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## ***Transportation Consultants, Ahern & Associates to Quadruple Thomas & Sons' Existing Freight Brokerage Services***

*Trucking consulting firm, Ahern & Associates hired by Thomas & Sons Distributors to aggressively expand their regional freight brokerage services up and down the west coast.*

Phoenix, AZ, October 19, 2009—Trust, honesty and integrity have been the calling card of Oregon based Thomas & Sons Distributors since 1956. When current President, Aaron Thomas began vetting firms to aid him and his company in their aggressive expansion efforts, he applied those same principles to his search.

Assigned with the job of growing Thomas & Sons' freight brokerage services is Andy Ahern of Ahern & Associates, North America's leading trucking and transportation management consulting firm. Thomas expects to quadruple their thriving brokerage services over the next five years and looks to Ahern & Associates to seek out and deliver quality agent partners that share their same core values.

Andy Ahern, CEO of Ahern & Associates explains how his firm expects to actualize Thomas' goals. "Our firm has literally worked with hundreds of trucking companies over the last twenty-two years and has amassed the largest database of trucking and logistics contacts in the industry--we will draw upon those contacts coupled with our experience to align Thomas & Sons with the perfect agent partners."

Thomas also comments on their expansion plans, "Thomas & Sons has been strategically planning our expansion efforts by investing in technology and infrastructure for quite some time in anticipation of managing a considerable increase in business mix for our company."

Within five years, Thomas & Sons expects to add nearly twenty new agent partner locations.

### **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 <http://www.Ahern-Ltd.com>.

### **About Thomas & Sons Distributors:**

Thomas & Sons is a third generation, family owned and operated business founded in 1956. They currently operate a Trucking Division that includes company trucks and a dedicated fleet of owner operators. Thomas & Sons has built the company over the years by reinvesting in our core businesses

while focusing on long-term profitable growth. For more information visit <http://www.ThomasAndSonsInc.net>.

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