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ASLRRRA AWARDS TOP HONORS IN SAFETY PERFORMANCE

16 Companies Named as President's Award Winners

St. Louis, MO – October 7, 2026 – The American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRRA) has recognized sixteen member companies as President's Award recipients – the best of the best in safety performance within their award categories, as measured by frequency rates for 2025 employee incidents per 200,000 hours worked. The sixteen award winners were honored at ASLRRRA's Fall Super Regional Meeting in St. Louis October 5-7.

"Annually, the President's Awards recognize the best of the best of our member railroads in terms of safety performance. With freight rail safety performance at an all-time high, these awards have never been harder to win," said ASLRRRA President Chuck Baker. "The President's Award winners showcase the results of the 'safety first' mentality of railroading, practiced relentlessly 365 days a year."

For the 2026 awards, ASLRRRA has moved to a national, data-driven selection process—replacing regional criteria and balancing award categories through even percentile splits of eligible railroads.

The result: tighter, more competitive groupings—and a President's Award designation that carries even greater weight.

ASLRRA has also taken the opportunity to highlight standout safety performers among specific short line groupings, such as the smallest railroads and switching operations, which have unique business models and operating profiles.

Awards are based on railroad data submitted through monthly FRA F6180.55 forms, along with all required accident and incident reports for 2025.

Small and Independent Class III Category

- Clarkdale Arizona Central Railroad
- Fore River Transportation Corp.

Yard and Switching Operations Category

- The Indiana Rail Road Company
- Terminal Switching Services (TSWS)
- Stockton Terminal and Eastern Railroad
- Port Terminal Railroad Association

General Award Category, Employee-on-Duty Hours

- Shenandoah Valley Railroad
- Tulsa-Sapulpa Union Railway Company
- Southwestern Railroad
- Texas North Western Railway Company
- Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis

General Award Category, Train Miles

- Dakota Northern Railroad
- Arkansas Southern Railroad
- Luxapalila Valley Railroad
- Central Railroad of Indiana
- Trans-Global Solutions - Cedar Port Railroad

For more information about ASLRRA's Safety Award program, click [here](#).

About ASLRRA - The American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA) is a non-profit trade association representing the interests of the nation's 603 short line and regional railroads and railroad supply company members in legislative and regulatory matters. Short lines operate 50,000 miles of track in 49 states, or approximately one third of the national railroad network, touching in origination or termination one out of every five cars moving on the national railroad system, serving customers who otherwise would be cut off from the national railroad network.