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ASLRRA Contracts with Herzog to Provide PTC Support to Member Short Lines

WASHINGTON, May 10, 2018 – The American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA) has entered into an agreement with Herzog Technologies, Inc. (HERZOG) to provide Positive Train Control (PTC) support to its members. The Herzog Hosting solution offers complete PTC back office functionality and is designed to assist railroads tasked with implementing interoperable PTC systems.

PTC is a system designed to prevent train-to-train collisions, derailments caused by excessive speeds, unauthorized train movements in work zones, and the movement of trains through switches left in the wrong position. Herzog’s Hosting solution includes a hosted infrastructure at its core, utilizing the required production and test environments, Interoperable Train Control Messaging (ITCM), Crew Initialization and PTC consist management software that will allow railroads to initialize locomotives and edit crew and consist data, as well as configuration management reports.

“The implementation of PTC is one of the most complex and challenging projects to be mandated for the U.S. Rail System, particularly for our short line members, who often do not have the technical staff and expertise, but have a complicated role to play, integrating with multiple Class I systems,” said Linda Bauer Darr, President, ASLRRA. “We are pleased to be able to offer a leading solution for our members who must equip with PTC per regulation, or as required by their Class I partners. Via our agreement with
Herzog, we believe we are able to offer PTC support at a price that is reasonable for our small business railroad members.”

The Herzog service will enable real-time information regarding train movement, speed restrictions, train position and speed, and the state of signal and switch devices to be shared between trains, rail wayside devices, and back office applications.

“We understand the complexities and the hurdles of PTC implementation, particularly for the small business environment of short line railroading, and are pleased to have developed a solution that meets the needs of this community, enabling them to work towards meeting the PTC mandate,” said Jim Hanlon, Vice President - Rail Systems, Herzog Technologies, Inc. “We are looking forward to bringing ASLRRA’s members on board.”

In addition to PTC Hosting, a railroad may select from additional services Herzog is offering including start up support, compliance, training, and in-service testing.

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About ASLRRA - The American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA) is a non-profit trade association representing the interests of the nation’s 603 short line and regional railroads and railroad supply company members in legislative and regulatory matters. Short lines operate 47,500 miles of track in 49 states, or approximately 29% of the national railroad network, touching in origination or termination one out of every five cars moving on the national railroad system, serving customers who otherwise would be cut off from the national railroad network. www.aslrra.org