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BENDIX RETURNS AS SPONSOR OF ATA NATIONAL TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS
GRAND CHAMPION AWARD FOR SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Company Salutes Drivers for Dedication to Professionalism and Highway Safety

ELYRIA, Ohio – Aug. 3, 2017 – For the seventh consecutive year, Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC is the proud sponsor of the Grand Champion Award at the American Trucking Associations (ATA) National Truck Driving Championships (NTDC). The 2017 NTDC competition takes place Aug. 9-12 in Orlando, Florida.

The Bendix National Truck Driving Championships Grand Champion Award is given to the overall top driver of the four-day event. Ongoing sponsorship of the award by Bendix highlights the company's commitment to highway safety, and honors the dedicated men and women whose skills help create safer roads.

"Millions of commercial vehicle drivers work each and every day demonstrating the dedication and professionalism needed to maintain the highest levels of safety on our highways," said Fred Andersky, Bendix director of government and industry affairs. "Safety is the driving force behind everything we do at Bendix, and at this premier competition, we relish the opportunity to offer well-deserved recognition to all the NTDC participants sharing our commitment to maintaining the safety of America's highways. We thank all the participants, and extend best wishes for good luck to all the contestants in this year's championship."

The NTDC features the winners from 50 state trucking associations' truck driving championships, and attracts more than 2,000 friends, family, colleagues, and spectators each

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year. More than 430 of these top-notch drivers are expected to compete in the 2017 championship event, testing their expertise through a written exam, a pre-trip inspection test, and a skills-based competition course.

Inside the Orlando County Convention Center, drivers must demonstrate extensive knowledge of safety, equipment, and the industry, and put their driving abilities to the test on a course that challenges them to drive, reverse, park, and position their vehicles with precision over scales, before barriers, and around curves. The behind-the-wheel skills course tests the drivers' ability to handle their trucks, judge distances, and maneuver through tight spaces.

Mike White, a Walmart Transportation professional truck driver based in Nineveh, Indiana, was last year's Grand Champion award winner. Other previous recipients of the Bendix National Truck Driving Championships Grand Champion Award are Paul Phillips, who won in 2011 as a Con-way Freight driver from Coarsegold, California; Don Logan, who took top honors in 2012 as a FedEx Freight driver from Topeka, Kansas; Gary Harms, who earned the award in 2013 as a Walmart Transportation driver based in Olathe, Kansas; Jeffrey Langenhahn, a Con-way Freight professional truck driver based in Plover, Wisconsin, who was named 2014 champion; and Ronald Emenheiser Sr., a Walmart Transportation driver based in Yorkana, Pennsylvania, winner of the 2015 championship trophy.

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