

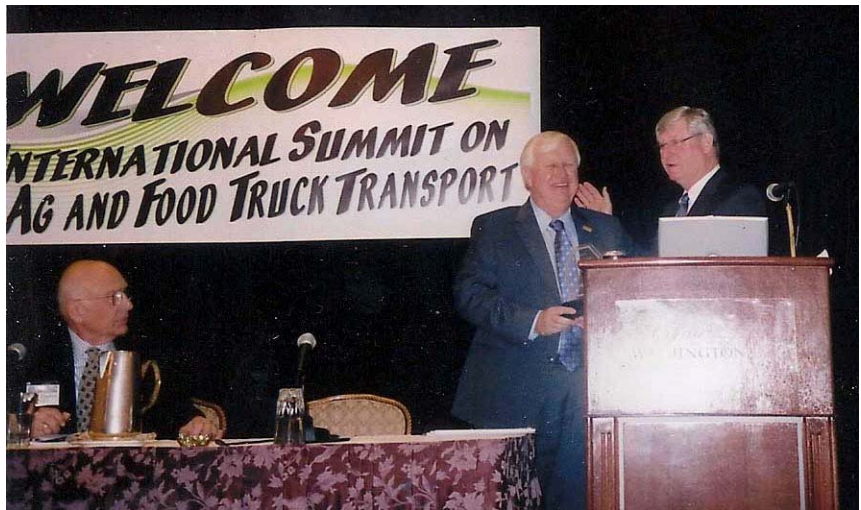
Grammer Industries

December 8, 2008

Agricultural Transportation Leadership Award

The Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute is pleased to present the first ever Agricultural Transportation Leadership Award to Charles L. “Shorty” Whittington, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Trucking Associations.

Charles “Shorty” Whittington has been in the transportation industry for over 30 years. Growing up in the heart of an agricultural community in Indiana, he naturally developed an agri-business career. The diversity of farming, grain elevator operations and the need he saw for specialized transportation, prompted “Shorty” to establish Grammer Industries in 1977. Grammer started as a small fertilizer and grain trucking company and has now grown to an industry leader in specialized hazardous material transport. Grammer provides safe, reliable transportation of anhydrous ammonia, propane, nitric acid and compressed gases. Although trucking is Whittington’s passion his other business ventures involve real estate, renewable fuels and equipment sales. He is president of Integrity Biofuels, the first soy biodiesel plant to open in Indiana, in 2006.



“Shorty” is very active in the American Trucking Association (ATA) where he serves as Chairman. He also serves on boards for: the Indiana Motor Trucking Associations (IMTA), the Agricultural & Food Transporters Conference (AFTC) where he was Chairman for six years, the National Tank Truck Carriers (NTTC) and is active in many state propane and fertilizer trade associations. He served on a Government Negotiated Rule Making involving a safety issue with tanker trailers, one of only five successful such missions of the Department of Transportation. “Shorty” was instrumental in leading the fight to expand and refine the definition and make permanent in federal law, the agricultural exemption to the federal hours of service for truck drivers in the 2005 highway bill.

“Shorty” is a graduate of Purdue University. In 2007, Purdue named him a Distinguished Agricultural Alumni. In 2008, he received the Indiana Agri-Vision Award from the State Department of Agriculture.

He and his wife Ro Anne reside just outside of Columbus near the small town of Grammer.

For his 30 years of leadership in the transportation industry, especially commercial agricultural transportation, the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute is honored to present the first National Agricultural Transportation Leadership Award to Charles “Shorty” Whittington.