BOEING, ENGINEERS REACH TENTATIVE CONTRACT DEAL

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Boeing and its engineering union have reached a tentative agreement to extend the contracts of more than 20,000 workers.

The union said workers would soon receive ballots to vote on the six-year extensions for engineers and technical workers.

The agreements provide "market-leading wages, continued retirement benefit growth, a choice of comprehensive medical plans and enhanced job security language," the Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace (SPEEA) said in a statement.

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â€œThese negotiations were possible because SPEEA and Boeing decided not to let our areas of disagreement prevent us from making progress on items where we do agree,â€• said SPEEA Executive Director Ray Goforth.

Boeing, which has long had a contentious relationship with its production line workers, welcomed the deal.

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