay.

**4.04 - Shift Differential**

Any employee who is assigned to a shift beginning before 6:00am or ending after 6:00pm shall receive an additional sixty cents ($.60) per hour added to the base hourly rate.

**4.05 - Shifts**

The company reserves the right to establish shifts and to assign the appropriate hours.

**4.06 - Breaks**

Employees working eight hour shifts will be allowed one (1) ten minute and one (1) fifteen minute paid break per shift. Employees working ten hour shifts will be allowed two (2) fifteen minute paid breaks per shift. An additional 15-minute break will be allowed if employees are required to work 12 hours or more hours.

**4.07 – Hazard Pay**

At its sole discretion, the Company may invoke hazard pay incentive to classifications designated by the Company based upon needs of the business, qualifications, work history and seniority. Hazard pay will be 14% above the then base wage rate of the classification(s) so identified.

The duration of time Hazard Pay applies to the identified classifications is at the sole discretion of the Company, however once invoked will apply for a minimum of the workers normal daily shift.

**Article 5**

**Seniority**

**5.01 - Computation of Seniority**

Total company seniority for any employee shall be determined from the date of last employment or adjusted date of employment, whichever applies.

**A.** Tie Breaker – When employees have the same date of employment, the Company will use a common method for determining seniority. The last four digits of the social security number will be used to break the tie in the date of last employment or adjusted date of employment, with the highest of the last four digits being the most senior**.**

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**5.02 - Application of Seniority**

Seniority shall be one of the deciding factors insofar as the ability of the employee and the conditions of the business will permit in matters affecting assignment of working hours, vacations, voluntary and involuntary transfer, promotions, newly created jobs, requests for transfers to other jobs, layoffs and rehiring after layoffs.

**5.03 - Employee Status**

**A.  Regular Full-Time Employee** - A person who is hired for continuous employment and has successfully completed a ninety (90) day probationary period.

**B.  Probationary Employee** - A person who is hired for continuous employment but has not completed a ninety (90) day uninterrupted probationary period. The employee is subject to termination for failure to meet Company standards of employment unless additional extension is granted for specific reasons. Such termination is not subject to grievance and arbitration procedures.

**C.  Part-Time Employee** - A person who is normally scheduled less than forty (40) hours a week.

**D.  Contract Worker** - A person whose services are obtained through an outside agency to perform bargaining unit work. Contract workers shall be compensated pursuant to the Company’s agreement with the outside agency and shall not be eligible for company wages, benefits, progression increases or to any other rights or privileges under the terms of this Agreement. At no time shall the number of contract workers exceed 25% of the bargaining unit as of the end of the preceding month and may only exceed 20% of the bargaining unit as of the end of the preceding month for a total 180 days for any calendar year. The use of contract workers shall not cause the lay-off or part-timing of regular full-time, part-time, or probationary employees. A contract worker who performs work for the Company for a continuous period of ninety (90) calendar days shall be reclassified as a probationary employee for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days. The Company agrees to provide the Local the percentage of contract workers on a monthly basis.

**E.  Occasional Employee** - A person who has no normal weekly assignment of work, but who works on a voluntary basis, as required by the Company, to meet unusual service demands, to replace absentees and for such other propose as may arise, an occasional employee is an employee of the Company only on the day which he/she works. All occasional workers will be paid minimum wage. Occasional, part-time employees will not be eligible for Company benefits and progression increases, an occasional, or part-time employee who is reclassified as a regular full-time employee shall receive an accumulated service date based on a proration of his/her assigned hours. Occasional, or part-time employees will not be used to adversely affect the usual number of regular employees.

**Article 6**

**Grievance Procedure**

**6.01 Union’s Right to Grieve**

1. The Union has a right to submit a grievance on behalf of an employee or group of employees involving an alleged violation(s) of the terms of this agreement.
2. Employees of the Company, including the aggrieved employee(s) and the employee(s) representative designated by the Union, shall suffer no loss in pay for time consumed in traveling to and from grievance meetings and shall not be more than three (3) paid employees at any level of the grievance procedure.
3. The time spent at any level of the grievance shall be considered as time worked for the purpose of determining seniority, wage increases, overtime and any other benefits.

**6.02 Procedure**

A grievance, for the purpose of this contract, is defined as a dispute between the Company and

the Union involving the interpretation, application, alleged violation(s) or a complaint by an employee or a group of employees alleging they have been treated in a manner inconsistent under the terms of this agreement.

