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Wage Settlements

- Annual base rate wage adjustments from major collective bargaining settlements reached in **July 2005** averaged **2.8%**.
- **Private sector** wage adjustments which averaged **2.9%** in July 2005 were slightly higher than those in the **public sector** at **2.8%**.
- On an industry basis, the largest average annual adjustment was in the **construction** sector at **3.5%**, while the smallest was in the **utilities** sector at **1.5 %**.

LINK: [Wage Adjustments](#) in html and includes tables in PDF format

Current Key Negotiations

- Ford Motor Company (tentative agreement)
- Inco Limited, Manitoba (tentative agreement)
- NAV Canada (ratified agreement with IBEW)
- Others

LINK: [Key Negotiations](#) in html ([PDF format, 38kb](#))

Work Stoppages

After commencing a work stoppage on August 22, 2005, 550 woods employees at Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited, Corner Brook, Newfoundland and Labrador have a tentative agreement as of September 4, 2005. See the full 2005 listing for more information on major work stoppages.

Also available, is an updated weekly report.

LINK: [Work Stoppages](#)

New Grants and Contributions Program

Human Resources and Skills Development Canada's Labour Program is now accepting applications for grants and contributions under its International Trade and Labour Program (ITLP). Proposals for labour capacity-building projects in the Americas and for social dialogue projects in Canada will be considered. For eligibility criteria and application information, visit the ITLP Web site.

LINK: <http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/lp/ila/Overview.shtml>

Coming in the Next *Bulletin*

- Current Settlements Listing
 - Current Key Negotiations—Update
 - Collective Agreement Expiries and Reopeners—Update
 - 2005 Major Work Stoppages—Update
 - Etc.
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