

# Cross-Border Strategy Session on the Challenges Facing Telecom Workers



On **Friday May 5, 2006**, come to Dearborn, Michigan to meet fellow telecom union activists from Canada, the U.S., Latin America, and Europe. Join us for a discussion of common issues and problems:

- Deregulation, privatization, corporate restructuring, and new technology.
- Employer attacks on pay, benefits, job security, and decent working conditions.
- Management resistance to union organizing among cable and wireless workers.
- Recent strike activity at Telus, Aliant, Bell Canada, SBC, Sprint, Verizon, France Telecom, and other big firms.

*Spend Friday, May 5 (or the whole the weekend of May 5-7, 2006 at the Labor Notes Conference), sharing information and ideas about how to make our unions stronger and more effective!*

## Tentative Agenda for May 5 Telecom Cross-Border Meeting

1. Mapping The Terrain—overview of global telecom industry today.
2. Lessons of Recent Telecom Disputes:
  - \* Reports on the TWU-Telus dispute and other contract struggles.
  - \* Mobilizing members for non-strike strategies like "work-to-rule."
3. Telecom Organizing Campaigns—what works and what doesn't. Lessons from CWA's recent organizing of 16,000 Cingular workers in the U.S.
4. Fighting For Jobs and Service Quality—and Against Out-Sourcing—in the Legislative and Political Arena.
5. Building Cross-Border Networks of Rank-and-File Telecom Union Activists: How can we work together against common corporate adversaries?



### DETAILS:

Location: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn, Michigan. (For room reservations, call: 313-593-1234; for Labor Notes conference info, go to: [www.labornotes.org](http://www.labornotes.org)).

Date/Time: Friday May 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please register in advance by: contacting either Steve Early at CWA District 1 (781-937-9600 or [Lsupport@aol.com](mailto:Lsupport@aol.com)) or Sid Shniad at the Telecom Workers Union (604-437-8601 or [Sid.Shniad@twu-canada.ca](mailto:Sid.Shniad@twu-canada.ca)).

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