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#### Competitive Strategy









#### **Overall Competitiveness**

- Know your competition
- How do you measure up?
- Conduct a competitive analysis
- Understand your competitive position: Allows for more effective marketing and negotiating

#### The Tariff and Other Considerations

- Tariff:
  - Dockage; Pilotage; Wharfage; Freetime
  - Flexibility: Rates for specific cargoes (bananas)
  - Lower demurrage rates for lower wharfage (reduce dwell time)
- Capacity
- Infrastructure and Intermodal connectivity
- Stevedoring: Manning and equipment can inoculate tariff advantages

#### Ports as Negotiators: Longshoremen







# With no direct role in labor negotiations Ports can provide information

- Major port projects planned and status
- Customer base affecting labor demand
- Berth assignments and priorities
- Port leases with member companies
- Regulations now or in the pipeline that may result in jurisdictional issues
- Any contemplated privatization
- Any contemplated automation

The stakes are very high

# **Employee Negotiations**







#### Employee Contracts DO Impact Port Competitiveness

- Need to be sustainable / Healthcare and benefits
- Fiscal Responsibility / Equity and fairness



## **Local Negotiations**









#### Local Contracts DO Impact Port Competitiveness

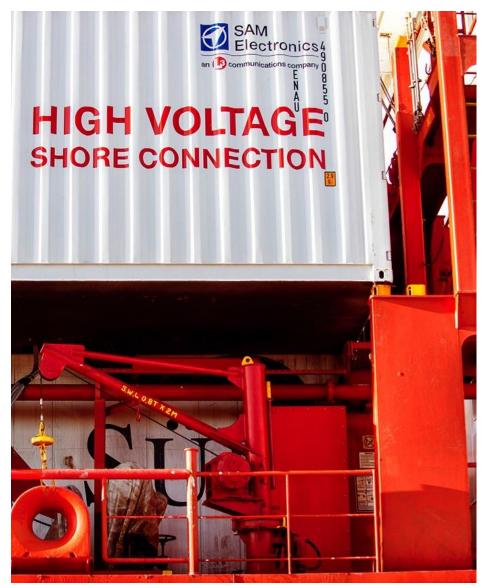
- FTZ & WTC EDC-VC and Cal Lutheran
- Oxnard High School District
- Building Permits
- Revenue Sharing
- Measure M





# Government Contracts (Regulation)







# Government Contracts (Beneficial)





#### Joint Use Agreement

- Land Access Flexibility
- Increased Berthing Capacity



#### **Customer Negotiations**



#### **Business Retention and Growth**

- Maintaining the Competitive Edge
- Optimized Pricing
- Rebates Long Term contracts
- Minimum Annual Guarantees
- Optimized Service
- Balancing different customer needs
- Creating win-win partnerships

### A Successful Negotiation





#### Key to Success

- Mutual Give and Take
- Win-Win
- Longevity
- Achieve aura of Partnership

"Coming together is a Beginning; Keeping together is Progress Working together is Success!"

H Ford

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."

Thomas Edison

# We're Open for Your Business