A formal grievance must be submitted in writing to the Personnel Manager within forty (40) calendar days of the

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occurrence. The grievance must state the clause(s) of the agreement alleged to have been violated. If the grievance

is not submitted within forty (40) calendar days of the occurrence, the grievance cannot be presented at any future date unless agreed to by the Company.

**First Step**

Upon receipt of the grievance, the Personnel Manager shall acknowledge receipt of the grievance in writing by requesting a meeting within fourteen (14) calendar days at a mutually agreed upon time and location with each party giving due

consideration to the convenience of the other. The Personnel Manager will respond with a written decision within seven

 (7) calendar days of the conclusion of the grievance meeting(s). If the grievance is denied, the written decision will outline the reason for the denial.

**Second Step**

If the grievant(s) is/are still dissatisfied, the Union may appeal the decision reached at the First Step to the President of the Company within fifteen (15) calendar days of receiving the written decision from the Personnel Manager. If the appeal is not submitted within fifteen (15) calendar days of the Personnel Manager’s written decision, the grievance will be considered closed.

The President of the Company, or his appointed designee, shall meet with the Union’s designee at a mutually agreed

upon time and location with each party giving due consideration to the convenience of the other. The President of the Company, or his appointed designee, will respond with a written decision within fifteen (15) calendar days of the conclusion of the grievance meeting. If the grievance is denied, the written decision will outline the reason for the denial.

If the grievance is denied at Step 2, it is agreed that the Arbitration Procedure (as written in 6.03) may be invoked by the Union to address the clause(s) of the agreement alleged to have been violated, and the alleged violation(s).

When a grievance has been submitted by the Union on behalf of the employee(s) and received by the Company, the Company shall not attempt to adjust the grievance with the employee(s) involved without offering Union to be present.

**6.03 - Arbitration Procedure**

A.  Notice of intention to arbitrate shall be filed with the Personnel Manager by the Union within thirty (30) calendar days following the failure of a satisfactory settlement of the grievance. Within ten (10) working days, except when extended by mutual agreement - but in no case to exceed thirty (30) calendar days, the Union shall call a meeting of the Arbitration Review Panel, consisting of the Personnel Manager, or his designated representative, and the CWA National staff representative, or his designated representative. Failure of the Union’s representative to call a meeting within ten (10) working days shall automatically withdraw the grievance and it shall not be presented at any future date unless agreed to by the Company.

B.  Upon failure of the Arbitration Review Panel to satisfactorily resolve the matter, either party may call upon the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (or its successors) to furnish a list of five (5) names from which the arbitrator shall be selected by the following method: each party shall, within ten (10) working days, have the privilege of striking or eliminating no more than two (2) names from the list and the first remaining unstricken person thereon shall be the arbitrator. The arbitrator shall make such investigation as he/she may deem necessary. Proceedings of the arbitrator shall be in writing including the finding and decision, and shall be transmitted to the Company at Beaumont and the Union for the preservation of the record. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on both parties hereto, except in such cases where the courts decide that the arbitrator exceeded his/her rights under 6.04 of the Article. Fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the Company and the Union.

**6.04 - Arbitration Rights**

It is understood and agreed that the arbitrator shall not have the right to make a decision that would in any way modify, change, add to, or delete any of the terms or provisions of the Agreement, including any wages paid for any classifications.

**6.05 - Settlement**

Settlement under the procedure outlined in Article 6 will be retroactive to the date of the occurrence.

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**Article 7**

**Strikes and Lockouts**

There shall be no strikes, slowdowns, nor stoppages of work by the Union or its members, nor lockouts by the Company as long as the Agreement is in effect.

**Article 8**

**Union Representation**

**8.01**

The employees covered by this Agreement may select not more than two (2) employees, who shall comprise a committee which shall represent them in collective bargaining. Such time off shall be with the permission of management and shall be without pay however, shall be considered as time worked for the purpose of determining seniority, wage increases, and other benefits. The Union agrees to notify the Company, in writing, the names of such employees, and of any changes made in the committee.

**8.02**

It is understood that a representative of the CWA (AFL-CIO) may participate in collective bargaining and grievance discussions with the Company.

**8.03**

At any meeting between a representative of the Company and an employee in which discipline (including warnings which are to be recorded as such in the personnel file, suspension, demotion, or discharge) is to be announced, the bargaining unit member may elect to have Union representation provided the representation is timely and doesn’t interfere with the immediacy of said discipline nor the working environment. Time spent in such a meeting shall be considered work time

**Article 9**

**Authorized Leaves of Absence**

**9.01 - Funeral Leave**

All regular full-time employees who have worked 80 hours in the prior three (3) months are eligible for Funeral Leave. An employee will be allowed three (3) work days with pay, at the employee’s regular base rate, to attend the funeral of an immediate family member. However, under extenuating circumstances and with management’s approval, employees working 8 hour shifts may be granted up to 2 additional days off without pay. Employees working 10 hour shifts may be granted one additional day without pay. Immediate family consists of: spouse, children, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law and Registered Domestic Partner. An employee will be allowed two (2) work days with pay, at the employee's regular base rate, for the following family members: stepmother, stepfather, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother and stepsister. Paid Funeral Leave days, in aggregate, will be limited to six (6) days per calendar year.

