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Seattle Drivers Win a Voice

The new law gives drivers the right to collectively bargain over wages and working conditions

Taxicab operators have won a major victory. Thanks to a new law passed by the Seattle City Council on December 14, drivers have earned the right to collectively bargain over their wages and working conditions.

"As a cab driver, making a living has become really hard," said Amar Kahn, a driver on the WWTCOA leadership

council. "This helps level playing field and gives us the right to speak up." Under the new law, taxi drivers now have the ability to join together to choose a non-profit organization to represent them. Once authorized, the organization can engage in collective bargaining on the drivers' behalf.

"I want to congratulate drivers on this

important victory," said John Searcy, Secretary-Treasurer of Teamsters Local 117. "All workers, no matter where they work or the nature of their work, deserve the opportunity to have a voice. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights identifies the right of workers to bargain collectively as a fundamental human right. Now Seattle drivers have that right."

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FREE FOOD!

LUNCH & LEARN

CELEBRATING
**DRIVERS'
RIGHTS**

📅 February 6, 2016 - 12PM
📍 Teamsters Hall - Tukwila, WA

You are cordially invited to a lunch & learn event celebrating our efforts to expand the rights of drivers working in Seattle's taxi and for-hire industry. We will celebrate recent successes as well as answer questions about the new Seattle law.

Please RSVP at
teamstertaxi.org/events
or contact Dawn Gearhart at
206-441-4860 ext. 1254



Updates at the Airport

ISSUES:

WWTCOA Leaders have testified on a number of issues affecting drivers at the Port of Seattle:

- A Level Playing Field for ALL
- Insurance
- Background Checks
- Green Vehicle Requirements
- Access to Baggage Claim

WWTCOA members have highlighted the significant investments by airport operators and their families. WWTCOA leaders have maintained ongoing communication with Port of Seattle representatives on issues from high-quality customer service to a commitment to the environment.

The Port will commence a driver advisory council to understand driver and owner-operator perspectives with regards to Airport Operations.

If you're interested in participating in the council, contact a WWTCOA Leadership Council member by Friday, February 12.

ON DEMAND SERVICES:

SeaTac recently released the Request For Proposals (RFP) for on-demand services at the airport.

- The Concession will include the right to operate, at a minimum, 300 dual-licensed Taxicabs/For-Hire Vehicles in the provision of On-Demand Services.
- Proposals must include a "deadhead" reduction and trip efficiency plan.
- Proposers are encouraged to present written questions to the Port's PRMS website by 2 PM, February 12, 2016.
- The Port will hold a pre-proposal conference for anyone interested on **Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 10 AM** at the Port of Seattle, Airport Office Building located at SeaTac International Airport, Beijing Conference Room..
- Proposals are due no later than 2 PM on March 1, 2016

The RFP will be awarded based on points. These are the sections being considered:

- Customer Service - 35 Points
- Revenue to the Port - 30 Points
- Experience, Qualifications and References - 15 Points
- Deadhead Reduction & Trip Efficiency Plan - 10 Points
- Financial Stability - 10 Points

IMPORTANT DATES:

- RFP issued: *January 29, 2016*
- Pre-proposal Conference: *February 10, 2016*
- Deadline for submittal of written questions: *February 12, 2016*
- Deadline for submittal of proposals: *March 1, 2016*
- Potential interviews: *March 14-25, 2016*
- Anticipated award date of Agreement: *April 4, 2016*

SETTLEMENT NOTICE

We have reached a settlement agreement in the lawsuit involving the WWTCOA and Key Insurance. After mediated negotiations, WWTCOA has agreed to make the following statement:

After investigation into our allegations against them, the Association and the Union no longer claim that Key Insurance, LLC, Steve Jones, and Manjit Singh are corrupt or that they engaged in corrupt, illegal, or unethical behavior. As a result, the Association has dismissed its lawsuit against Key Insurance, LLC, Steve Jones, and Manjit Singh. We have also confirmed that Key Insurance, LLC, Steve Jones, and Manjit Singh are committed to continuing to engage in lawful and ethical business practices.

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