

***Freight Railroad Members and 2010 Bargaining:  
Your Time to Help Shape Your Union's Proposals***

Negotiations for a new contract with the national freight railroads are not very far down the line, and the NCFO membership needs to be united and prepared.

The current agreement expires December 31, 2009 and it's time for NCFO freight railroad members to help determine the union's priorities in bargaining.

"Though we hope that the economy improves by the time formal bargaining can begin after November 1, it's obvious that this will be a tough economic climate for bargaining the 2010 agreement," explains NCFO President George Francisco.

"That makes it even more important that the national leadership hears from *you*. "As we begin meeting with the other unions in our bargaining coalition, it's important that we know what you see as most important issues and can tap any ideas you have on improving the contract", he adds.

All members covered by the national freight contract are urged to share their priorities and thoughts with their committeeman or Chapter Chairman as soon as possible.

You can also share your thoughts directly with President Francisco via email, by writing him at [mail@ncfo.org](mailto:mail@ncfo.org)