An employee will be allowed one (1) work day with pay, at the employee’s regular base rate, to serve as an active pallbearer for a deceased employee, when requested to do so by the family of the deceased.

**9.02 - Jury Duty**

All regular full-time employees who have worked 80 hours in the prior three (3) months are eligible for Jury Duty Pay. A regular full-time employee who fails to work his/her regularly scheduled hours because of jury duty shall receive eight (8) hours pay at his/her regular basic straight time rate. However, an employee is expected to report to work within two (2) hours after dismissal from the jury provided he/she is not required to report for the afternoon session. The employee must give at least forty-eight (48) hours’ notice to his/her supervisor of required jury duty service to be eligible for jury duty pay. Payment will not exceed 15 days in

any calendar year. To be eligible for payment, the employee must submit a written statement from the appropriate public official, listing the dates served on the jury. A regular full-time employee scheduled for four (4), ten (10) hour days who fails to work his/her regularly scheduled hours because of jury shall receive ten (10) hours pay at his/her regular basic straight time rate. Payment is limited to a maximum of four (4) days in any week and twelve (12) days in any calendar year.

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**9.03 - Union Business**

Upon request of the Union, in writing, the Company may grant a leave of absence to not more than a total of six (6) employees nor more than one (1) employee from any one department, at any one time, to attend to union business. No employee will be granted a leave for more than twenty (20) days per year except for the elected local Union representative which will be granted forty (40) days. Such leave shall be with the permission of the department manager. However, if conditions permit as

determined by the Company, additional time off and an additional number of employees may be allowed such leave of absence. This leave shall be without pay but considered as time worked for the purpose of determining seniority, wage increases, and other benefits.

**9.04 - Medical Leave of Absence**

Employees with no FMLA eligibility shall be granted a leave of absence for medical reasons upon presentation of a physician’s statement stating the need for a leave of absence and the estimated date that the employee may return to work.

1. The leave of absence shall be no less than four (4) calendar days and terminate upon the employee’s release to return to work by the employees’ physician, but shall not exceed a period of six (6) months.
2. If the original job is available, employees returning from a medical leave will be placed on the same progression step they were on at the time the leave commenced. If the original job is not available, the employee will be considered for any comparable position that is available.

C.  All benefits will continue during the leave of absence.

D.  The employee shall keep the company informed about their condition on a monthly basis.

E.  The employee must make arrangements through the personnel department for payment of insurance premiums.

F.  The company may, at its discretion, send the employee to another physician for a second opinion. Charges for sending

 the employee to a company selected physician shall be paid by the company.

G. Company doctor cannot over-ride the decision of the employee's primary physician

**9.05 – Witness Subpoena**

Any regular full time employee who receives a subpoena to serve as a witness in a criminal proceeding shall receive his/her basic straight time rate of pay for all normally scheduled hours missed. However, an employee is expected to report to work within (2) hours after dismissal from serving as a witness provided he/she is not required to report to the afternoon session.

**Article 10**

**Job Classifications**

**10.01 - Company Responsibility**

It is the Company’s responsibility to analyze and classify jobs and to determine the skill, training, experience, and other qualifications necessary to perform the work properly. Also, it is the Company’s right to determine the amount of employees assigned to each job classification.

**10.02 - Right to Disqualify**

When an employee does not possess the qualifications to perform a job as determined by the Company, the Company may disqualify such employee and fill the job with an employee, who by Company determination, is qualified. Qualifications of an existing employee to fill a job will be selected on the basis of: 1) Needs of the Business 2) Job Qualifications 3) Work History 4) Seniority. In such case, the Company will notify the Union and the rejected employee of such action. The provisions of this section are subject to grievance and arbitration procedures.

**10.03 - Promotional Pay Treatment**

When an employee is assigned by the Company to a higher classification in excess of thirty (30) consecutive calendar days, he/she will be paid the bottom rate of the assigned classification retroactively. An employee assigned to a higher classification for less than 30 days that is promoted full-time to that classification will retroactively be paid the higher classification’s wages for the time worked.

