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WESCCON 2022--SAVE THE DATE

WESCCON 2022 to be held October 6 - 9, 2022, at Loews Coronado Bay Resort, San Diego, CA. [Click Here to Register](#)

CBFANC President's Report: Uncertainties Persist

Evey Hwang, CBFANC President



Evey Hwang, CBFANC President, Alba Wheels Up

Uncertainties 2022: War, Global Inflation, Labor Troubles, AB5, CARB, Carrier Failures, Equipment Shortages, Exports Suffering

Uncertainty 2022: Heading into 4th Quarter 2022, the year remains scarily uncertain. The war in Ukraine taking lives, tragically, and resultant energy supply interruptions added to inflation in Europe and globally. In the US, the financial markets respond to the Federal Reserve's interest rate hikes made in reaction to record Inflation caused by massive US government spending that added trillions to the deficit within months. Into October 2022, shipping volumes reduced along with the economy downward trend.

Uncertainty continues in labor negotiations between International Longshore Warehouse Union (ILWU) and Pacific Maritim Association (PMA). Recent reports of dispute over work assignments in Seattle (by SSA with another union) created work slowdowns there and rippled through to short labor at Oakland. Monday, September 26th, trucks formed long lines due ILWU members arriving late to work. Also impacted, no night gates at OICT/SSA during September 26th week due to unfilled labor for the second shift.

More info can be found in articles to your right.

[The list of uncertainties continues here..](#)

Events Around the Bay

- [P.A.E.I](#) - Professional Association of Exporters and Importers
www.paei.org.
- [OWIT NC](#) - Organization of Women in International Trade Check website for updates
- [Monterey Bay International Trade Association \(MBITA\)](#) - Monterey Bay International Trade Association
Check Website for updates
- [Norcal W.T.C.](#) - The Northern California World Trade Center
Check Website for updates
- [PTA](#) - Pacific Transportation Association
Check Website for updates

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Oakland City Council Lacks Due Diligence While Bullets Fly

Evey Hwang, CBFANC President



Photo from [East Bay Times](#) of the crime scene after the Sept 20th shooting on the street outside the Oakland City Council meeting room

At a September 20th Oakland City Council Meeting, Maritime stakeholders reminded City Council on their promise on independent economic study and seaport compatibility measures, environmental justice and community benefits BEFORE their vote on the Oakland A's stadium project.

During the meeting, there were gunshots directly outside of City Hall that resulted in emergency recess of meeting. (Editor's note: Per a bulletin issued on Sept 20th at 2:52 p.m. by the [East Bay Times](#), one person was killed and another injured at this shooting) This was another reality check proving that Oakland has concerns that need addressing before pouring many millions into a MLB ballpark in guise of waterfront development deal.

Meanwhile, legal challenges continue to hinder A's progress on the stadium development deal. The BCDC's June decision to approve removal of Howard Terminal from maritime use exacted lawsuit from Port stakeholders questioning review process. During September 6th Propellor Club meeting, Mike Jacobs with Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PSMA) updated on East Oakland Stadium Alliance (EOSA) lawsuits on California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Bay Area Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC). (CBFANC is a member of EOSA)

Click on the link below for a cautionary tale of 49ers Levi Stadium in Santa Clara. Much can be said about abusing the public's trust. <https://www.mercurynews.com/2022/09/08/opinion-unethical-behavior-threatens-public-trust-in-santa-clara/>



Editor's note: There is a human cost that is not being considered by the Oakland City Council. What price will the city really pay for the A's new stadium project? With that in mind, does the project shown above seem to have lost its luster?

Is The US Rail Strike Really Over?

Sung Wook (John) Lee, CBFANC Board Member



Sung Wook (John) Lee, CBFANC Board Member, SW Logistics

Reuters reported on September 29, 2022 that 3 out of 12 other unions have ratified the agreement and others are scheduled to ratify sometime in October and November of this year. Needless to say, all the unions must ratify the agreement.

Although the tentative agreement was reached by all parties, the rank-and-file members of each union must ratify the agreement to be binding. There is some speculation from large rail users that there is still a possibility of a strike after the cooling period as it is past midterm election cycle. Rail workers have gone 3 years without a raise amid the contract dispute. Rail workers worked through COVID lockdowns without a contract and seek better attendance, sick time and scheduling work rules.

