## The Evans Network of Companies



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# **Evans Network – Fast Facts**

### **Third Largest Container Drayage Carrier in the U.S.**

\$245,000,000	Revenue Billed
425,000	<b>Container/Intermodal Loads</b>
150,000	LTL Loads
70,000	Van TL Loads
8,000	Flatbed Loads
1,600	Power Units
600	Trailers
105	Service Centers
9	<b>Operating Divisions</b>

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**Port Drayage Business** Who are the Stakeholders? Cargo Owners (Importers & Exporters) Ocean Carriers Freight Forwarders & Brokers Marine Terminal Operators Railroads Port Authorities •Drayage Carriers Independent Contractors

## **Independent Contractor -Legal Arrangements**

Written contract between Motor Carrier & Independent Contractor (26 Page Document)

**Two-Year agreement with a cancellation clause** 

**Provides for the leasing of tractor and driving services in accordance with USC 49 Part 376** 

Specifies the terms and conditions of the agreement such as:

•Equipment •Compensation •Control & Use •Accident Reporting

- Maintenance Reporting
- Driver Services
- •Insurance
- •License & Taxes

## **Independent Contractor -Qualifications**

- •Valid Class A Commercial Driver's License for vehicles with a combined weight of 80,000 Lbs.
- Minimum 23 years of age
- •Minimum 2 years of <u>verifiable</u> CDL Class A experience
- •Clean driving record (We use a point system)
- •Clean personal history (Criminal Background Investigation)
- Valid Medical Card
- Transportation Workers Identification Card (TWIC)

Independent Contractor – Qualifications (Continued) TRACTOR:

•Must be properly registered & licensed
•Must have current FHWA inspection
•Must have a valid state inspection
•Proof of ownership

**Driver Screening Process**  Personal Interview (Local) Written Application (Local) Motor Vehicle Record Check (Corporate) Criminal Background Investigation (Corporate) Drug and Alcohol Testing (Local & Corporate) •U.S. DOT Pre-Employment Screening Program **Report (Roadside Inspections) (Corporate)**  Previous Employment History Verification (Corporate)

### **How Are They Compensated?**

Compensation is specified by the contract

•Independent contractors receive a weekly settlement of all loads handled

•Paid a flat rate for each load – usually based on a percentage of the revenue or a rate per mile as specified by the contract. Other services such as loading/unloading or detention is a pass through.

•Federal law prohibit Motor Carriers from deviating from stated compensation with out a written agreement

•Customer contracts & rates are negotiated with the customers by the Motor Carrier

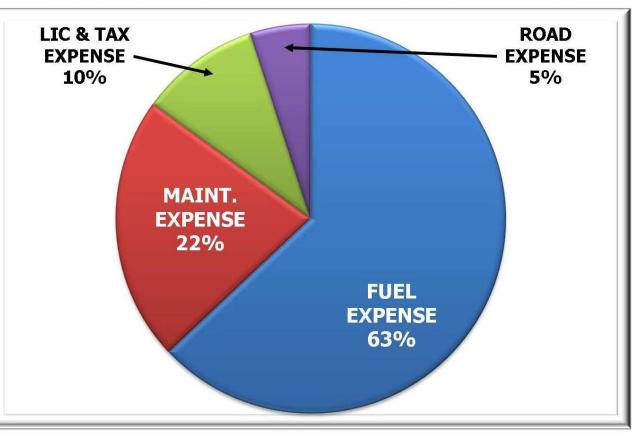
•Independent Contractors are offered loads and may refuse for any reason

### What Do We Do?

Furnish loads to the Independent Contractor
Pay Independent Contractors each week
Supply Comdata Fuel Cards for fuel purchases
Provide cash advances as needed
Calculate and pay all IFTA road taxes
Supply automobile liability & cargo insurance
Furnish operating permits & licenses
Furnish interchange agreements, bonds, LOCs
Maintain escrow funds for maintenance & tags
Provide discounted purchasing programs for:

•Diesel Fuel	•Physical Damage Ins.
•Tires	•Liability Insurance
•Parts	•Occupational/Accident Ins.
•Tractor Maintenance Service	•Medical Insurance
•Cellular Services	•Life Insurance

### **Independent Contractor's Expenses**



#### **TYPICAL OWNER OPERATOR EXPENSES—OPERATING**

### What Do They Earn?

### **Sample of Tractors – Northeast – Full Time**

	Amount
Revenue (Jan-Dec 2009)	\$122,303
Fuel Expense	\$25,795
Equipment Maintenance	\$9,200
Licenses & Tax	\$4,269
Road (Tolls)	\$2,200
Total	\$41,464
Remaining (Before, Federal & State Taxes, Tractor Payments & Other Expenses)	\$80,838

### Challenges

•Port drayage business is primarily performed by smaller trucking companies using independent contractors

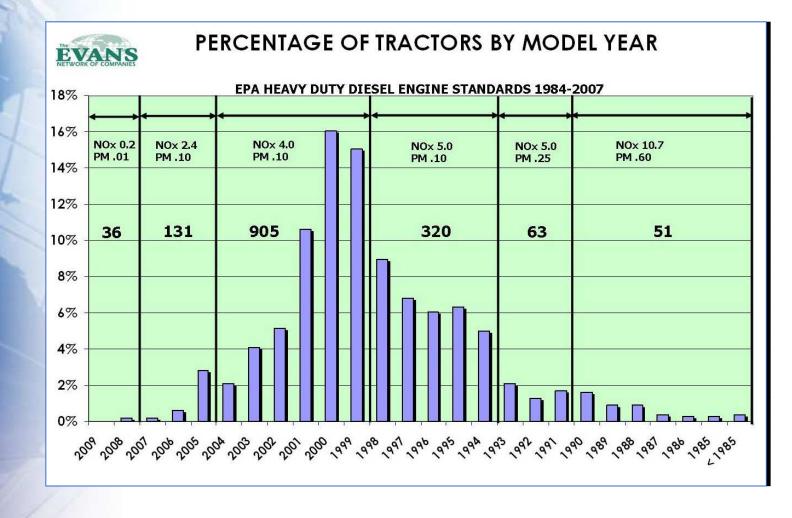
•Competition is intense. Cargo owners have done an excellent job of using competition to keep rates low.

•Independent Contractor's trucks tend to be older and purchased for cash due to a number of factors.

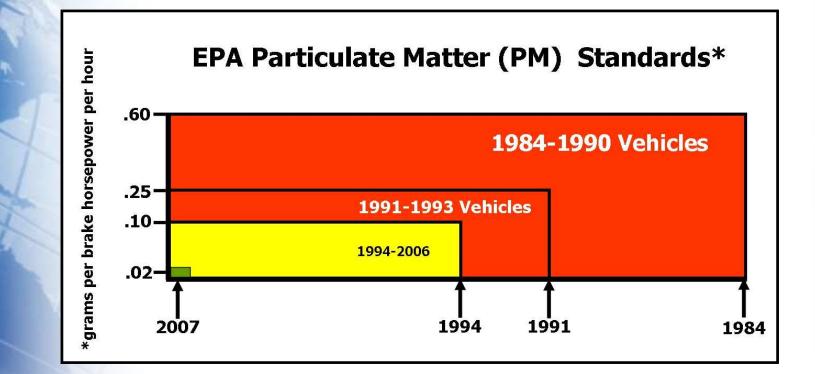
- Local operation
- Lower annual miles traveled
- Access to capital is limited
- Credit rating for ICs is traditionally low

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### **Snapshot of the Evans Independent Contractor Fleet**



### **RED ZONE TRACTORS - PRE-1994**





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