**10.04 - Training**

Employees under consideration for reclassification to a higher classification may be temporarily assigned for a reasonable

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period of time for the purpose of observation and training in the higher job classification. The employee and the Union will be

notified of the fact. This provision will not be applied in such a manner as to negate the intent and application of 10.03 above.

**10.05 - Working Lead**

When an employee is upgraded as a working lead, the employee will be paid 10% per hour over their regular base wage or a minimum of one dollar and thirty five cents ($1.35) per hour, whichever is greater. Employees interested in a working lead position should follow section 10.09 Departmental Upgrades.

**10.06 - Standby Pay**

Employees required by the company to work on a standby basis shall receive one hundred ($100) dollars per week in addition to their regular pay while on standby.

**10.07 - New Job Titles and Classifications**

If, during the term of the Agreement, an unusual situation occurs whereby the Company finds it is unable to attract skilled labor to fill a job classification, the Company may, after conferring with the Union, raise the wage schedule or create new titles in order to meet its need. Likewise, the Union may recommend to the Company increases for selected classifications it may deem necessary.

**10.08 - Transfer Requests**

Job Vacancies within the Bargaining Unit will be posted in the Personnel Department located at 1530 Lindbergh Drive and in the main lobby at the 3795 Washington Blvd. site. Postings will remain posted from 8 AM on Wednesday through 5 PM the

following Tuesday. Employees interested in a job vacancy may submit a transfer request to the Personnel Office no later than

5 PM on the final day of posting. Consideration will be given to the request based on the needs of the business, qualifications, work history and seniority. Job vacancies will not be posted when the job is within the normal line of upgrade of the department, or the vacancy will be filled by an employee returning from leave or lay off. An employee accepted for transfer to a new department may be required, due to the needs of the business, to remain in their current position until an appropriate replacement is trained. In this event, the employee will be entitled to receive the higher wage between their current or new classification.

**10.09 - Departmental Upgrades**

Job upgrades within a department will be posted on or near the affected department Supervisors' office door. Postings will be maintained for at least five (5) working days. Employees interested in an upgrade must submit their interest in writing to their immediate Supervisor. Job upgrades will not be posted when the upgrade will be filled by an employee returning from leave or layoff.

**Article 11**

**Force Adjustments**

**11.01**

Force Adjustment means a direct layoff of employees working in any given job classification as against the current prevailing level.

**11.02**

The Company shall determine the size of the work force and shall make such adjustments as are necessary due to prevailing economic conditions, technological changes, or in order to ensure the continued efficient operation of the Company.

**11.03**

In the event the Company determines it is necessary to reduce the number of employees in any given job classification, layoffs will be accomplished in the following order:

 1. Contract Workers

 2. Occasional

 3. Part-time

 4. Probationary

 5. Regular Full-Time

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Any job being performed by a contract worker will be offered to the force-adjusted employee provided the qualifications of the employee are, in the view of management, adequate to perform said contract worker's assignment.

Should further layoffs be necessary in any given job classification the criteria used to determine which employees will remain on the work force will be job qualifications, work history and seniority.

**11.04**

The Company will give notification at least seven (7) calendar-days before making a force reduction of regular full-time employees. Notification will be directed to the designated office of the union.

**11.05**

Any regular full-time employee who is force adjusted shall not accumulate seniority, and all benefits are discontinued at the time of layoff. When a force adjusted employee is recalled, and has worked for a period of six months, the Company shall reinstate all benefits accrued from the most recent date of hire.

**11.06**

Any regular full-time employee, who is being force adjusted, shall have the right to submit to the personnel department, within fourteen (14) calendar days, a transfer request to another department and/or job classification. The Company will attempt to honor the request. Should the Company offer an employee another job that is comparable in pay, and the employee declines, the employee will have no right to recall. Force Adjusted Employees, under the provisions of Article 11, who are still in active regular employment, shall have retreat rights if the original job becomes open within twelve (12) months. Such employees will be given the choice of remaining where they are or returning to the original job.

**11.07**

Employees being transferred to a lower job classification will be transferred to the same month level in the new classification.

However, the wage reduction will take place over a six (6) month period. Effective the day of transfer, the employees’ new wages will be subtracted from their old wages. Fifty (50) percent of the difference between the two wages will be deducted from the higher wage and this wage will be effective for three (3) months, their wages will then adjust downward in steps of twenty-five (25) percent of the full difference every three (3) months until they are on schedule in the new classifications.

**11.08**

When additions to the remaining work force are required, laid-off employees will be offered reinstatement based on job qualification, work history and seniority. Laid-off employees shall be offered reinstatement before new employees are engaged.