"The industry - including Union Pacific ([UNP.N](#)), Berkshire Hathaway's ([BRKa.N](#)) BNSF and Norfolk Southern ([NSC.N](#)) - slashed almost 30% of its workforce over the last six years, demanding more from workers who risked COVID-19 exposure while companies increased profits, stock buybacks and dividends." -Reuters.

"There's a lot of anger among the members of these two unions because they feel, after being essential workers during the COVID pandemic, they were getting screwed on the

attendance policy and getting punished for taking sick leave," said Harris, a former Biden administration official focused on labor and the economy.



Nominees Sought for CBFANC Board of Directors Elections 2022

Chris Ramos, CBFANC Chairman



Chris Ramos, CBFANC Chairman, KSI Inc.

We are seeking member participation on the CBFANC Board of Directors.

If you are a professional member of CBFANC and are interested in serving on the board of directors please ask another member to nominate you for the upcoming elections. Nominations can be sent to info@CBFANC.org.

If you know a fellow CBFANC professional member who you think would be a great addition to the board of directors, contact that person and see if they would like you to submit a nomination in their favor to info@CBFANC.org.

Board terms are for three years. The board meets every other month for a dinner meeting, and on other months it meets via conference call. Now is your chance to help shape the future of our association. The election results will be announced at our annual meeting/holiday gathering to be held on December 8, 2022.



WESCCON 2022 Preliminary Agenda Released; Register NOW!

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SOLUTIONS TO SURVIVE UNCERTAINTIES FACED BY BROKERS AND FORWARDERS: West coast longshore contract; supply chain backlogs in China; CBP forced labor enforcement; retailers slashing orders; trucking costs and so much more every day!

WESCCON 2022 will give unparalleled insight into what the future holds. October 6 - 9, 2022, Loews Coronado Bay Resort, San Diego CA.

Register now and book your hotel room before they sell out!

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Oakland A's Project Will Put Oakland Taxpayers on the Hook for Millions \$\$\$

East Oakland Stadium Alliance



[San Francisco Chronicle reporter Sarah Ravani's most recent article](#) tackled the issue of public financing, where several red flags about the overall cost of the project have appeared for Oakland's decision-makers and their constituents. City leaders, including Mayor Libby Schaaf, have long maintained that no dollars from the general fund would be used to fund the A's private real estate development and the general fund would remain safe, but "if there are cost overruns, it's unclear how Oakland would pay for it." Mike Jacob of PMSA agreed with this sentiment, saying "There is no question that (the city is) continuing to grasp the straws for how to use taxpayer money to pay for infrastructure onsite and offsite that otherwise should be paid for by the A's." The 9/20 City Council report on Howard Terminal highlighted the discrepancy between real-time project costs and what the A's have said it would cost for several years. Professor Nola Agha, who specializes in sports management at the University of San Francisco, "concluded the offsite infrastructure could cost about \$850 million" and "estimates that onsite infrastructure costs could rise to \$603 million due to inflation," creating significant cause for concern with where the rest of the funding will appear from despite City staff's previous

promises. She cited the Brooklyn Nets as an example of cities being on the hook for their share regardless of how much, or how little, is constructed: "The city is paying the full amount for all this infrastructure regardless of what they actually build."

[The story continues here...](#)

SF Custom House Centennial Book Available to View

Chris Garcez, CBFANC Treasurer



Chris Garcez, CBFANC Treasurer, TLR-Total Logistics Resource Inc.

A book commemorating the centennial of the San Francisco Custom House is available by clicking on the link below. The book provides a wealth of history and pictures about the beautiful marble building located at 555 Battery Street, in San Francisco

[customhouse_centennial_book_2.pdf \(cbp.gov\)](#)



Renewal of FDA Food Facility Registrations Begins October 1st



**U.S. FOOD & DRUG
ADMINISTRATION**

The Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Food Facility Registration Renewal is about to begin—starting Oct. 1 and continuing through Dec. 31, 2022. All food facilities in your clients' supply chains must submit a timely renewal. Failure to

do so will cause product to be denied entry into the U.S.

Importantly, **a DUNS number for the food facility location must be provided** as part of the FDA renewal (a DUNS number for the corporate headquarters is not sufficient!). In the past, FDA has been flexible, allowing the use of "pending" if a DUNS' number could not be obtained. FDA will no longer offer such flexibility.

