

## Deal Struck Between OCU and Management in LA/Long Beach

We're very happy to bring you the news that a deal has been worked out between the Office Clerical Unit and Management at the port of Los Angeles/Long Beach. Perhaps this will bring some stability to US port operations with the recent deal between the ILA and USMX for east coast and gulf coast ports and now this deal for LA/Long Beach.

"Bargaining units voted and agreed to ratify the terms of tentative agreements reached with the Harbor Employers Association member companies on December 4th [2012]," commented John Fageaux, the lead negotiator for the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 63 Office Clerical Unit (OCU).

"The approved agreements... are good for workers, good for employers and – most of all – important in ensuring smooth operations at our Southern California ports," said Stephen Berry, lead negotiator for the employers of the OCU at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

The agreements will be finalized in the coming days and will result in a contract that will run through the end of June, 2016.