

# New Union Work Systems

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## Announcing the Release of Organizer's Toolbox version 7.1

We are excited to announce the impending release (June 2009) of Organizer's Toolbox version 7.1. This release represents many months of development in the continuing evolution of Organizer's Toolbox and introduces a major new concept:

**Project Roles.** Project Roles allows Campaign Directors or Campaign Leads (or anyone with Project Edit rights) to more effectively manage Organizing staff and campaign activists by creating distinct Roles and assign Turf to people with those Roles.

What does this mean? Organizers know that the job descriptions for an External Organizer is different from an Internal Organizer, Organizing Committee member is different from a Contract Action Team member, and a Political Organizer is different from a Steward. Right now you must rely on Lists and Categories to identify the various "roles" a staff or union activist has in the course of a campaign, but you are deprived of the power of one of the most powerful components of the Toolbox, the ability to automatically assign and maintain Turf. In Toolbox 7.1 you will be able to craft custom Roles to meet the needs specific to your campaigns.

This release will also include the following new features:

- \* **Report Alias** - This will allow Toolbox Administrators to label reports in the Reports Wizard to make it easier for users of your Toolbox to find frequently-used reports by name
- \* **Updates to the Elections Module** will allow for multi-day Elections
- \* **Summary Extract** - the ability to run summary reports that can be dumped into Excel for further manipulation

For unions that have considered the Toolbox for managing Internal Organizing/ Membership Organizing needs (or Contract Campaigns), Toolbox 7.1 will be just what you're looking for. For unions that have been looking for a more nuanced way to differentiate between Organizing Staff, Organizing Committee, Contract Action Teams, Activists, etc., Roles in Toolbox 7.1 is an exciting and flexible new feature that will allow your union to fine-tune the management of your organizing campaigns.

### Future Release of Toolbox

The development of Project Roles lays the groundwork for the next stage of development of the Organizer's Toolbox, the "Organizer's Interface". With an expected release date of late 2009, the Organizer's Interface will be an "organizer-centric" web-interface, a simple and powerful tool for field organizers to track, target, influence and analyze the people and organizations in their campaigns. As always, your contract with NUWS allows for free upgrades to the latest version of Toolbox.