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Soy Transportation Coalition re-elects officers for 2014

Ankeny, Iowa— The Soy Transportation Coalition (STC) re-elected its officers at the organization's December 9th annual meeting in New York City.

Patrick Knouff of Minster, Ohio, was once again elected Chairman. Knouff raises corn and soybeans, as well as a herd of heifers on his farm with his wife, Jennifer, and their three children. He currently serves as Chairman of the Ohio Soybean Council and is a member of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. Prior to being elected Chairman, Knouff had served as Vice Chairman of the STC for two years.

"I appreciate the opportunity to continue serving as Chairman of the Soy Transportation Coalition," Knouff says. "Our reputation and influence as an organization continues to increase. I believe we are well positioned this next year to make a meaningful impact on a number of transportation challenges that affect agriculture and the broader economy."

Scott Gauslow of Colfax, North Dakota, was re-elected Vice Chairman of the STC. Gauslow grows soybeans and corn on his farm with his wife, Jessica, and their two children. He has been a board member of the Soy Transportation Coalition since the organization's inception in 2007. Gauslow currently serves as Chairman of the North Dakota Soybean Council.

"Despite the fact that North Dakota soybean farmers do not enjoy much of a domestic market for our production, growing soybeans in our state remains profitable due to international demand," explains Gauslow. "Because of our reliance on international customers, it is essential to have a well-maintained and reliable transportation infrastructure. Otherwise, we cannot connect supply with demand. I look forward to continuing to work on these important issues to ensure North Dakota soybean farmers and the entire soybean industry can continue to grow."

Gerry Hayden of Calhoun, Kentucky, was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. A previous Chairman of the Kentucky Soybean Board, Gerry and his wife, Judy, raise cattle and grow soybeans, corn, wheat, and hay. Gerry and Judy have two children and two grandchildren.

Hayden states, "The transportation system that agriculture relies on is confronted with many challenges. Rural roads and bridges, highways and interstates, freight rail, inland waterways, and ports all require increased investment and maintenance in order for soybean farming and agriculture, in general, to remain profitable. The Soy Transportation Coalition was established to identify and promote solutions for many of these infrastructure problems. I look forward to continuing to work on this important effort on behalf of Kentucky and U.S. soybean farmers."

To learn more about the STC, visit its Web site at www.soytransportation.org.

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Established in 2007, the Soy Transportation Coalition is comprised of twelve state soybean boards, the American Soybean Association, and the United Soybean Board. The goal of the organization is to position the soybean industry to benefit from a transportation system that delivers cost effective, reliable, and competitive service.