

# We Can Do It!

**Yes, it is possible!** Most of the owner-operators in Alaska are members of the Teamsters. The Teamsters have had a contract with Maersk's BTT covering their owner operators in California since 1984.

The only thing that currently prevents Miami drivers from joining the Teamsters is that you cannot remain an "independent contractor" and still sign up at the new Teamster Hiring Hall. You must first cancel your independent contractor lease and be available to work as an employee owner operator. You will then work under a new lease.

But who would want to remain an "independent contractor"? Who wants to remain a slave in a system designed to force every motor carrier and driver to work for less.

Last winter the steamship lines added a \$400 surcharge for "congestion" on forty foot containers going into Los Angeles. Think of that, \$400! And the shippers paid! But they don't want to give you the better life that you and your family deserve.

**September 19 is the time for a change!**

**Information Meeting  
Truck Drivers Only  
Sunday 10am  
September 11  
Celebration Ballroom  
El Jardin Shopping Plaza  
12531 West Okeechobee Rd.  
Hialeah Gardens**



Teamsters Port Division  
Hiring Hall  
8350 NW 7th Ave  
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