



## Pacific National Exhibition

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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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Vancouver, BC – The Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) is pleased to announce a deal has been reached with the International Operating Engineers Union, Local 882 (IOEU), one of four unions operating on its site.

Under the terms of the agreement, IOEU members will receive a 3 percent wage increase each year for the length of the contract dating March 1, 2007 to February 28, 2011. They'll also receive a Trades Premium of .50 cents per hour for each of the four years. The agreement also includes a Letter of Understanding regarding the 2010 Olympic Games.

The deal effects two full time and seven casual IOEU members who are responsible for ice plant operation in the Pacific Coliseum.

The 98<sup>th</sup> annual Fair at the PNE opens Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> and runs daily through September 1<sup>st</sup>. The Fair, an end of summer tradition for generations of British Columbian's is the largest annual ticketed event in British Columbia.

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Owned by the City of Vancouver, the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) is a healthy and vibrant non-profit charity organization dedicated to providing over 3 million visitors a year with first-class cultural, sporting and family entertainment events. Founded in 1910, the PNE operates from a 114-acre site at Hastings Park, a multi-facility venue in Vancouver where the organization operates four activity streams: an annual 17-day Fair, Playland Amusement Park, maintenance and care of the Hastings Park site and management of the site's year-round facilities. These facilities are utilized to celebrate a variety of hockey, amateur sporting, music, community, social, cultural and commercial events throughout the year.

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