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## NWSEO President Attends Labor Meeting with Sen. Obama

The Democratic Party's presumptive nominee, Senator Barack Obama reached out to the President of NWSEO and other union presidents and leaders in Washington, D.C. unifying the nation's labor movement behind his candidacy. In attendance at this meeting were the Presidents of all of the nation's top labor unions including NWSEO President Dan Sobien. During the meeting, Obama told Sobien and others that he is optimistic about America's future.

"America's workers and businesses are the best in the world and on a level playing field we can compete with and defeat anyone," stated Sen. Obama. NWSEO leadership has taken an active role in assisting the Obama campaign formulate policy. President Sobien has been invited to serve on the Energy and Environment policy committee and NWSEO General Counsel Richard Hirn has been invited to serve on the Labor policy committee. Sobien and Hirn have also met with campaign leaders to discuss issues important with civil servants in general and NOAA employees specifically. "I am happy to report that for the first time in a long time, we have a candidate that sees federal employees as the solution and not the problem," stated President Sobien when questioned after last week's event.

The NWSEO is taking a more active role than it usually does in this election because the Obama campaign has reached out to the union to help formulate policy. "This is a tremendous opportunity for us to help the campaign construct policies to save lives, property and the environment as well as enhance our nation's economy," stated Sobien.