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*For Local 8 Members at Washington State Ferries*

May 4, 2022

Our **OPEIU Union Contract** negotiations will begin soon! To ensure our voices are heard and our Union Contract reflects our priorities, we need your participation. Survey information collected will be used to identify workplace solutions and develop contract bargaining proposals.

**We also need to elect our Union Bargaining Team!** The Team will review and help develop contract proposals, serve as the technical support for our Union's chief negotiator, represent membership's interests at the bargaining table, communicate with and involve co-workers in the bargaining process and attend negotiating sessions with management. Being on the team means making a personal commitment to attend meetings and fully participate in the process. The OPEIU Bargaining Team at WSF should be a diverse group of up to 6 members. If there are more volunteers than slots available for the Bargaining Team, an election will decide the outcome. Being inclusive and representative of the membership is important to us and critical to our success. We want to ensure we have Bargaining Team members to include different positions, office sizes, and geographical areas. Breakdown as follows:

- One from Purchasing
- One from Accounting
- One from Dispatch/Operations
- One Admin (Program Assistants, Secretaries, Receptionist, Mail Clerk, etc.)
- One from Legal
- One from HR

Please take the time to fill out this survey ASAP but submit it no later than **4pm on Tuesday, May 10th**, Thank you. Your participation keeps our Union strong!

[Access survey here.](#)

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