

# Ahern & Associates Comments on the Third Quarter of 2013 and What That Means for Trucking Businesses

*Veteran truck experts Ahern & Associates have given their input on the major changes hitting the trucking market, and what that means for businesses in the market.*

PHOENIX, AZ, UNITED STATES, September 25, 2013 /EINPresswire.com/ -- 2013 has been an incredibly trying time for people within the trucking industry, as month after month, new rules and regulations were passed mandating trucking companies to change everything from workplace hazards to their hiring process. The Department of Transportation has also remarked that the coming year will bring with it considerable financial and corporate restrictions, designed to help smaller businesses with funding.



Although all of these changes have some in the trucking and logistics sectors understandably worried, the experts at Ahern & Associates say that the year is not filled only with unwelcome news. The recently recovering housing market often correlates to higher levels of home improvement projects which will boost trucking, and acquisitions of trucking businesses are also expected to gain momentum throughout the rest of 2013. Medium-sized companies will look to expand their operating areas to maintain growth, while large companies will look to improve their margins to support a larger operating footprint.

In short, Ahern predicts a slowly growing GDP of over 2%; few fluctuations in interest rates through mid 2013; diesel pricing around \$95/barrel, and further trucking consolidation. CEO and noted trucking expert, Andy Ahern, has posted his full analysis in his weekly newsletter, The Ahern Advisory. Given that his consultation and operational review divisions are both enjoying record years, his analysis has already received a warm reception from the newsletter's 450,000 readers with many relying on it for their business planning initiatives.

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