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Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council joins Soy Transportation Coalition

Ankeny, Iowa— The Soy Transportation Coalition (STC) is pleased to announce the addition of the Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council as a member organization. Missouri becomes the 13th state soybean board to join the STC. The thirteen member states of the STC comprise approximately 85 percent of total U.S. soybean production.

The Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council approved joining the STC at its February 3-6 board meeting.

“In order to be successful, Missouri soybean farmers require a quality system of roads, bridges, railroads, locks and dams, and ports,” says Tim Gottman, a soybean producer from Monroe City, Missouri, and board member of the Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council. “It’s not enough to simply grow soybeans or have customers who want to purchase them. We need a transportation system that can actually get our soybeans from the farm to the customer. We therefore look forward to working with the Soy Transportation Coalition on the transportation issues that are key to farmer profitability.”

Scott Gauslow, a soybean producer from Colfax, North Dakota, and chairman of the STC, says, “The board of directors of the Soy Transportation Coalition welcomes the Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council as a member organization. Missouri is a significant producer of soybeans. Their engagement will increase our influence and impact as we work to provide a cost effective and reliable transportation system for America’s soybean farmers.”

To learn more about the Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council or the Soy Transportation Coalition, visit their websites at <http://mosoy.org> and www.soytransportation.org.

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Established in 2007, the Soy Transportation Coalition is comprised of thirteen 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.