

## 6 Reasons a Company Needs Dedicated Contract Carriage

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DOWNERS GROVE, IL, August 26, 2014 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- There are six unmistakable signs that it may be time for a company to seriously consider moving from private carriage to a dedicated contract carriage (DCC) program, according to Joe Gallick, NationalLease Vice President of Dedicated Services. In his blog, he explains how these six signs should trigger a discussion to review a company's current transportation program.

Older fleets in need of replacement. The economic downturn disrupted the normal fleet replacement cycle, leading to an average fleet age of nearly seven years. But when the financial benefits of lower depreciation and interest are eaten up by increased repairs and unscheduled maintenance costs, moving to an off-balance sheet program, i.e. DCC, may be the best strategic decision.

Underutilized equipment. Vehicles "against the fence" during normal business hours are typically a sign of excess fleet, unless the vehicles are used for nighttime deliveries. In addition, it could be the vehicles themselves, where insufficient freight or inadequate cube utilization is often the culprit.

Time-sensitive delivery requirements not being met. The costs of sub-performance can be more than just an expedited shipment or discount on an invoice. For many manufacturers' supply chains, just-in-time shipments are critical in keeping an assembly line running, and delays can cost thousands of dollars per minute to stall.

To learn more about what to look out for and to read the other three signs, the reader can view Gallick's blog in full at <http://blog.nationalease.com/6-reasons-companies-turn-to-dedicated-contract-carriage/>

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