**11.09**

The Company is not obligated to recall former employees who have been laid off continuously for more than twelve (12) calendar months. The Company will, however, give them preferential consideration in rehiring upon application filed by the individual.

**11.10**

Laid-off employees must keep the Company informed of the address at which they can be reached. The Company is not obligated to go beyond the address last given by the individual when processing a recall.

**11.11**

When the Company is prepared to recall laid-off employees, a registered letter or telegram will be directed to them at their last address on record.

**11.12**

Employees shall indicate their acceptance in writing five (5) working days from the date of delivery of the message at the given address.

**11.13**

Employees must be prepared to report to work within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of delivery of the message at the given address.

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**Article 12**

**Safety Practices**

Since employee safety is a concern to the Company and Union, we mutually recognize the need for a work environment in which safe operations can be achieved and the need to promote better understanding and acceptance of the principles of safety. It is the Company’s policy to provide employees with safe working conditions and the Union will cooperate with the Company to effectively carry out this policy.

To achieve the above principles, the Company and Union agree to establish, for the duration of this agreement, an advisory committee on safety principles. The committee shall consist of not more than two (2) representatives appointed by the Union

and two (2) representatives appointed by the Company, and the committee shall meet by mutual agreement. The Company shall reimburse salary, at the employee’s regular straight-time rate of pay, only for the time spent by an active employee for attending scheduled committee tours/meetings.

**Article 13**

**Payroll Deductions**

**13.01**

After the Company orientation, new employees will be given the choice to participate in a brief Union orientation, not to exceed thirty (30) minutes within the first working day of employment. This orientation will take place by noon unless both parties mutually agree to an alternative date and time.

**13.02**

The Company will provide payroll deductions for the United Way, Beaumont Telco Federal Credit Union and CWA Committee On Political Education, providing employees give the Company a 90-Day Notice of a proposed change.

**13.03**

The Company agrees to make payroll deductions of Union dues and initiation fees when authorized to do so by the Employee

on a form as set forth in Exhibit A, and to pay over to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union a monthly list of added or deleted authorizations.

**13.04**

The Union agrees to hold the Company safe from any legal responsibility associated with the implementation or administration of payroll deduction of Union dues.

**13.05**

The Company will not withhold Union dues for any employee who cancels his authorization for three (3) months following cancellation.

**13.06**

Any authorization of dues deduction shall not be subject to revocation except that an employee may revoke the authorization **during the period beginning fourteen (14) days prior to each anniversary date of the current collective bargaining agreement.**

**These periods are April 15 through April 29 for years 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029; and April 16 through April 30, 2030, all dates inclusive.**

 **A.** Each employee who desires to revoke his/her dues must advise the personnel office by individually signed letters.

 **B.** The Company will send a copy of this letter and associated envelope to the Local Union President on a daily basis.

**13.07**

The Company agrees to furnish to the Union monthly, a list of all employees within the bargaining unit showing name, employee number, work location, job title and seniority date.

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**EXHIBIT A**

**PAYROLL DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION**

The undersigned hereby authorizes Helena Laboratories Corporation to deduct from my wages an equal amount to the regular monthly dues and initiation fees as outlined below and remit the same to the Secretary-Treasurer of Communications Workers of America or his/her duly authorized agent. This authorization may be revoked by me only **during the period beginning fourteen (14) days prior to each anniversary date of the current collective bargaining agreement. These periods are April 15 through April 29 for years 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029; and April 16 through April 30, 2030, all dates inclusive.**

Initiation Fee \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Regular Union Dues \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Resident Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City or Town \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

SS# \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Article 14**

**Notice of Promotions of Union Officers, Elected Stewards, and Designated Representatives**

When a union officer, steward or designated representative is promoted to a position outside of the bargaining unit it is the Company’s responsibility to notify, the Union in writing via email along with phone confirmation, the President or Secretary Treasurer of Local 6139 (Beaumont, Texas) who will notify the CWA District Headquarters office within a period of seven (7) calendar days prior to the effective date of promotion.

**Article 15**

**Nondiscrimination**

The Company and the Union mutually agree not to discriminate in any way against any employee because of religion, race, creed, color, sex, national origin or age. Furthermore, the parties agree to comply with all applicable laws relating to the handicapped and all post-war Veterans.

