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## ***Dependable Highway Express (DHE) Relies on Ahern and Associates to Complete Second Successful Trucking Acquisition***

*Ahern and Associates is entrusted, once again to target a second profitable trucking company acquisition to fuel growth for industry leader, Dependable Highway Express.*

Phoenix, AZ, June 29, 2009—At a time when many trucking companies are looking to downsize and reduce operations, Dependable Highway Express (DHE) continues to grow. In large part, their expansion efforts are a result of the merger and acquisition services performed by [Ahern and Associates](#), North America's leading trucking and transportation management consulting firm.

Bolstering Dependable Highway Express's expansion efforts is the recent purchase of J.M. Express, Inc., a targeted acquisition identified by the skilled management consultants at Ahern and Associates. In acquiring J.M. Express, Inc., DHE adds another dimension to their already dominant west coast operations by increasing their carrier fleet capacity and further expanding their customer base.

Relying for the second time on the services of Ahern and Associates to successfully seek out and aid in acquiring a profitable acquisition was an easy decision for Ron Massman, President and CEO of DHE. "I've known Andy (Ahern and Associates) for many years and it's always been a pleasure working with him. I really appreciate his knowledge of the transportation industry, including contacts, evaluations and ability to work through issues....I want to thank Ahern & Associates, Ltd and Andy for presenting us the opportunity to purchase J.M. Express and for working with both companies to complete the transaction."

The long list of exclusive contacts within the transportation industry that Ahern and Associates has accrued throughout their tenure is one of the many tools used in identifying profitable acquisition targets that many times are not even for sale. A.W. Ahern explains, "Our broad database of contacts that helps us identify acquisitions within the trucking industry was built based on trust. And it's that same trust that our clients place in us that allows us to be so successful in assisting our management clients."

About Ahern and Associates:

Ahern and Associates is North America's leading trucking and transportation management consulting firm. The skilled consultants at Ahern and Associates specialize in mergers and acquisitions of trucking and logistics companies as well as the restructuring and evaluation of existing carriers that seek to increase operating efficiency and improve profitability. Since 1987, Ahern and Associates has aided hundreds of buyers in the acquisition of trucking and logistics companies throughout the U.S. and Canada as well as assisting many transportation and logistics companies in reducing their overall operating costs and increasing their profitability. For more information, please call 602-242-1030 or visit [www.Ahern-Ltd.com](http://www.Ahern-Ltd.com) .

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