A special precautionary note, the name and contact information on the FDA food facility registration must exactly match the DUNS number contact information. If not, **the registration may be cancelled**. For example, if the FDA registration identifies "ABC Manufacturing" at "123 Main Street," while the DUNS number information is listed as "ABC Manufacturing LLC" at 123 Main St.," the registration will be denied. The two must be an exact match in every way.



[Read here for additional guidance...](#)

CBFANC Board of Directors

Jack Hubbard, CBFANC Newsletter Editor



The CBFANC Board enjoyed being able to meet IN PERSON for the September 9, 2022 Board meeting! Members who attended are pictured above: Chris Ramos, KSI Corp; Lori Azzopardi, EFI Logistics; Debbie Edwards, CBFANC Secretariat; Chris Garcez, TLR-Total Logistics Resource; Chris Kammer, Access Supply Chain Services; Sung Wook (John) Lee, SW Logistics; Evey Hwang, Alba Wheels Up; Jack Hubbard, TLR (emeitus); Peter Gong, Great Way Trading.

New CES Facility at the Port of Baltimore

Lori Azzopardi, CBFANC Board Member



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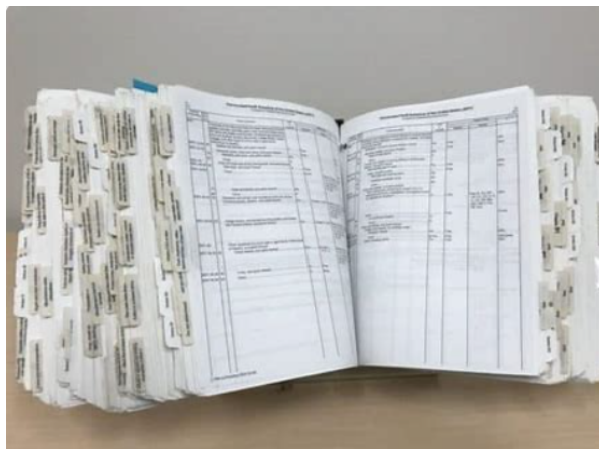
East Coast CES Inc.is planned to become operational on **Tuesday, September 27, 2022**. With this new operation, all NII and Trade Exams will be drayed directly to this location, under bond by Safeway Trucking, a member of the East Coast CES family, for devanning and examination by CBP Officers. Agriculture exams will continue to be conducted at the Belts CES.

East Coast CES, Inc. is located at 7020 Tradeport Avenue, Sparrows Point, MD 212219

Importers and Brokers will no longer be required to secure a bonded drayage provider to move the container from the terminal to the exam site. Once the examination has been completed it will be made available for pickup by the importer from the East Coast CES Container Pickup yard located at 6151 Cold Mill Road, Sparrows Points, MD 21219. Status of container and exam payment details can be obtained by visiting the East Coast CES Resource page located here: <https://eastcoastwarehouse.com/myecw/>.

Registration Closed on September 26th for Brokers License Exam on October 26, 2022

NCBFAA courtesy Chris Kammer, CBFANC Exam Chair



NEW: CBP to Conduct Remote and In-Person Customs Broker License Exam on Oct. 26

Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on Aug. 29 announced that it will offer both a remote proctored exam delivery option

and in-person testing option for the Oct. 26 Customs Broker License Exam (CBLE).

Registration closed on Sept. 26. CBP said late registration requests will not be accommodated.

The remote proctored option for Oct. 26, however, will be available to a limited number of examinees, CBP said. Remote proctoring allows the examinee the opportunity to take the CBLE in their home, or another private location if their test environment meets all identified conditions and requirements and passes a diagnostic test prior to registration. The required conditions, requirements and diagnostic test are included on CBP's [Customs Broker License Examination page](#).

"With remote proctoring, the proctor will observe the examinee via the computer camera throughout the exam, from sign-in through exam completion," CBP said.

The remote proctored exam delivery method will be offered on a "first-come-first-serve" basis until full. If you are not interested in the remote proctored exam delivery, or the remote proctored exam delivery is full, the Oct. 26 exam will continue to be available at in-person testing sites, CBP said.

For more information, visit CBP's [Customs Broker License Examination page](#) and navigate to the Remote Proctored CBLE section.



Chris Kammer, CBFANC Board Member, Access Supply Chain Service

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