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Workers at Impact Cleaning Services campaign to form union

TORONTO – A campaign by employees of Impact Cleaning Services in Toronto to form a union is building momentum. In May, employees of the Toronto-area contractor began meeting to talk about joining the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). Now those discussions have blossomed into a full-blown campaign with workers signing union membership cards at buildings across the city.

“The workers at Impact Cleaning Services want what all cleaners in the city want: decent working conditions and respect on the job. The only way cleaners will win is if we unite together,” said Julio DaSilva, a cleaner and union member who has been speaking with Impact employees.

The bid by employees at Impact Cleaning Services is the latest chapter in the effort by cleaners across the city to unionize. In the fall of 2006 cleaners began organizing with SEIU under the banner of “Justice for Janitors.” To date over 1200 cleaners have joined SEIU.

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