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IMTI to Offer Certificate Program in FMCSA Annual Inspections

Hodgkins, IL (January 29, 2019) --- An intermodal industry first, the Intermodal Mechanic Training Institute (IMTI) now offers a training program qualifying intermodal mechanics to perform annual FMCSA inspections, regardless of tenure. This enables intermodal equipment providers (IEPs) and motor carriers to ensure that individuals performing annual inspections meet the FMCSA inspector qualifications, as required within the Federal regulations.

“IMTI is to be commended for creating such a comprehensive regulatory compliance curriculum focused on the maintenance and repair of intermodal equipment. The standardized training program that IMTI offers to meet the FMCSA regulations will greatly benefit the overall intermodal industry by heightening safety awareness and improving the maintenance and repair of trailing commercial equipment.”

*Frank Sonzala, President and CEO
CIMC Intermodal Equipment*

In order to verify intermodal inspector qualifications under the regulations, IMTI has received manufacturer sponsorship and endorsement of its commercial training program designed to train students in commercial motor vehicle operation and maintenance.

According to a November 28, 2018 statement by the world’s largest manufacturer of container chassis, “CIMC Intermodal Equipment has conducted a careful review and analysis of the intermodal mechanic training provided by the Intermodal Mechanic Training Institute, LLC. As such, CIMC Intermodal Equipment offers its manufacturer sponsorship and endorsement of IMTI’s commercial training program designed to train students in commercial motor vehicle operation and maintenance. This is per the Code of Federal Regulations CFR 49, Title 49, Subtitle B, Chapter III, Subchapter B, Part 396, Section 396.19, Subsection (a)(3)(ii)(A).”

In order to graduate the program and in accordance with the above regulation, IMTI students are evaluated on:

- Their understanding of the inspection criteria set forth in the regulations and the ability to identify defective components;
- Their knowledge and mastery of the methods, procedures, tools and equipment used when performing an inspection; and
- Capable performance of an inspection by reason of experience, training, or both.

Through its learning management system, IMTI provides Motor Carriers and IEPs with documented electronic evidence and long-term record keeping surrounding each individual’s qualifications. Under the regulations, this evidence must be maintained for the period during which that individual is performing annual motor vehicle inspections for the motor carrier or IEP, and for one year thereafter.

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About the Intermodal Mechanic Training Institute (IMTI):

A woman-owned and controlled business, the Intermodal Mechanic Training Institute (IMTI), is a provider of specialized training serving the freight transportation industry with primary focus on intermodal mechanic trade skill sets, continuing education, distance e-learning and customized onsite training for intermodal operators.

IMTI trains mechanics and terminal personnel to keep intermodal equipment operating safely and within Federal regulations. Replacing months of inefficient on the job training, IMTI's flagship Chicagoland facility, offers full immersion training programs, providing new chassis mechanics core skills in areas such as safety, tires, brakes, electrical, frames and the FMCSA inspection process.

Offering a comprehensive, structured program, IMTI equips new hires with the knowledge and skills needed to perform intermodal repair tasks safely and efficiently. Using a combination of classroom training, hand-on experiences, e-learning, how to videos, electronic flashcards and other learning aids, IMTI provides its students with an immediate head start on the job site.

In order to graduate the program, students must pass both written and practical demonstration exams. In addition to the IMTI proprietary curriculum, students also obtain **Tire Industry Association certification**, IMTI developed training and testing on **ATA TMC Recommended Practices** for both Wheel End and Brake repair, removal, installation and maintenance (including TMC RP 607-609, 618, 622 and 631). Likewise, IMTI has partnered in content development and testing with industry leaders **Stemco, Truck-Lite** and **Lite-Check**, as well as others, for industry certifications and verification of mechanic equipment repair qualifications.

Beyond entry level mechanic programs, IMTI also offers intermodal operators continuing education and custom training, including onsite and on-demand e-learning, perfect for a wide variety of on-terminal equipment use & repair processes.

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