



American Freightways Promotes Patrick L. Reed to Chief Operating Officer

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"Since joining AF in 1996, Pat has led many of AF's improvements in operational and financial performance. With this promotion, he will now be in a position to contribute in an even greater way to AF and FedEx Freight's continued market leadership in regional LTL service," said Tom Garrison. "In addition to his extensive background in operations, I am confident Pat's skill and knowledge of marketing, human resources, and physical assets will help guide us to even higher levels of teamwork and performance."

Reed started at American Freightways as a special projects manager, moving up to regional vice president of the Northeast operating region within months. In 1997 he was named division vice president of AF's Southeast operating division, before moving to the company's headquarters as executive vice president of operations in February of 1999. Prior to joining AF, Reed had management responsibilities in operations, sales, human resources, and physical assets at other leading carriers in the trucking industry. He holds a bachelor's degree from West Liberty State College in West Liberty, West Virginia.

American Freightways Inc. and its sister operating company, Viking Freight Inc., comprise FedEx Freight, a \$1.9 billion leader in regional freight service and a member of the FedEx family of companies. Founded in 1982, AF is headquartered in Harrison, Ark. and has approximately 17,000 employees. AF provides all-points direct less-than-truckload delivery service through a comprehensive network of 267 customer centers in 40 states, plus international and offshore service to North, Central and South America and the Caribbean. The company has been named to both the Forbes Platinum 400 and the Fortune America's Most Admired Companies lists. The American Trucking Association has honored AF with the 2001 President's Trophy for outstanding safety. More information about American Freightways can be found at www.af.com.

With annual revenues of \$20 billion, FedEx Corp. is the premier global provider of transportation, e-commerce and supply-chain management services. The company offers integrated business solutions through a network of subsidiaries operating independently, including FedEx Express, the world's largest express transportation company; FedEx Ground, North America's second largest provider of small-package ground delivery service; FedEx Freight, a leading provider of regional less-than-truckload freight services; FedEx Custom Critical, the world's largest provider of expedited, time-critical shipments; and FedEx Trade Networks, a provider of customs brokerage, consulting, information technology and trade facilitation solutions.

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Mr. Reed's photo available upon request.



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