



Charles (Shorty) Whittington

Charles (Shorty) Whittington has been in the transportation industry for over 30 years. Growing up in the heart of an agricultural community in Indiana, he naturally developed an agri-business career. The diversity of farming, grain elevator operations and the need he saw for specialized transportation, prompted Shorty to establish Grammer Industries in 1977. Grammer started as a small fertilizer and grain trucking company and has now grown to an industry leader in specialized hazardous material transport. Grammer provides safe, reliable transportation of; anhydrous ammonia, propane, nitric acid and compressed gases. Although trucking is Whittington's passion his other business ventures involve real estate, renewable fuels and equipment sales.

Shorty is very active in the American Trucking Associations (ATA) where he recently finished his term as national Chairman of the Associations. He also serves on boards for; the Indiana Motor Trucking Associations (IMTA), the Agricultural & Food Transporters Conference (AFTC), the National Tank Truck Carriers (NTTC) and is active in many state propane and fertilizer trade associations. He recently served on a Government Negotiated Rule Making involving a safety issue with tanker trailers, one of only five successful such missions of the Department of Transportation.

Shorty is a graduate of Purdue University. In 2007 Purdue named him Distinguished Agricultural Alumni. In 2008 he received the Indiana Agri-Vision Award from the State Department of Agriculture.

He and his wife Ro Anne reside just outside of Columbus near the small town of Grammer. They have two children Kristin and John.