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Trucking Consultant, Andy Ahern to Join Esteemed Panel of Speakers at Upcoming TransForum 2009 Conference

Andy Ahern of Ahern & Associates to deliver expert insight about transportation mergers and acquisitions on speaking panel collaborated by James M. Hill of Benesch Law at TransForum 2009.

Phoenix, AZ --TransForum 2009 by TMW Systems, Inc. is the premier national conference for those utilizing trucking and logistics cost containment strategies via TMW's enterprise transportation software. The conference will feature educational breakout sessions, networking opportunities and guest speakers delivering valuable messages on leadership and the viability of mergers and acquisitions within the [trucking](#) and transportation industries.

Commenting on the current state of transportation mergers and acquisitions will be James M. Hill, Executive Chairman of Benesch Law, in conjunction with expert panel members David Hallett of Lazard, Ltd and Andy Ahern of [Ahern & Associates](#), Ltd.

Mr. Hill, a keynote speaker, expects attendees to gain specific knowledge on exactly how the current economy has affected the proposal of a merger or acquisition within the transportation industry and how these deals are getting done. Selected to deliver a portion of that message is Andy Ahern of Ahern & Associates; a twenty-plus year veteran in aiding hundreds of companies through the often times, risk laden proposition of mergers and acquisitions within the transportation industry.

"Andy has a deep knowledge of the transportation industry and an equally deep knowledge of the types of transactions taking place within the transportation industry—particularly in relation to pricing, terms and the overall viability of the transaction," explains Hill.

TransForum 2009 takes place at the Gaylord Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, TN and runs from September 20 to September 23, 2009.

About Benesch:

With offices in Cleveland, Columbus, Philadelphia, Shanghai and Wilmington, Benesch's practice and industry groups include Business Reorganization, the China Group, Compensation & Benefits, Construction, Commercial Finance & Banking, Corporate & Securities, Litigation, Energy, Health Care, Intellectual Property, Labor & Employment, Polymer Industry, Private Equity, Public Law, Real Estate & Environmental, Tax, Transportation & Logistics, and Estate Planning & Probate. For more information, visit www.beneschlaw.com.

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 .

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