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### **BENDIX TO PRESENT ON REDUCED STOPPING DISTANCE** **AT TMC ANNUAL MEETING**

*Technical Presentation Will Address Maintenance Issues around RSD Brake Technology*

**ELYRIA, Ohio – March 7, 2014** – A member of the Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC (BSFB) leadership team will provide expertise on the federal Reduced Stopping Distance (RSD) mandate at the American Trucking Associations' 2014 Technology & Maintenance Council (TMC) Annual Meeting & Transportation Technology Exhibition. This year's meeting is themed "Turning Experience into Practice" and takes place March 10-13, 2014, in Nashville, Tenn.

Gary Ganaway, director of marketing and global customer solutions and a 12-year TMC member, will be a presenter for the technical session "Understanding the Reduced Stopping Distance Brake Technology & Resulting Maintenance Issues." The S.6 Chassis and Braking System Study Group Session is among the event's technical meetings exploring commercial vehicle maintenance and design.

Phase one of the federal Reduced Stopping Distance mandate took effect in August 2011 for new three-axle tractors with Gross Vehicle Weight Ratings (GVWRs) up to 59,600 lbs. Phase two of the mandate, aimed at tractors with two axles, as well as severe service tractors with GVWRs above 59,600 lbs., took effect Aug. 1, 2013.

Confusion about replacement brake lining performance and RSD compliance is one key issue Ganaway will address during the technical session.

“We regularly field a host of questions from fleets and maintenance personnel about replacement friction for RSD-compliant brakes,” Ganaway said. “And that’s understandable because the market is filled with conflicting information about aftermarket brake lining certification and updated requirements for today’s high performance brakes. As a result, it’s more critical than ever before to understand the implications that replacement friction selection has on RSD brake performance and highway safety.”

Ganaway will discuss the significant gap in performance between certified RSD friction and other materials marketed as acceptable under RSD. For a friction material to be certified RSD compliant, it must not only be dynamometer certified to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 121 requirements, it must also pass the new – and more demanding – vehicle performance test.

“The Technology & Maintenance Council is the industry’s foremost authority in defining recommended practices for commercial vehicles,” Ganaway said. “Bendix is proud to be a leading voice on Reduced Stopping Distance and pleased to contribute to the TMC discussion on understanding the mandate. The dialogue is essential for promoting safer trucks and highways, as well as healthier fleets.”

Bendix’s brake solutions are part of the company’s ever-growing portfolio of wheel-end technology that delivers on safety, plus other areas critical to fleets’ success. By delivering complete braking solutions and robust post-sales support, BSFB helps improve vehicle performance and efficiency, lowering ownership costs and increasing highway safety. For more information about BSFB and Bendix foundation drum and air disc brakes, call 1-800-AIR-BRAKE or visit [www.foundationbrakes.com](http://www.foundationbrakes.com).

Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake, the North American leader in the development and manufacture of leading-edge wheel-end solutions, is a joint venture between Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC and Dana Commercial Vehicle Products, LLC.

### **About Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC**

Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC combines and expands the complementary wheel-end foundation brake technologies of two global leaders – Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC and Dana Commercial Vehicle Products, LLC. The joint venture, formed in July 2004, is a single, complete source for OEM brake system design, manufacturing, hardware, and support for all foundation brake components and actuation systems, as well as all-makes coverage of nearly 50,000 medium- and heavy-duty aftermarket parts. Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC is headquartered in Elyria, Ohio, with engineering operations in both Elyria and Kalamazoo,

Mich., and a manufacturing facility in Bowling Green, Ky. For more information, call 1-866-610-9709 or visit [www.foundationbrakes.com](http://www.foundationbrakes.com). To learn about career opportunities at Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake, visit [www.bendix.com/careers](http://www.bendix.com/careers). Follow BSFB on Twitter at [http://twitter.com/Bendix\\_CVS](http://twitter.com/Bendix_CVS). Log on and learn from the Bendix experts at [www.brake-school.com](http://www.brake-school.com).

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