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Tips For Selecting The Right Trucking Company

By Rodney Sawyer

When we need to avail of trucking or freight services, some of the qualities we search for from a trucking company are reliability and speed. Of course, coverage and rates are important, too. But if you want to end up with the right trucking company for your needs, you have to dig deeper than that.

1. Time critical decision

When it comes to delivering and availing trucking services, clients are always concerned about the time. And rightly so because on-time deliveries are a must when good money is paid. Thus, when interviewing the trucking company representative, make sure you zero in on the following points:

2. Guarantees

What guarantees can the trucking company give to assure you that deliveries will be made on time? Delay What happens if there's a delay in delivery and it's the driver's fault? How much discount will be given? What happens if fortuitous circumstances are the cause for delay?

SOP What happens in between the signing of order forms and the moment the parcel is dropped at its intended destination? How many stages are passed before the parcels on its way?

Late Orders What happens to orders that come after office hours? Will they also be delivered on the same day or queued for the next morning? Do they provide round-the-clock service so that late orders are also given same-day-delivery guarantees?

Urgent Deliveries Do they accept urgent orders? What is the shortest delivery time possible and how much distance or area does such a request cover? How much is the extra cost for urgent deliveries?

3. Service

If you want an ironclad assurance that products or parcels will be delivered on time, some trucking companies can offer you such a deal, but at an extra cost. And if fortuitous circumstances cause even

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a second in delay of deliveries, freight costs are usually completely cancelled. Even if you have no need to avail of this option now, its still better to ask the trucking company representative about such services just in case you get to need them in the future.

4. Coverage

Offshore Do they accept offshore deliveries? If so, how much are they charging and how long will such deliveries take? Which offshore states are covered by the trucking company? If its Hawaii, for instance, will the trucking company accept delivery orders to any part of Hawaii? If theres any time difference between the two areas, that will be followed for orders to be properly classified: the time difference of the receiver or sender? What kind of package protection will be provided to ensure the safety of the products?

5. International

Does the trucking company accept international deliveries? If so, what type of international coverage does it have? Will it accept deliveries only for certain continents or for nations that are at a certain distance from its country of origin? What about countries that international agencies have deemed dangerous? Will they accept deliveries bound for such places? Lastly, does the trucking service employ multi-lingual employees to ensure that deliveries are made to the right person at the right time and place?

6. Their rates

Does the trucking company offer any promos or discounts for high-volume deliveries? What are the terms and conditions that may affect the service rates of the company?

7. Training and performance

What standards does the trucking company require its drivers and delivery handlers to meet? Do they undergo any special training or class to improve their performance?

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You Just Got Your CDL License - Now What?

By Mike Dobson

Congratulations! You just completed and passed the instructional driving courses and earned your Commercial Driver's License (CDL). So now that you are licensed to drive a truck, what is your next step?

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Unless you have a thing about big trucks and just wanted the license to say you have it, chances are you went to school and got your CDL because you want to be a truck driver. Luckily for you, there are a number of opportunities just waiting to be found. It is up to you to find the trucking jobs that best fit your needs.

Think about why you wanted to be a trucker in the first place. Was it to see the country? The salary? Do you enjoy the driving? What kind of truck or payload do you want to haul? Writing down everything you are looking for in trucking jobs will solidify things in your mind when you start your job hunt.

There are many avenues in which to pursue trucking jobs. First of all, check your local papers - both the dailies as well as the Sunday issues which usually have an extra classified section just for employment. Often times, trucking companies in your area that are seeking qualified licensed truck drivers will advertise available positions. Keep your eyes and ears open too. Billboards are becoming more popular, with trucking companies sometimes purchasing billboard space if they are in a big hiring push. Television ads and even posters displayed at libraries and other public places are other areas to keep an eye on.

The truck driving school where you trained and earned your CDL is another avenue to pursue in your quest for trucking jobs. Often times, a trucking company will post available positions in their company through the school's connections. So you have to remember to ask because these are not always advertised!

The internet is also a major source for trucking jobs. There are tons of employment websites that cater to helping you find a job. Most of them do not specialize in truck driving. However, with a few web searches, you can come up with some sites that do. Another internet option is researching the trucking companies themselves. Perhaps you know of a few trucking companies in your area. Look them up and see if they have trucking jobs on their website.

Searching for trucking jobs is the easy part. The hard part is determining which trucking company is the right one for you. You might have to move to a different area or travel to places that you prefer not to go. Think about those issues as well as the reputation of the trucking company and the benefits and salary. Your decision will mark the start of a new life and career for you.

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