

ILA and USMX Report Significant Progress on Six-Year Extension Agreement,
Following Two Days of Intensive Bargaining

NEWARK, NJ – (March 23, 2018) The International Longshoremen’s Association, AFL-CIO (ILA) and United States Maritime Alliance (USMX) announced that they have made significant progress on terms for a Six-Year Master Contract, following two days of intensive meetings.

Some 50 negotiators from the two sides worked on Master Contract items with the goal of being able to present a complete contract package to the full ILA Wage Scale Delegates sometime in the near future and then schedule a ratification vote for the thousands of ILA members working at ports on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts.

“We were able to accelerate Master Contract bargaining with smaller 20-member committees from the ILA and USMX to work out terms of an agreement,” said Harold J. Daggett, the ILA President and David F. Adam, the Chairman of United States Maritime Alliance. “We are confident that the work we have performed these past two days will ultimately lead to a six-year agreement that will bring stability and growth to our industry to 2024.”

ILA officers from all major ports on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts were represented on the union’s negotiating committee. The USMX Bargaining Committee, representing ocean carriers, direct employers and port associations, participated as the management group.

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