**Article 16**

**Bulletin Boards**

The Company and the Union have previously agreed on the number of Union bulletin boards. The number of approved Union bulletin boards on Helena premises may be adjusted by mutual agreement of the Company and a Local Union Officer. Helena will notify the Local Union Officer prior to relocating any Union bulletin board. Helena will provide Union bulletin board #1 for the Personnel Office foyer, with size no less than 2’ x 3’ and appearance agreed upon by both the Company and the Union. The Union agrees to posting only non-controversial Union approved notices specifically dealing with Company/Union issues.

**Article 17**

**Past Practices**

No claim to prior privileges, past practices, salary, or customs shall be recognized or continued unless specifically set forth in the agreement.

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**Article 18**

**Classification and Wages**

**18.01**

Classification and wages as outlined in ARTICLE 19, Year 1, Shall become effective April 30, 2025.

Classification and wages as outlined in ARTICLE 19, Year 2, Shall become effective April 30, 2026.

Classification and wages as outlined in ARTICLE 19, Year 3, Shall become effective April 30, 2027.

Classification and wages as outlined in ARTICLE 19, Year 4, Shall become effective April 30, 2028.

Classification and wages as outlined in ARTICLE 19, Year 5, Shall become effective April 30, 2029.

**18.02**

Each employee who enters the service of the Company shall begin employment at the wage rate designated “0” for the appropriate job title and schedule, except that appropriate allowance over such minimum rate may be made by the Company for an employee who has had previous experience or training considered to be of value. The union will be notified of such action and the action will be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure.

**Article 19**

**Wage Progression Schedule**

The current wage base will be adjusted as follows for the following classifications:

Production Worker

Production Technician

Production Technician A

Molding Room Production Worker

Molding Room Technician

Warehouseperson

Sr. Warehouseperson

Effective April 30, 2025 wages will be increased $1.50 per hour for the above classifications.

Effective April 30, 2026 wages will be increased 2%

Effective April 30, 2027 wages will be increased 2%

Effective April 30, 2028 wages will be increased 2%

Effective April 30, 2029 wages will be increased 2%

The current wage base will be adjusted as follows for the remaining classifications:

Effective April 30, 2025 wages will be increased 6%

Effective April 30, 2026 wages will be increased 2%

Effective April 30, 2027 wages will be increased 2%

Effective April 30, 2028 wages will be increased 2%

Effective April 30, 2029 wages will be increased 2%

Upon ratification of the above Helena will pay a $1,000.00 (one-thousand dollar) bonus to all hourly employees covered by the CWA contract.

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**Helena Laboratories Corporation**

**Wage Progression Schedule**

**04/30/25, 04/30/26, 04/30/27, 04/30/28, 04/30/29**

**Marketing**

**Export Order Clerk**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 14.96 15.26 15.57 15.88 16.20

 6 months 14.76 15.06 15.36 15.67 15.98

 0 months 14.42 14.71 15.00 15.30 15.61

**Advertising / Printing**

**ROTEK FOBT Press Technician**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 30.31 30.92 31.54 32.17 32.81

 6 months 29.49 30.08 30.68 31.29 31.92

 0 months 28.66 29.23 29.81 30.41 31.02

**Senior Press Operator**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 27.86 28.42 28.99 29.57 30.16

 6 months 27.28 27.83 28.39 28.96 29.54

 0 months 26.77 27.31 27.86 28.42 28.99

**Off-Set Press Operator**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 25.21 25.71 26.22 26.74 27.27

 6 months 24.36 24.85 25.35 25.86 26.38

 0 months 23.44 23.91 24.39 24.88 25.38

**Apprentice Off-Set Press Operator**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 19.79 20.19 20.59 21.00 21.42

 6 months 19.07 19.45 19.84 20.24 20.64

 0 months 18.37 18.74 19.11 19.49 19.88

**Equipment Operator**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 15.59 15.90 16.22 15.54 16.87

 6 months 15.03 15.33 15.64 15.95 16.27

 0 months 14.42 14.71 15.00 15.30 15.61

**Literature Service Worker**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 13.38 13.65 13.92 14.20 14.48

 6 months 13.06 13.32 13.59 13.86 14.14

 0 months 12.76 13.02 13.28 13.55 13.82

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**Bindery Worker**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 13.38 13.65 13.92 14.20 14.48

