

# West Coast Dockworkers Reject Contract Extension, Seek Talks

“The union representing about 15,000 dockworkers at the nation’s largest ports declined an offer by employers to extend existing labor contracts for a year, setting the stage for heated negotiations. The Pacific Maritime Association which represents 70 ocean carriers and terminals operating at 29,” reports Augusta Saraiva in The Seattle Times.

“West Coast ports, including Seattle and Tacoma proposed extending its current agreement with the International Longshore and Warehouse Union for another year through July 1, 2023, it said in a Nov. 16 letter to the ILWU seen by Bloomberg News. There is already a perception among the trade community that negotiations are likely to result.”

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