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The leadership of the U.S.'s International Longshoremen's Association, the union representing dockworkers along the East Coast and as far west as Houston and the Great Lakes, is working to harden its membership for a potential strike in October 2024.

ILA President Harold Daggett is taking an unusual approach to the negotiations to replace the six-year master agreement that expires on September 30, 2024. He instructed the locals to begin negotiations more than a year before the contract's end, saying the ILA wants to resolve local issues in advance on the master contract negotiations, unlike the West Coast contract talks where local issues contributed to the talks running 13 months. Daggett has repeatedly said there will be no contract extensions beyond the expiration date and if it goes to the wire, the ILA is ready to take to the picket lines.

Read more in an article from The Maritime Executive