



## **Interstate Launches the Country's First Dedicated Disaster Freight Management Center**

### **Addresses Disaster Response and Logistics Needs of Federal, State, and Local Governments in the event of any disaster scenario**

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Saint Petersburg, FL: Interstate Transport, Inc., the leading freight management and logistics company, today announced the official launch of its Disaster Freight Management Center (DFMC) in Saint Petersburg, FL. The first of its kind in the logistics management industry, the center was formed from its already highly successful Freight Management Center that provides complete logistics management and logistics outsourcing to private and public companies. The DFMC provides the same premier services that are already well known in the private market, including Internet load tracking for every shipment, free transportation management software, routing and load optimization, Internet load tendering, guaranteed appointment making, and complete efficiency reporting. However, the DFMC is entirely focused on disaster preparation and disaster response – making sure that necessary shipments of commodities and equipment arrive at the right place and at the right time.

The genesis of the DFMC was the hurricanes of 2004 and 2005, where it was well documented in both government and private reports that the biggest problem after the disasters was the ability of government to get supplies to the people that needed them. Tim Higham, president and CEO of Interstate Transport, said, "We already had all the tools needed to form the Disaster Center from our existing operational environment. The center will provide immense humanitarian relief in the event of a disaster and significantly lower the costs of doing so. Moreover, it provides Internet tracking for every shipment and 24 hour staffing".

Interstate's DFMC is open to any federal, state or local government that wishes to contract proven, scalable logistics services. Having one central logistics decision making body will allow governmental bodies to participate in "disaster training" several times each year to help make sure all suppliers and government bodies are ready to react at short notice. Furthermore, Interstate has its own disaster plan with arrangements for rapid scaling of staff and equipment to the DFMC's secondary location in inland Georgia should Florida itself be threatened.

Interstate has developed un-paralleled expertise in rapid scale logistics services over several years. Interstate routinely experiences customers with freight increases of 1,000% or more in a short period of time and has developed the technology and processes to accommodate rapid scale requests.

**ABOUT INTERSTATE TRANSPORT:** Interstate is one of the fastest growing third party logistics providers in the United States. Based in Saint Petersburg, FL, Interstate provides logistics services and complete logistics outsourcing solutions to customers across the United States. Interstate's Freight Management Centers provide Internet load tracking for every shipment, free transportation management (TMS) software, routing and load optimization, Internet load tendering, guaranteed appointment making, and complete efficiency reporting. Every aspect of Interstate's offerings can be managed via the Internet or telephone.