The Intermodal Freight Transportation Institute (IFTI) is pursuing a vision to become the nation’s premier research and educational resource for the freight community. The foundation that has been established by developing partnerships with the private and public sectors has us well underway to reach that goal. We hope you will join us as we travel down this road together.

The extensive transportation infrastructure in the Memphis region that supports a vibrant logistics/distribution industry provides the perfect working laboratory for IFTI to fulfill its mission of solving the critical problems facing the freight industry and providing educational opportunities to develop tomorrow’s leaders. Please consider becoming a Friend of IFTI, and be a part of this exciting venture as we work together to address issues to improve the movement of freight in the region, the country, and the world.

Dr. Martin Lipinski, Director

Current Friends of IFTI Gold Level Members
About IFTI

The Intermodal Freight Transportation Institute (IFTI) at the University of Memphis was established in 2005 to address critical issues affecting the planning, design, and operation of the nation’s intermodal freight transportation system with an emphasis on the intermodal issues and opportunities that have special significance for Memphis, the State of Tennessee, the lower Mississippi Delta region, and the national and international corridors that cross and intersect in the southeast U.S. IFTI’s expertise is in risk management, systems analysis, and policy development. The Institute engages faculty from the University of Memphis and Vanderbilt University who represent a wide-range of disciplines including civil and transportation engineering, logistics, supply chain management, GIS, environmental studies and earth science. IFTI is comprised of three branches: The Center for Intermodal Freight Transportation Studies (CIFTS); the Center for Advanced Intermodal Technologies (CAIT); and the CN – E. Hunter Harrison Center for Intermodal Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

What is Friends of IFTI?

Friends of IFTI is a giving society designed for organizations and individuals who are passionate about the transportation sector and want to be knowledgeable and well-positioned to take advantage of innovations and trends in the field. Through Friends of IFTI, members can network with a diverse community of industry leaders, be engaged in transportation-related public policy discussions and have access to hiring well-prepared workforce.

Donation Levels and Benefits

All Friends of IFTI Members Receive:

• News & Information
• Invitations to the annual fall conference hosted by IFTI
• “Intermodal Impact” the Institute’s semi-annual newsletter
• Access to IFTI’s on-line library of research findings and policies affecting the freight community
• News & Information

In addition, Friends of IFTI SILVER Level members Receive:

• Networking Opportunities
• Invitations to annual Friends of IFTI Networking Night
• Organization name listed on IFTI’s website and in “Intermodal Impact” newsletter
• Priority consideration to hire University of Memphis graduate student interns to address a specific business challenge as a master’s or doctoral level research project*

In addition, Friends of IFTI GOLD Level members Receive:

• Networking Opportunities
• Invitations to annual Friends of IFTI Networking Night
• Organization name listed on IFTI’s website and in “Intermodal Impact” newsletter
• Invitations to roundtable discussions focused on specific issues related to your business and public policy discussions
• In addition to all members in SILVER level, Friends of IFTI GOLD Level members receive a Trucking Roundtable which brought together industry leaders for an in-person dialogue about how to best address the critical issues facing the trucking sector

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