

Bob King was elected to a third term as vice president of the United Auto Workers (UAW) on June 14, 2006, at the union's 34th constitutional convention in Las Vegas. King directs the Ford; Severstal; and Competitive Shops/Independents, Parts, and Suppliers Departments. As part of his responsibility for the UAW Ford Department, King played a major role in the 2007 UAW–Ford national agreement, as well as the 2009 modifications to this agreement.

King was first elected a UAW vice president in 1998 and assigned to lead the union's National Organizing Department. During King's leadership, the National Organizing Department assisted tens of thousands of workers in their efforts to join the UAW. He pioneered the use of innovative partnership agreements with employers; these partnerships gave workers the right to join the UAW without employer interference. King negotiated partnership agreements with many major automotive suppliers, allowing more than 36,000 unrepresented workers the opportunity to join the UAW. After he was reelected as vice president in 2002, King began directing the UAW Competitive Shops/Independents, Parts, and Suppliers Department, which represents members in auto parts and other manufacturing industries. During his second term as vice president, he continued to direct the National Organizing Department.

Before King became a UAW vice president, he served in various other leadership positions within the union, including director of Region 1A, which covers nearly all of Wayne, Monroe, and Washtenaw counties in Michigan.

King was one of the original members of the AFL–CIO Elected Leader Task Force on Organizing. He also founded the region-wide International Labor Solidarity Network. King is a life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, a Michigan Democratic Party precinct delegate, and a member of the Coalition of Labor Union Women. A graduate of the University of Michigan, King received his law degree from the University of Detroit.