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ASLRRRA Honors Excellence at 2017 CONNECTIONS Convention *Achievement in Veteran's Hiring, Marketing Initiatives, and Scholarship Recognized*

Washington, DC – May 8, 2017 – The American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRRA) honored a number of their member railroads for excellence in the areas of Veteran's hiring and marketing initiatives at its 2017 CONNECTIONS, held at the Gaylord Texan, Grapevine, Texas.

“Despite challenging times in the carload business, our members had many reasons to celebrate at our 2017 CONNECTIONS,” said Linda Bauer Darr, President, ASLRRRA. “We honored the companies that went above and beyond to attract our nation's military veterans to the railroad industry. We showcased three short lines whose innovations in marketing delivered significant dollars to their bottom lines, while creating opportunity for their customers via efficient rail service. Finally, an outstanding student, Alexis Jakubowski, was rewarded with the Susan C. Murray Scholarship.”

Veterans Hiring

The Timmons award, named for former ASLRRA President Lt. Gen. Richard F. Timmons (USA Ret), recognizes ASLRRA Railroad and Associate members who have demonstrated a commitment to hiring veterans, as evidenced by the percentage of employees who are veterans.

This year's award winners are:

- Newburgh & South Shore Railroad LLC (small railroad category);
- Louisville & Indiana Railroad (mid-size railroad category);
- Magnus LLC (small supplier category);
- GE Transportation (large supplier category).

Marketing Awards

- *Wisconsin & Southern Railroad*, for rebuilding a customer relationship, moving military equipment from Wisconsin to the Port of Baltimore, and creating a new business opportunity partnering with BNSF to move damaged military vehicles from California to Wisconsin for refurbishment.
- *Pan Am Railways – Springfield Terminal*, for creating a rail opportunity for the movement of Poland Spring bottled water from Maine to New England markets via the Port of Portland, opening up intermodal service in Maine for Pan Am.
- *North Shore Railroad Company* – an abundance of natural gas in Central Pennsylvania has prompted the conversion of old coal-fired plants to natural gas. The North Shore Railroad handled sixty high-and-wide shipments in 2016, developing a new expertise in handling the complexities of these moves, which has led to additional high-and-wide opportunities.

The Susan C. Murray Scholarship, was awarded to Alexis Jakubowski, daughter of Eric Jakubowski, chief commercial officer for Anacostia Rail Holdings Company. The Scholarship, sponsored by PocketList.com and IHS Markit, is awarded annually to a daughter or

granddaughter of an ASLRRRA member in recognition of Murray's life and professional success.

Murray helped launch ASLRRRA's very successful trade show--now in its 30th year.

Videos detailing award recipients can be found at www.youtube.com/aslrra.

About ASLRRRA - The American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRRA) is a non-profit trade association representing the interests of the nation's 602 short line and regional railroads and railroad supply company members in legislative and regulatory matters. Short lines operate 47,500 miles of track in 49 states, touching in origination or termination one out of every four cars moving on the national railroad system, serving customers who otherwise would be cut off from the national railroad network.