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**THAILAND GOVERNMENT INVITES GIL CARMICHAEL, SENIOR CHAIRMAN,  
INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER,  
TO SPEAK ON GLOBAL INTERMODAL DEVELOPMENT**

**DENVER, CO, August 25, 2005** – The National Economic and Social Development Board of Thailand has asked Gil Carmichael, Senior Chairman of the Intermodal Transportation Institute (ITI) at the University of Denver, to visit Bangkok on September 1, 2005 to address a group of economic leaders on the evolving nature of intermodal transportation networks in a century marked by rising oil prices.

Mr. Carmichael, a transportation expert and formerly United States Federal Railroad Administrator from 1989 to 1993, will focus on the emerging transportation industry in Thailand in a speech entitled “Railroads and Intermodal Service: Key Lessons from the U.S.” His speech will focus on the development of transportation networks in which all modes are interconnected, much more fuel efficient and less reliant on oil. Carmichael said it is not unreasonable to expect oil prices to rise to \$80 a barrel in this decade.

“Globally, we have to look at developing more ethical and economic transportation networks that are less reliant on the increasingly congested highway traffic,” said Carmichael. “I firmly believe that the 21<sup>st</sup> century will be a resurgent era for intermodal rail transportation due to its superior fuel efficiency. No country today should develop a transportation infrastructure without having a reliable railroad system that is interconnected to the entire transportation network.”

“I’m very pleased that the government of Thailand turned to the Intermodal Transportation Institute at the University of Denver to help them address their emerging transportation network,” he said. Carmichael will report on his trip to Thailand and issue an ITI white paper upon his return in early September.

The ITI Executive Master’s Program, is a unique partnership between academia and the transportation industry, awards a Master of Science in Intermodal Transportation Management from the University of Denver to management professionals attending a five-quarter course.

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