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## **Fikes Truck Line and Jim Smith Recognized by Arkansas Business Publishing Group**

*Little Rock, Arkansas...* Arkansas Business Publishing Group has named *Fikes Truck Line* as one of its top five finalists for the *Arkansas Business of the Year Awards*, an annual award which recognizes businesses, business executives, nonprofit organizations, and nonprofit organization executives. *Jim Smith*, president of Fikes Truck Line, was also nominated as a top-five finalist for *Arkansas Business Executive of the Year*. Nominees are judged based on growth, innovation, financial performance, and overall success. Winners will be named at an awards banquet that will take place at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock on March 9, 2006.

"We are honored to be recognized in this way" says Smith, "We are also getting ready to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in April so the timing of this announcement is particularly exciting for all of us here at Fikes who have participated in the company's success."

Fikes Truck Line is a leading flatbed specialist with headquarters in Hope, Arkansas and terminals in Texas, Colorado and Kentucky. The truck line delivers building materials, steel, machinery and manufactured goods all over the United States. For more information, call Fikes at 1-800-643-6611 or log onto [www.fikes.com](http://www.fikes.com).

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