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Idaho Trucking Industry Pays \$1.6 Billion in Annual Wages

Meridian, Idaho - The Idaho trucking industry employs over 37,000 workers across the state, which amounts to one out of every 16 jobs, according to data published by the American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI). The Idaho trucking industry pays over \$1.6 billion annually in wages, with an average annual salary of just over \$44,000. More amazingly, 72% of Idaho communities depend exclusively on trucks to transport their goods.

In Idaho, most trucking companies are small businesses that are locally owned and operated. Michelle Miller, Idaho Trucking Association Chairman and co-owner of Arlo G. Lott Trucking, Inc., explains, "The trucking industry in Idaho will continue to be a vibrant part of the state's growing economy. Many ITA companies are family owned and operated and have been passed down from generation to generation. These companies are made up of hardworking and industrious Idahoans who get up every morning and approach the trucking business with a strong will, a positive work ethic and a desire to succeed."

According to ATRI, members of the Idaho trucking industry paid over \$244 million in federal and state roadway taxes in 2016. That means trucks paid 41% of all taxes owed by Idaho motorists, despite representing only 12% of vehicle miles driven in the state. In 2016, trucks in Idaho drove 2.1 billion miles on Idaho's public roads out of 17.2 billion miles driven by all motorists. An average five-axle tractor-semitrailer combination paid roughly \$8,520 in state highway user fees and taxes, as well as \$8,906 in federal highway user fees and taxes. When comparing state taxes, Idaho ranks fourth highest in the country for truck registration fees.

The Idaho trucking industry will continue to pay our fair share in taxes and lead by example when it comes to highway and driver safety and building strong communities. The Idaho Trucking Association reminds lawmakers that nearly all goods at the local grocery store, gas station, or retail location are transported by truck. Our members hope they keep this critical industry in mind as they craft legislation that impacts Idaho's roadways.

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