

temps vote / get laid off

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The GM plant in Lansing that makes GM's hottest selling vehicles — the Buick Enclave, the Saturn Outlook, the GMAC Acadia — is laying off 1,000 workers, an entire shift, despite the fact they have been working mandatory Saturdays to keep up with demand.

Most of the laid off workers will be temps who were led to believe they would have permanent positions if the contract was ratified. Prior to ratification, temp workers were taken into the office, one by one, and informed they would have permanent status if the contract was ratified.

GM bought their votes, now they are done with them.

What does the "new" contract say about rehire for workers who had less than one year seniority at the time of lay off? The old contract provided an 18 month window for recall rights. What does the new contract provide?

I've earned my cynicism. I've been working for GM/Delphi more than 28 years.

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