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### **ABF Freight<sup>®</sup>, Panther Premium Logistics<sup>®</sup> Receive Awards**

- National Shippers Strategic Transportation Council recognizes ArcBest companies as Carriers of the Year

FORT SMITH, Arkansas, April 20, 2016 — Two [ArcBest Corporation<sup>®</sup>](#) (Nasdaq: ARCB) companies have been recognized as Carriers of the Year in their respective categories.

The [National Shippers Strategic Transportation Council](#) (NASSTRAC) has named ABF Freight<sup>®</sup> as the National LTL Carrier of the Year and Panther Premium Logistics<sup>®</sup> as the National Expedited Carrier of the Year. ABF Freight and Panther will be awarded on April 26 during the NASSTRAC Annual Shippers Conference and Transportation Expo in Orlando, Florida.

The award marks the sixth time ABF Freight has been recognized in the last seven years — 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2011 and 2010.

“All of us at ABF Freight take great pride in this recognition from NASSTRAC, a leading advocate for our industry for 64 years,” ABF Freight President Tim Thorne said. “Our employees strive to excel at serving our customers, and earning distinction as the National LTL Carrier of the Year is a gratifying reward for their hard work.”

This is the second time Panther has received the National Expedited Carrier of the Year award.

“Panther Premium Logistics strives to meet our customers’ expectations by providing customized solutions to meet the goals and objectives for each individual customer,” Panther President and Chief Executive Officer R. Louis Schneeberger said. “We are honored to be recognized as a leader in the industry.”

ABF Freight is one of the most trusted and recognized brands in the LTL industry, with a history dating to 1923. Panther Premium Logistics is one of the largest premium logistics companies in the world.

Through its annual Carrier of the Year Awards Program, NASSTRAC recognizes carriers that have demonstrated excellence in transportation. The program also helps shippers to identify the best of the best in carrier performance and value. Regular members of NASSTRAC who are qualified buyers of transportation services grade all carriers that are members on a quantitative scale in five key areas: 1) customer service; 2) operational excellence; 3) pricing; 4) business relationship; and 5) leadership and technology. The NASSTRAC Carrier of the Year program is co-sponsored by Logistics Management, a leading trade magazine for buyers of logistics services.

### **ABOUT ABF FREIGHT**

ABF Freight<sup>®</sup> operates the core less-than-truckload network for North American shippers of all sizes who value quality and an exceptional experience. Our customers know we’ll find a way to deliver superior

regional and long-haul LTL solutions, including best-in-class trade show, white glove, expedited and time-critical services. With easy access through a single point of contact to a broad array of logistics services at our sister companies, we meet all supply chain needs.

### **ABOUT PANTHER PREMIUM LOGISTICS**

Panther Premium Logistics® is one of the best-known providers of premium logistics services including time-sensitive, mission-critical and white-glove deliveries. We solve the toughest shipping and logistics challenges our customers face through our global network of owner-operators and partners specializing in ground, air and ocean shipping. It's no wonder several important industry segments rely on Panther, including automotive, manufacturing, life sciences, government, high-value products, electronics, chemicals and energy.

### **ABOUT ARCBEST**

ArcBest Corporation® (Nasdaq: ARCB) solves complex logistics and transportation challenges. Our companies and brands — ABF Freight®, ABF Logistics®, Panther Premium Logistics®, FleetNet America®, U-Pack® and ArcBest Technologies — apply The Skill and The Will with every shipment and supply chain solution, household move or vehicle repair. ArcBest finds a way.

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