What Is It?

- The International Registration Plan (IRP) is an agreement among 48 U.S. states, the District of Columbia and 10 Canadian provinces which recognizes the registration of commercial motor vehicles issued by other jurisdictions. It provides for payment of apportioned licensing fees based on the total distance operated in each member jurisdiction.

- Registered motor carriers receive apportioned plates and are able to travel through all IRP member jurisdictions. Motor carriers register with and pay to one jurisdiction. That fee is based on the percentage of distance traveled in each jurisdiction according to that jurisdiction’s fee schedule; these fees are then distributed to the relevant jurisdictions.

Why Are We Members?

- According to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, sanctioning the IRP (interstate) registrations of commercial motor vehicles is a powerful enforcement tool in deterring out-of-service carriers from operating on U.S. roadways.

- The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 designated that no state (other than a state participating in the IRP) shall establish, maintain, or enforce any commercial motor vehicle registration law, regulation, or agreement for vehicles that are registered under the laws of any state participating in IRP.

- Prior to that, states and provinces had varying rules that allowed certain jurisdictions to travel through another with either reciprocity or a separate registration credential.

How Do We Benefit?

- IRP facilitates the registration of around 2.9 million commercial motor vehicles in the U.S. and Canada and almost 3 billion U.S. dollars in revenue for U.S. and Canadian jurisdictions each year.

- IRP helps to ensure a smooth registration process and strives to positively impact safe, efficient and effective operations for commercial motor vehicles in North America.