

ILA, USMX and NYSA Leaders Praised and Honored At White House Summit For Landmark Six-Year Agreement That Kept Commerce Moving In America

WASHINGTON (Dec. 6, 2013) – The Leaders of the International Longshoremen’s Association, United States Maritime Alliance and New York Shipping Association were honored at the start of a White House Summit today: “Partnerships That Work: The White House Labor and Management Summit.”

The Honorable George Cohen, Director, Federal Mediation & Conciliation Services began a four-hour summit that featured appearances by two of President Barack Obama’s Cabinet members – the Honorable Penny Pritzker, U.S. Secretary of Commerce and the Honorable Thomas Perez, U.S. Secretary of Labor – by first recognizing ILA President Harold J. Daggett, ACD President Dennis A. Daggett, the current and former leaders of United States Maritime Alliance – Dave Adam and James A. Capo – and the President of New York Shipping Association John Nardi and praised them for their successful efforts in negotiating a landmark six-year Master Contract and Local New York-New Jersey Contract. The FMCS Chairman said the ILA and management averted a strike last year in October 2012 that could have crippled the nation’s economy. Mr. Cohen praised the ILA and management for agreeing to a series of contract extensions that ultimately gave enough time to finalize a contract.



FMCS Chair George Cohen (left) salutes ILA President Harold J. Daggett, (2nd from left); former USMX Chair Jim Capo (2nd from right), and current USMX Chair Dave Adam at White House ceremony on Dec. 6, 2013, in Washington, DC.



John Nardi (right), President of New York Shipping Association, Inc., with board member Billy Messina of APM Terminals North America.

Scores of labor leaders representing many unions and crafts from educators in Montgomery County Maryland to hospital workers in the Bronx and their employers filled a room in the White House for the summit recognizing successful negotiating efforts between workers’ unions and their employers.

The two Obama Cabinet members, Secretary Pritzker and Secretary Perez, both highlighted the sacred right of Collective Bargaining Agreements and noted how these agreements help grow the nation’s economy.

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