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## **NTRCI Named Finalist for 2010 Telematics Award**

The National Transportation Research Center, Inc. (NTRCI), has been named a 2010 finalist for the national Telematics Awards for its work on the Trusted Truck® initiative, a wireless roadside inspection research and development project that supports the U.S. Department of Transportation's goal to enhance highway safety.

NTRCI's Trusted Truck® program was nominated for the award in the category of "Best Use of Telematics Technology in the Public Sector." The award will be presented June 7 at the 10th annual Telematics Award Ceremony in Michigan.

Trusted Truck® is an innovative research and development program launched by NTRCI and its research partners in 2004. The project uses wireless vehicle and roadside sensors to perform a series of safety inspections to ensure that commercial vehicles are in compliance with federal and state safety standards in a more efficient manne.

NTRCI's partners in the Trusted Truck® program include Volvo Technology of America, Volvo Trucks North America and the University of Tennessee.

"It's a great honor for NTRCI to be recognized for Trusted Truck®," said Joe Petrolino, director of NTRCI's University Transportation Center and vice president of the heavy vehicle research program. "The award reflects the innovative work we have been doing and the strength of the partnerships we have established to advance the Trusted Truck® program.

The annual award is presented by Telematics Update, a consortium of organizations representing the global telematics industry. Telematics Update is the world's leading provider of business-to-business telematics news and intelligence. Petrolino said its conferences and awards are considered the most prestigious in the telematics industry.

"Just being nominated for the award will result in extensive recognition for Trusted Truck in the global telematics industry," said Petrolino. "It will result in many new networking opportunities."

NTRCI is a Knoxville-based, not-for-profit organization that promotes collaboration between industry, government and its research partners to support technology advances in transportation. NTRCI's Heavy Vehicle Research Center is recognized as a leader in heavy vehicle safety research and technology development.