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Welcome to the Fall 2012/Winter, 2013 issue of the Journal of Transportation Management!

This issue of the *Journal* contains three articles on various aspects trucking safety and driver retention, an article on key factors in improving responsiveness in shipper/logistics service provider relationships, and finally an article on a decision support model for managing rental car businesses.

The first article investigates the behavioral aspects of the firm-logistics service provider (LSP) relationship in order to better understand the avenues through which LSP responsiveness to changing customer needs can be enhanced. The second article explores the perceptions of commercial motor vehicle operators and safety professionals regarding 35 commonly implemented practices used to improve operating safety. The third article examines Electronic On-Board Recorders (EOBR's), and the differing perspectives of management and drivers, while providing recommendations for reductions of conflicts. The fourth article studies the topic of long distance truck driver's intentions to leave their firm, and recommends managerial changes that could be made to retain professional drivers and owner operators. The fifth article examines the rental car business, and presents a multivariate decision-making model which can be used to improve operations decision-making.

At the *Journal*, we are continuing to make a number of changes that will improve the visibility of JTM, and improve its position in the supply chain publishing world. These include registering and updating journal information with several publishing guides, placing the journal content with the EBSCO, Gale and JSTOR databases faculty have access to, and placing abstracts of all past journal articles on an open area of the DNA Journal web page. Full journal article PDF's continue to be available to subscribers on the web page at www.deltanualpha.org

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