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Industry leaders gather to recognize 2007 Technician of the Year

LAS VEGAS, NV. (Jan. 24, 2008) – Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC, Dayton Parts, LLC (DP, LLC), Haldex, ODYSSEY Battery and SKF recently announced Britt Olson as the 2007 Technician of the Year award recipient at the HDAW Awards Program and Reception. Olson is a technician for the Southeastern Freight Lines location in Albany, Georgia.

With over 20 years of service to Southeastern Freight Lines, Olson is a two-time Quality Achiever within the company's Quality Improvement Process program. Olson has logged over 85 hours of training since 2002, earning certification in various areas such as Volvo A/C troubleshooting, Haldex brake/ABS, Meritor PSI tire inflations system and ConMet wheel ends to name a few. Additionally, Olson is an ASE certified technician.

Lee Long, Director of Maintenance for Southeastern Freight Line's, cited Olson as a technician that is "ever-mindful of the need to increase productivity, while at the same time making sure that proper safety measures are always carried out." He also added that Southeastern Freight Lines believes Olson "represents all that is good in technicians today, exhibiting competence, reliability and a willingness to learn."

Olson's nomination form also acknowledged his innovative contributions to the industry, such as fabricating a tool to adjust the clutch on the Volvo VN's with hydraulic clutch control systems. It also noted that he developed a set of "grabbers" to pull the jaw springs more easily on the Fontaine No-Slack 5th wheel. "These are only a couple of many self-developed tools by Olson," added Long.

An independent panel of judges extensively reviewed the pool of nominations. The panel consisted of heavy duty trucking experts holding backgrounds in various areas of the industry – from nationally recognized heavy duty trucking magazine editors to former fleet managers to heavy duty aftermarket product manufacturers.

For more information on the Technician of the Year Program, its winner and its sponsors, visit www.techoftheyear.com.

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About the Technician of the Year Program

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC, Dayton Parts, LLC (DP, LLC), Haldex, and SKF created the Technician of the Year program in 2005 to recognize a fleet's superstar technician. ODYSSEY Battery joined the four original sponsors for the 2007 season. For more information on the Technician of the Year Program, visit www.techoftheyear.com.

About sponsor companies:

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, a member of the Knorr-Bremse group, develops and supplies leading-edge active safety technologies, air brake charging and control systems and components under the Bendix brand name for medium- and heavy-duty trucks, tractors, trailers, buses and other commercial vehicles throughout North America.

With top-performing systems and components, alongside a comprehensive line of foundation brake components and actuation systems through our joint venture – Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC, we provide integrated systems and reliable solutions for every application.

For more information, visit www.bendix.com or call 1-800-AIR-BRAKE.

Dayton Parts, LLC is a manufacturer and distributor of undercarriage replacement products for the heavy-duty aftermarket in the United States and global markets. For more information on DP, LLC's products and services, visit www.daytonparts.com.

Haldex Commercial Vehicle Systems (www.hbsna.com) is a leading manufacturer and distributor of heavy-duty air brake system and suspension control system components. It operates globally with headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri, and manufacturing and engineering facilities throughout the world. Haldex Commercial Vehicle Systems is a part of Haldex Group (www.haldex.com), an innovator in vehicle technology and supplier of proprietary products for trucks, cars and industrial vehicles on a global basis.

ODYSSEY Batteries by EnerSys provide starting, lighting and ignition (SLI) batteries, chargers, power equipment, and battery accessories to customers worldwide. SLI batteries are used for trucks and buses, passenger cars, boats, personal watercraft, ATVs, motorcycles and garden tractors. The company also provides aftermarket and customer support services to its customers from more than 100 countries through its sales and manufacturing locations around the world. For more information about ODYSSEY Batteries and its parent company EnerSys, visit www.ODYSSEYbattery.com or www.enersys.com.

SKF is a leading global supplier of bearing and elastomeric products, solutions and related services, as well as linear motion and lubrication technologies. Headquartered in Gothenburg, Sweden, with technology centers in the Netherlands, Italy and the United States, SKF is a valued partner to original equipment manufacturers and a major supplier to the automotive, aerospace, heavy-duty/off-highway, marine and other industries. For more information, visit www.vsm.skf.com.

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Sponsor comments:

John Flad, Vice President – North American Aftermarket Sales, Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems

“A skilled technician is one of the cornerstones of a successful, safe, and effective maintenance program. The Technician of the Year Award is a new and exciting way to recognize the true value and dedication of these talented professionals to fleets across North America. We are very proud to participate in this exciting new program and to serve as one of the sponsors for this award.”

Gary Smalley, President, Dayton Parts, LLC

“Dayton Parts, LLC is a proud sponsor for the Technician of the Year award. It is widely understood that trucks are what keep America rolling. While the technological improvements in newer vehicles continue to advance, there is a growing demand for skilled fleet technicians. With this program, we hope to raise the awareness of the vital role these specialists perform within our industry. Dayton Parts is excited for the opportunity to honor the heavy-duty technician who exemplifies the best qualities and skills of the profession.”

Pete Joy, President, Friction Division, Haldex

“Having enough well qualified technicians has been a challenge of this industry for years. This program allows Haldex and the other participating companies to support and recognize this professional trade. Haldex is proud to be able to offer this recognition and hopes this will encourage more people to pursue this career path.”

Dave McMullen, Director of Marketing, ODYSSEY Batteries

“ODYSSEY Battery is extremely excited to join the Technician of the Year program. Technicians are a vital component to the success of any fleet, not only from a product installation aspect, but from a safety aspect as well. Having the opportunity to recognize an individual of this importance is an honor for ODYSSEY Battery and its employee base around the world.”

Mike McGrath, President, SKF Automotive Division, VSM

“SKF is honored to be working with industry leaders in recognizing a fleet technician’s contributions to the marketplace through the Technician of the Year Program. As a supplier to the heavy duty aftermarket, we value technicians and fleets that practice proper vehicle maintenance, demonstrate awareness of the latest techniques, and contribute to the industry’s commitment to safety.”

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