



January 14, 2022

TO ALL IBEW FIRST DISTRICT LOCAL UNIONS

Greetings:

As you are aware, our 40th International Convention will be taking place in Chicago, IL, in May 9-13, 2022. As part of the opening ceremonies, we traditionally have a Canadian present to sing our National Anthem. Due to the success in 2016, we will once again be opening up this opportunity to any interested IBEW Canada members, by way of a contest.

Interested applicants can send a video of themselves singing our bilingual national anthem by **March 4, 2022**. Entries submitted after this date will not be accepted. The chosen member will be flown to Chicago on Friday, May 6, 2022, to participate in the pre-convention festivities and the opening ceremonies, and leaving on Tuesday, May 10. 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 office.

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 office at IVPD_01@IBEW.org.

The full lyrics of the bilingual national anthem can be found here:
https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/ircc/migration/ircc/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.

In solidarity,

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