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IAM Headquarters was notified by Spirit AeroSystems, that Spirit was ending negotiations with Onex/AIT for the purchase of the Fabrication and Machining Division.

Walking away is not an option...

We have roughly 1000 families depending that this be successful.

POSITIVES OF THE SALE

- Future job growth for future generations.
- Good paying jobs stay in this Community along with a secure tax base.
- Spirit gets the same quality, with the same on-time delivery and have a major supplier just down the street.
- Union/Company peace and harmony.
- Increased job security.
- Onex/AIT will invest millions in this new state-of-the-art facility with 1.5 million square feet (that is 25 football fields) and will be the largest machining facility in North America.
- Creating floor space for higher rates.

NEGATIVES OF NO SALE

- Supply chain disruption.
- Massive layoffs and bumping will lead to total disruption at all levels of the facility with additional training costs and poor production rates.
- Loss of good paying jobs with their tax base and reduced donations for charity in our Community and the surrounding Communities.
- Risking Spirit's reputation for good quality and on-time delivery.
- Fabrication closing, crippling Spirit's financial security.
- No growth in fabrication.

This deal dies, if Spirit and Onex/AIT are not smart enough to figure out how they can make this work.

We are ready to work this out, why aren't they?

Rub some dirt on it, shake it off, and let's get back to work.

Everyone deserves better: the members, their families and the City of Wichita.

The Machinists Union is committed to making this work.

Spirit and Onex/AIT, show us your dedication to this Work Force and the Community.

We can't get there alone and we're not going to walk away. That's not an option...

In Solidarity, your IAM Negotiation Committee.

