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August 26, 2025

Michael Sellars, Executive Director
Public Employment Relations Commission
PO Box, WA 98504-0919

Dear Mr. Sellars:

This position is filed under WAC 391-25-080, the Self Determination rule.

We are hereby filing a request to be certified as the exclusive bargaining representative for certain non-supervisory civil service employees at the Department of Commerce

We are filing to add the Program Specialist 5 in the Contract and Procurement section of the Department of Commerce.

Our records show that we have signed authorization cards from a majority of employees in this unit and ask that a cross check of employment records is conducted.

Thank you for your attention to the request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Herb Harris", written over a horizontal line.

Herb Harris
Manager of PERC Activities

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REPRESENTATION PETITION

Is this an amended petition? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, provide the case number: _____

PARTIES Include information for all parties involved.

EMPLOYER Dept. of Commerce
Contact Lauren Watts
Title Deputy Director HR
Address 1011 Plum St. SE
City, State, ZIP Olympia, WA 98501
Phone 509-496-0317 **Ext.** _____
Email lauren.watts@commerce.wa.gov

PETITIONER Wash. Federation of State Employees
Contact Herb Harris
Title Manager of PERC Activities
Address 1212 Jefferson St. SE
City, State, ZIP Olympia, WA 98501
Phone 360-352-7603 **Ext.** _____
Email herbh@wfse.org

CURRENT BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVE

(If One Exists) _____
Contact _____
Title _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone _____ **Ext.** _____
Email _____

TYPE OF REQUEST Select ONE of the following.

- ☐ **NEW ORGANIZING** to be certified as the representative of employees currently unrepresented.
- ☒ **ADD UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES** to an existing bargaining unit as described in WAC 391-25-080.
- ☐ **CHANGE REPRESENTATIVE** of existing bargaining unit.
- ☐ **REMOVE REPRESENTATIVE** of existing bargaining unit.

BARGAINING UNIT

For a new organizing petition, fill out section 2. For a petition to add unrepresented employees, fill out **both** sections 1 and 2. For a petition to change or remove the representative, fill out section 1.

SECTION 1—Describe the Existing Bargaining Unit:

See PERC Decision 13859

Number of Employees in Existing Unit 515 adding 1

SECTION 2—Describe the Proposed Bargaining Unit:

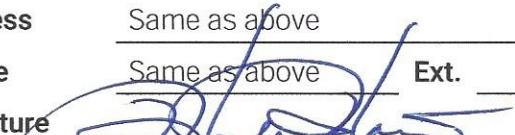
Number of Employees in Proposed Unit 516

If a CBA exists, what is the expiration date? 6/30/2027

SHOWING OF INTEREST

A showing of interest indicating the support of at least 30 percent of the employees in the bargaining unit must be filed with the petition. **See instructions for more information.**

PETITIONER REPRESENTATIVE

Name Herb Harris
Address Same as above
Phone Same as above **Ext.** _____
Signature 

Title Manager of PERC Activities
City, State, ZIP Same as above
Email herbh@wfse.org
Date 8/26/2025

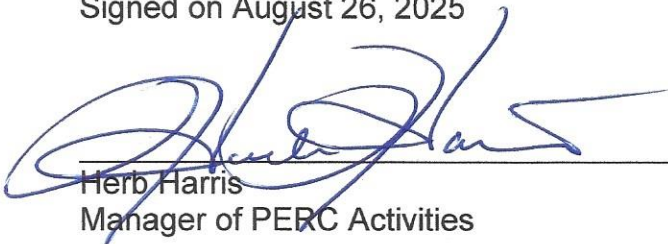
Certificate of Service

Department of Commerce
Self Determination Petition

As per PERC Commission requirements and WAC 391-08-120(4), I, Herb Harris do certify that the following facts regarding servicing of the representation petition is true.

On August 26, 2025, I sent via email a copy of the petition to Lauren Watts/Commerce and the Office of Labor Relations/OFM. To the best of my knowledge and belief these are the representatives of the other parties that would need to be notified to fulfill our obligation under WAC 391-08-120(4).

Signed on August 26, 2025



Herb Harris
Manager of PERC Activities

From: [Herb Harris](#)
To: [PERC, Filing \(PERC\)](#); [OEM mi Labor Relations](#); [Watts, Lauren \(COM\)](#)
Cc: [Tim Tharp](#); [Benjamin Peterson](#); [Kayla Rider](#)
Subject: New filing at the Dept. of Commerce
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 11:53:10 AM
Attachments: Petition.pdf

External Email

Let's try this again by attaching the petition.

Please find attached a petition to add certain non-supervisory classified staff to our existing bargaining unit at the Dept. of Commerce.

Thanks

Herb

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