



# Washington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild @ BNA

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## **PROTECTING JOBS AND CONTRACT TOP GOALS IF SALE GOES THROUGH Bloomberg would have to honor contract**

BNA's decision to sell to Bloomberg should have no immediate effect on employees since under our contract any buyer is required to honor the collective bargaining agreement — but what happens later could depend on the strength of the union.

The contract expires February 28, 2013, and the best way to protect the gains we've made over the decades is to build our membership by getting nonmembers to join. A strong union will be crucial in the coming months and years if the Bloomberg deal goes through. It is critical for Guild members to talk to co-workers about joining the union. (Contact any Guild officer if you need membership material).

The Guild already has requested a copy of the agreement between BNA and Bloomberg as well as any documents related to Bloomberg's business plans following the potential sale. We have a right to these because of our union contract.

The Guild also has enlisted the help of our national parent (TNG-Communications Workers of America). TNG-CWA is in contact with a union-friendly investment firm which is looking into the details of the proposed sale.

## **GUILD MEETING**

**Due to the importance of this meeting all Guild-covered employees are invited**

**Tuesday, August 30  
12 noon  
1st Floor Conference Center**

**Bring your questions and comments about the proposed sale to Bloomberg**

**Bethesda meeting will be held Wednesday, August 31, times and location TBA**