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### **OTA DIVISION DIRECTOR APPOINTED TO INTERNATIONAL IBTTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**(OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.)** -- The Oklahoma Transportation Authority (OTA) announced OTA Toll Division Director David Machamer, C.P.A., has been appointed to the board of directors of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA).

Machamer attended his first meeting as a board member last month, joining members from countries such as South Africa, France, Spain, Mexico, Israel, Australia, England, Canada, Indonesia, Italy, Ireland, China, Germany, Scotland, and many from the United States.

A 12-year veteran of the transportation industry, Machamer earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Oklahoma in 1982. He passed the Certified Public Accountant exam in 1983. He earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1994. Machamer worked for the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority for three years prior to joining the OTA in 1990. He also has been self-employed and served in several Oklahoma City-area accounting firms.

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The IBTTA board sets policies for the association and hosts conferences for the purpose of information sharing and service enhancement. Members include turnpike organizations as well as departments of transportation, port authorities, city, county, state and national street councils, bridge authorities and toll facilities from across the globe.

IBTTA's vision statement is to be "the worldwide leader in promoting safer, more convenient mobility through toll financing." Top long-term goals of the organization include improving the image of the toll industry and gauging the industry's effectiveness, as well as improved global communication. The first meeting of the organization occurred in Rome, Italy in 1966.

IBTTA provides its members with training, access to international strategies, knowledge sharing, media training, publications, advocacy, cost-reducing strategies, education, networking opportunities, trade missions and role identification.

Oklahoma's State Legislature created the Oklahoma Transportation Authority (formerly the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority) in 1947. Its primary purpose is to construct, maintain, repair and operate turnpike projects as authorized by the State Legislature and State Department of Transportation.

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