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TO: MTD Executive Council

FROM: James Hart, President
Metal Trades Department, AFL-CIO

DATE: February 22, 2022

RE: **American Naval Shipyard, Lorain/Lordstown Ohio Press Event**

Dear Sir and Brother:

You are cordially invited to attend a joint press conference conducted by the Metal Trades Department and The Bartlett Maritime Corporation at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. to demonstrate your respective affiliates support for the Bartlett Maritime Plan, which establishes a public/private initiative designed to help resolve the United States Navy shipyard capacity problems that threaten America's national security.

Agenda: “**Resolving the Submarine Maintenance Crisis: Restoring National Security**”

Location: National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, D.C. 20045.

Date: Wednesday March 9, 2022

Time: 12:00 Noon (lunch will be served)

Key Status Updates:

- 1. The Bartlett Maritime Phase 1 Proposal has been extracted from NAVSEA and elevated to the office of Ms. Meredith Berger, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment.** She has personal responsibility over team review of the proposal and will report her findings directly to the Secretary of the Navy who has indicated support for the project.
- 2. An invite will be provided to AFL-CIO President Liz Schuler** to address the gathering. All Executive Council members are encouraged to express their support of the project.
 - Ohio local elected officials (Mayor Jack Bradley of Lorain and Mayor Arno Hill of Lordstown), and members of the congressional delegation (Senators Rob Portman and Sherrod Brown as well as Representatives Marcy Kaptur, Shontel Brown, and Tim Ryan) have all been extended an invitation to join us.

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- Shipbuilder Fincantieri CEO Dario Deste is invited to attend as well as investment banker partners from Goldman Sachs.
 - The event will put out a press call release on PRNewswire to announce the event, inviting national and local Ohio press to provide coverage
 - The event will be webcast on both the company and department website, so that anyone can observe it. It will be recorded and stay on the websites
 - The event will be pre-advertised in Politico, to attract staff members from Capitol Hill to join us to find out how we can affordably and immediately act to solve the pernicious National Security issue created by the submarine maintenance crisis.
3. The Secretary of the Navy was invited to the Press Conference but has declined since, as a legal matter, this project remains “pre-decisional” until the Bartlett Maritime Phase 1 planning contract has been completed and the Navy elects to proceed with the 30-year Phase 2 program. If the Phase 2 contract is awarded, we have been informed that the President and the Secretary of the Navy will travel together to Ohio for an October 2022 event.

This is all great news for our Metal Trades affiliates and their members, the Ohio Building Trades, the Bartlett Maritime Company, the Submarine Force and the US Navy. While the project has not yet been contracted, approval appears to be imminent, and certainly well into the process.

Please do not lose sight of the fact that this project will provide up to 5000 union construction and permanent Metal Trades jobs to the economically distressed cities of Lorain and Lordstown, Ohio. In order to ensure completion of this mission we cannot afford to ease off of any of the political leg work requested by the department of its affiliates in a letter dated February 4, 2022. Please keep the department abreast of all contacts and subsequent information emanating from your respective affiliate efforts.

All Executive Council members and affiliate International Presidents wishing to publicly express their respective organizations support for the project at the press conference are respectfully requested to confirm their attendance and desire in doing so to Lisa Johnson, MTD Operations Director, at ljohnson@metaltrades.org no later than **Friday, March 4, 2022**.

Any Key Representative to the Department or affiliate representative desiring to attend the event should likewise contact Lisa Johnson by the end date of March 4, 2022.

My thanks to all for joining in this undertaking and providing the work necessary in making the Bartlett Maritime plan a reality!

Please note that this is a live event and all standard Covid protocols observed by the District of Columbia are in effect and must be adhered to.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

cc: MTD Key Representatives
President Sean McGarvey, NABTU
USN Ret. Captain Ed Bartlett, Bartlett Maritime Corp
All Affiliate International Presidents