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**FOUR FEDEX DRIVERS EARN HONORS
AT THE SOUTH DAKOTA STATE TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP**
Winners Demonstrate Commitment to Safety and Professionalism

SIoux FALLS, S.D. – May 18, 2009 – Four drivers representing FedEx Freight placed among the winners at the 2009 South Dakota State Truck Driving Championship in Sioux Falls on May 15-16.

- **Troy Swenson**, based in Watertown, earned the top spot in the 5-Axle Sleeper class. He also posted the highest score on the written exam. This marks Swenson's fourth state title in seven years.
- **Mike Whitehead**, domiciled in Sioux Falls, won the Twins class for his second state title.
- **Tamara Folsom** (Sioux Falls) and **Chad Vermundson** (Rapid City) posted second-place finishes in the 4-Axle and 3-Axles classes, respectively.

Swenson and Whitehead will go on to compete at the American Trucking Associations' 2009 National Truck Driving Championships (NTDC), known as the "Super Bowl of Safety" August 18-22, 2009 in Pittsburgh. In addition, each state winner will be recognized by FedEx as part of its safe driving initiative, *The Chairman's Challenge*.

The South Dakota State Truck Driving Championship is an opportunity for professional truck drivers to demonstrate their driving skills and commitment to safety. The event includes a difficult driving skills test, pre-trip inspection and written examination covering vehicle operation and knowledge of federal safety regulations.

In 2008, 70 driving professionals from 36 states representing FedEx Freight, FedEx National LTL, FedEx Ground, FedEx Express and FedEx Custom Critical qualified to compete at the National Truck Driving Championships by winning their respective state's competition and driving accident-free for at least one year. FedEx

drivers captured National Champion titles in the Tank Truck, 4-Axle and Twins classes and the NTDC Rookie of the Year honor. In addition, FedEx drivers earned three additional top-three finishes in their respective vehicle classes.

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