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## AgTC Announces AgTC Person of the Year at 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

For the first time in its 28 year history, the AgTC recognized "The AgTC Person of the Year." Never has an individual so distinguished himself in a manner that will have such a positive impact on all participants in ocean shipping, shippers, carriers, ports and terminals, etc. The AgTC Person of the Year is Jim Newsome, President and CEO of South Carolina Ports Authority for his pivotal, groundbreaking leadership to find a solution to the SOLAS Container Weight threat, that is being adopted nationwide, and perhaps even internationally.

Presenting this Award to Mr. Newsome were Hayden Swofford of the Pacific Northwest Asia Shippers Assoc.; Bruce Abbe of the Midwest Shippers Association; Matt Harris of the Washington Potato Commission, Rick Shepherd of Plains Cotton Cooperative and Peter Friedmann, Executive Director, AgTC.

The AgTC Annual Meeting is the largest gathering of agriculture and forest products transportation professionals in the US each year. Collectively, attendees at the Annual Meeting control between 2 and 3 million TEU's. This year, the SOLAS Container Weight issue was front-and-center, with keynote speakers including Federal Maritime Commission Chairman Mario Cordero, U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Paul F. Thomas, Chairs of the AgTC SOLAS Committee and Refrigerated Container Committees Donna Lemm of Mallory Group, and Perry Bourne of Tysons Foods, Presidents of MOL N.A., Hyundai N.A. and Zim N.A. Richard Craig, Dave Arsenault and George Goldman.

AgTC is the principal voice of agricultural exporters in US transportation policy. Its members include agriculture exporters and importers, freight forwarders of US agriculture exports, agriculture trade associations, and State Departments of agriculture. Virtually every agriculture export commodity is represented in the AgTC membership.

More information about the Agricultural Transportation Coalition and the Annual Meeting can be found at [www.agtrans.org](http://www.agtrans.org) . Please direct inquiries to [info@agtrans.org](mailto:info@agtrans.org) or 202-783-3333.