 6 months 13.06 13.32 13.59 13.86 14.14

 0 months 12.76 13.02 13.28 13.55 13.82

**Sales**

**Coding Clerk**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 15.09 15.39 15.70 16.01 16.33

 6 months 14.84 15.14 15.44 15.75 16.07

 0 months 14.60 14.89 15.19 15.49 15.80

**Order Clerk**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 14.52 14.81 15.11 15.41 15.72

 6 months 14.31 14.60 14.89 15.19 15.49

 0 months 14.08 14.36 14.65 14.94 15.24

**Accounting**

**Accounts Payable Clerk**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 17.50 17.85 18.21 18.57 18.94

 6 months 17.26 17.61 17.96 18.32 18.69

 0 months 17.04 17.38 17.73 18.08 18.44

**Accounting Clerk**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

12 months 17.50 17.85 18.21 18.57 18.94

 6 months 17.26 17.61 17.96 18.32 18.69

 0 months 17.04 17.38 17.73 18.08 18.44

**Assistant Accounting Clerk**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 14.97 15.27 15.58 15.89 16.21

 6 months 14.76 15.06 15.36 15.67 15.98

 0 months 14.42 14.71 15.00 15.30 15.61

**Consumables Production**

**Production Worker**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 14.23 14.51 14.80 15.10 15.40

 6 months 13.94 14.19 14.47 14.76 15.06

 0 months 13.54 13.81 14.09 14.37 14.66

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**Production Technician**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 16.28 16.61 16.94 17.28 17.63

 6 months 15.96 16.28 16.61 16.94 17.28

 0 months 15.64 15.95 16.27 16.60 16.93

**Production Technician A**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 17.68 18.03 18.39 18.76 19.14

 6 months 17.41 17.76 18.12 18.48 18.85

 0 months 17.09 17.43 17.78 18.14 18.50

**Laboratory Technician**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 19.00 19.38 19.77 20.17 20.57

 6 months 18.78 19.16 19.54 19.93 20.33

 0 months 18.49 18.86 19.24 19.62 20.01

**Molding Room Production Worker**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 14.79 15.09 15.39 15.70 16.01

 6 months 14.47 14.76 15.06 15.36 15.67

 0 months 14.12 14.40 14.69 14.98 15.28

**Molding Room Technician**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 16.84 17.18 17.52 17.87 18.23

 6 months 16.49 16.82 17.16 17.50 17.85

 0 months 16.19 16.51 16.84 17.18 17.52

**Warehouse Clerk**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 14.16 14.44 14.73 15.02 15.32

 6 months 13.83 14.11 14.39 14.68 14.97

 0 months 13.50 13.77 14.05 14.33 14.62

**Warehouseperson**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

12 months 16.29 16.62 16.95 17.29 17.64

 6 months 15.96 16.28 16.61 16.94 17.28

 0 months 15.64 15.95 16.27 16.60 16.93

**Senior Warehouseperson**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 17.68 18.03 18.39 18.76 19.14

 6 months 17.41 17.76 18.12 18.48 18.85

 0 months 17.09 17.43 17.78 18.14 18.50

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**Receptionist Clerk**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 15.09 15.39 15.70 16.01 16.33

 6 months 14.84 15.14 15.44 15.75 16.07

 0 months 14.60 14.89 15.19 15.49 15.80

**Shipping Clerk**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 15.68 15.99 16.31 16.64 16.97

 6 months 15.33 15.64 15.95 16.27 16.60

 0 months 14.99 15.29 15.60 15.91 16.23

**Senior Shipping Clerk**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 17.15 17.49 17.84 18.20 18.56

 6 months 16.86 17.20 17.54 17.89 18.25

 0 months 16.53 15.86 17.20 17.54 17.89

**Maintenance Helper**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 14.37 14.66 14.95 15.25 15.56

 6 months 14.02 14.30 14.59 14.88 15.18

 0 months 13.61 13.88 14.16 14.44 14.73

**Maintenance Person**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 16.68 17.01 17.35 17.70 18.05

 6 months 16.26 16.59 16.92 17.26 17.61

 0 months 15.86 16.18 16.50 16.83 17.17

**Building Maintainer**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 19.66 20.05 20.45 20.86 21.28

 6 months 19.00 19.38 19.77 20.17 20.57

 0 months 18.27 18.64 19.01 19.39 19.78

**ELECTRONICS**

**Production Worker**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

12 months 14.23 14.51 14.80 15.10 15.40

 6 months 13.91 14.19 14.47 14.76 15.06

 0 months 13.54 13.81 14.08 14.37 14.86

**Assembler**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 14.20 14.48 14.77 15.07 15.37

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 6 months 13.85 14.13 14.41 14.70 14.99

