

Statement By International Longshoremen's Association, AFL-CIO and United States Maritime Alliance Ltd. Following Informal Contract Discussions

DELRAY BEACH, FLA. (February 15, 2017) - The International Longshoremen's Association, AFL-CIO (ILA) and United States Maritime Alliance, Ltd. (USMX) concluded informal contract discussions today and the two sides described the daylong conference held in Delray Beach, Florida as "productive and fruitful."

"Both sides had an opportunity to share, in preliminary talks, issues that are important to both the ILA and employers as we collectively move from these talks to official Wage Scale Negotiations," the ILA and USMX said.

Prior to meeting with employers today, the ILA conducted a two-day workshop where leaders from ILA locals at Atlantic and Gulf Coast ports examined important issues relating to both the Master Contract and also their respective local bargaining agreements.

The ILA and USMX are confident that holding these informal contract discussions 19 months prior to the expiration of the current Master Contract demonstrates the commitment each side has to maintaining stability and growth at all ports covered by the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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