

**Transportation Research Board
Intermodal Freight Transport Committee
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Call for Papers

INTERMODAL FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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The Intermodal Freight Transport Committee is issuing a call for papers for the 85th annual meeting of the TRB. The committee will be focusing on various aspects of intermodal freight transportation in the 21st century. Presentations and papers will address a variety of topics such as

- addressing intermodal freight planning, programming, and security issues,
- analyzing public benefits of intermodal freight transportation improvements,
- assessing the future of intermodal freight transportation, ownership implications, and market accessibility,
- capturing backhaul and non traditional freight for the intermodal network,
- developing better information-communications technologies for intermodal linkages,
- envisioning new trends in intermodal freight facilities,
- fixing intermodal chokepoints in national and international supply chains,
- identifying actions that users and communities can take to promote and preserve intermodal freight access,
- maintaining and expanding the role of short line railroads in intermodal freight transportation,
- measuring performance and estimating investment needs for intermodal connectors,
- meeting funding challenges and opportunities for intermodal freight facilities, and
- preserving intermodal rail service in intermediate locations.

For purposes of these presentations and papers, intermodal freight transportation is defined as using two or more modes to move a shipment from origin to destination. The committee encourages submission of papers on intermodal freight transport developments outside the U.S.

Papers must be submitted to TRB by August 1, 2005 and go through the peer-review process. For more information, see the TRB Web page at:
http://www4.nas.edu/trb/annual.nsf/web/information_for_authors.