 0 months 13.49 13.76 14.04 14.32 14.61

**Senior Assembler**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 16.40 16.73 17.06 17.40 17.75

 6 months 16.05 16.37 16.70 17.03 17.37

 0 months 15.71 16.02 16.34 16.67 17.00

**Boxer**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 16.18 16.50 16.83 17.17 17.51

 6 months 15.76 16.08 16.40 16.73 17.06

 0 months 15.48 15.79 16.11 16.43 16.76

**Warehouse Clerk**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 14.16 14.44 14.73 15.02 15.32

 6 months 13.83 14.11 14.39 14.68 14.97

 0 months 13.50 13.77 14.05 14.33 14.62

**Warehouseperson**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 16.29 16.62 16.95 17.29 17.64

 6 months 15.96 16.28 16.61 16.94 17.28

 0 months 15.64 15.95 16.27 16.60 16.93

**Electronics Secretary**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 13.46 13.73 14.00 14.28 14.57

 6 months 13.13 13.39 13.66 13.93 14.21

 0 months 12.76 13.02 13.28 13.55 13.82

**Service / Production Bench Technician**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 23.20 23.66 24.13 24.61 25.10

 6 months 22.99 23.45 23.92 24.40 24.89

 0 months 22.85 23.31 23.78 24.26 24.75

**Bench / Phone Tech**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 26.07 26.59 27.12 27.66 28.21

 6 months 24.91 25.41 25.92 26.44 26.97

 0 months 23.71 24.18 24.66 25.15 25.65

**Design Draftsperson**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 24.39 24.88 25.38 25.89 26.41

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 6 months 23.97 24.45 24.94 25.44 25.95

 0 months 23.63 24.10 24.58 25.07 25.57

**Detail Draftsperson**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 21.04 21.46 21.89 22.33 22.78

 6 months 20.65 21.06 21.48 21.91 22.35

 0 months 20.34 20.75 21.17 21.59 22.02

**Drafter**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 17.26 17.61 17.96 18.32 18.69

 6 months 16.88 17.22 17.56 17.91 18.27

 0 months 16.36 16.69 17.02 17.36 17.71

**Machinist A**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 28.97 29.55 30.14 30.74 31.35

 6 months 27.13 27.67 28.22 28.78 29.36

 0 months 25.18 25.68 26.19 26.71 27.24

**Machinist B**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 22.60 23.05 23.51 23.98 24.46

 6 months 21.39 21.82 22.26 22.71 23.16

 0 months 20.17 20.57 20.98 21.40 21.83

**Machinist C**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 16.09 16.41 16.74 17.07 17.41

 6 months 15.45 15.76 16.08 16.40 16.73

 0 months 14.89 15.19 15.49 15.80 16.12

**Q.A. Inspector**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 16.18 16.50 16.83 17.17 17.51

 6 months 15.76 16.08 16.40 16.73 17.06

 0 months 15.48 15.79 16.11 16.43 16.76

**Q.A. Inspector A**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 23.20 23.66 24.13 24.61 25.10

 6 months 23.17 23.63 24.10 24.58 25.07

 0 months 22.85 23.31 23.78 24.26 24.75

**Q.A. Inspector B**

 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

 12 months 17.91 18.27 18.64 19.01 19.39

 6 months 17.65 18.00 18.36 18.73 19.10

 0 months 17.25 17.60 17.98 18.31 18.68

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**Article 20**

**Alliance Program**

The Company/Employee Alliance Program is designed to encourage creative change in the way we do business. Its purpose is to seek input from our most valuable resource, our employees, and to demonstrate a continued commitment between the Communications Workers of America and Helena Laboratories. To achieve the above principles, the Union and Company agree to establish, for the duration of this agreement, a

Company/Employee Alliance Program. The Alliance shall consist of not more than two (2) representatives appointed by the Union and two (2) representatives appointed by the Company and co-chaired by Joe Golias and a designated Union Official. This Alliance shall meet by mutual agreement, but not less than 2 times per year.

**Article 21**

**Terms of Agreement**

This agreement shall become effective on April 30, 2025 and shall remain in effect for a five (5) year period through April 29, 2030. This agreement shall become automatically renewed for consecutive periods of one (1) year thereafter, unless either party shall serve notice upon the other party in writing, of its desire to cancel the agreement at least sixty (60) days, but not more than ninety (90) days prior to the termination date.

The above changes and amendments to the April 30, 2025 Labor Agreement constitute the entire tentative agreement. Both the Company and Union agree that any and all other proposals and/or counter proposals tendered during the negotiations leading up to this tentative agreement are respectfully withdrawn.

**Amendments**

This agreement may be amended or modified only by the mutual consent and only then by a written and signed document by those empowered by both parties to make such agreements in witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this agreement, on the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2025.

Communications Workers of America – AFL – CIO Helena Laboratories Corporation

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**Chase Odle Joe Golias**

**CWA Representative President**

Committee Committee

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