



## **NWS-NWSEO 4<sup>th</sup> COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT IS SIGNED...NOW ON TO AGENCY HEAD REVIEW**

(March 5, 2021) This morning, NWSEO President John Werner and Executive Vice President JoAnn Becker signed the 2021 NWS-NWSEO Collective Bargaining Agreement together with NWS leaders Dr. Louis Uccellini, NOAA Assistant Administrator for Weather Services; Mary Erickson, Deputy Assistant Administrator National Weather Service; and David Murray, NWS Chief Negotiator.

The contract will now be submitted for Agency Head Review at the Department of Commerce level, where the Agency has 30 days to approve or disapprove the agreement. The Agreement may only be disapproved by the “agency” head (actually, a designee of the Secretary of Commerce) if it contains a provision or provisions that are contrary to law. The Agreement will go into effect once Agency approval is received.

*“This is a landmark occasion for NWSEO and NWS. We are on the threshold of a new dawn for federal workers with the new administration and a renewed focus on protecting the federal workforce. We hope this signing marks a pivotal moment in the national NWSEO and NWS relationship and results in an even more productive, transparent and collaborative relationship. Working effectively together will allow us to develop the needed synergy to ensure we remain the juggernaut of weather, water and climate services!”* said President Werner.

We are grateful for the contributions of our members who participated and helped in our successful negotiation efforts. We thank all NWSEO members for the support for this new contract. Your NWSEO membership makes a difference in determining the future for our Workforce and the Agency.

If you are not currently a dues-paying member and would like to join our professional organization, please contact Christy Fox at [membership@nwseo.org](mailto:membership@nwseo.org) for more information.

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**No one works harder for NOAA employees than NOAA employees.**

**We are NOAA employees. We are NWSEO.**