§ 1739. Collective negotiation. 1. For the purpose of article fourteen of the civil service law, the authority shall be deemed to be the public employer and as such shall negotiate with and enter into written agreements with employee organizations representing the staff of the authority that have been certified or recognized under such article. In carrying on such negotiations, the authority shall consult with and seek assistance from the office of labor relations and collective bargaining of the city board and the New York city office of municipal labor relations. The state public employment relations board shall have exclusive jurisdiction for the purpose of administering the provisions of such article and the provisions of section two hundred twelve of such article shall not be applicable to any such negotiations.

2. Employees transferred from the city board to the authority shall be included in an appropriate employer-employee negotiating unit pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law except for those employees who are designated managerial or confidential. With respect to such employees, the existing public employee organization recognized or certified to represent the employees of the existing negotiating unit shall be recognized as the representative for the negotiating unit of the authority.

3. Future alterations of the negotiating unit shall be made pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law.

4. a. The authority shall consult with the appropriate public employee organization on the establishment of, and bargain all terms and conditions of, any new titles it establishes which have a community of interest with titles already represented by the public employee organization which presently has representation rights for those titles at the city board or at the city of New York.

b. Any such titles for which terms and conditions are bargained pursuant to paragraph a of this subdivision shall be deemed to be successor titles within the meaning of applicable law and, so long as the responsibilities of employees in these titles are reasonably related to the responsibilities of employees currently represented by a public

employee organization, shall be accreted to the appropriate bargaining certificates for which such public employee organization shall be voluntarily recognized as the bargaining agent under procedures acceptable to the state public employment relations board.