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**TO ALL IBEW FIRST DISTRICT LOCAL UNIONS**

Greetings:

As you are aware, our 39<sup>th</sup> International Convention will be taking place in St. Louis MO, in September. As part of the Opening Ceremonies, we traditionally have a Canadian present to sing our National Anthem. For the first time ever, we will be opening up this opportunity to any interested IBEW Canada member, by way of a contest.

Interested applicants can send a video of themselves singing our bilingual national anthem by **June 30, 2016**. Entries submitted after this date will not be accepted. The chosen member will be flown to St. Louis on September 16, to participate in the pre-Convention festivities and the opening ceremonies, and leaving on September 20. Hotel and transportation costs will be covered, lost wages will not be.

Should the chosen member's Local Union decide to have this member stay for the duration of the International Convention, the Local Union would have to cover the expenses for the additional days, and submit a request for their guest credentials to the First District.

Videos can be uploaded to YouTube, Vimeo, Dropbox, or whatever is their preferred method, and then submit the link, along with their name, Local Union and Membership Number to the First District at [IVPD\\_01@IBEW.org](mailto:IVPD_01@IBEW.org). The full lyrics of the bilingual national anthem can be found here: [http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/celebrate/pdf/National\\_Anthem\\_e.pdf](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/celebrate/pdf/National_Anthem_e.pdf).

Once the winner is selected, notification will be sent out to all Local Unions, along with an announcement on our IBEW Canada website.

We need your help to ensure all members are aware of this great opportunity, so they have their chance to enter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the First District Office.

Best wishes.

In solidarity,

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