

International Longshoremen's Association and United States Maritime Alliance Will Move Forward With Negotiations on Extending Current Master Contract

NORTH BERGEN, NJ – (July 2, 2015) The International Longshoremen's Association, AFL-CIO (ILA) and United States Maritime Alliance, Inc., (USMX) concluded two days of productive exploratory talks on extending the current Master Contract and will begin full wage scale meetings in mid-September, 2015.

"We are ready to move forward on talks aimed at extending the current ILA-USMX Master Contract," said Harold J. Daggett, ILA President and David F. Adam, USMX Chief Executive Officer, in a joint statement.

The current ILA-USMX Master Contract runs until September 2018 and the two sides agreed to begin talks to extend that pact by up to seven years.

"The ILA and USMX are committed to keeping commerce moving at United States Eastern and Gulf Coast ports and we think this extension will achieve that goal," said the ILA and USMX.

ILA and USMX will continue the dialogue on the extension at the union's Quadrennial Convention scheduled for July 20-23, 2015 in San Juan, Puerto Rico and then call ILA Wage Scale delegates and management representatives together for September meetings.

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