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**Aspen is Named in Food Logistics Top 85 Third Party Logistics Providers List**

**Temecula, CA. 08.16.2010** – Food Logistics Magazine names Aspen Logistics, Inc. in its 2010 listing of the top 85 third party logistics solutions providers. Food Logistics is a niche specific trade magazine that provides articles and data which specifically targets those who manufacture, transport, and warehouse food-quality goods. The listing, which names all the top solutions providers, was released August 16<sup>th</sup>. Aspen is excited to be named on the list this year. The third party logistics (3PL) carrier has made significant strides in 2010 to expand their network and solutions to meet the quickly diversifying needs of food manufacturers.

Aspen believes that their expansion has assisted in their selection to this year's listing. The 3PL has been handling the supply chain and logistics operations for food manufacturers for over 30 years. In 2010 they have noticed a real acceleration in demand as customers are looking for creative solutions to increase the value of their logistics operations. The company feels that the cause is that manufacturers are feeling increased global competition, a push for leaner operations, and a drive to lower prices in the midst of a down economy. One need that Aspen has seen an increased demand for is plant support. Manufacturers are looking for 3PLs whose warehousing and transportation solutions can be coordinated with their production plants. This allows free flowing raw materials and packaging goods to be managed by Aspen, while the manufacturer concentrates on production demands and lowers its fixed costs. The company was also able to expand its footprint this year by joining the NDS Network ([www.nationaldistributionsolutions.com](http://www.nationaldistributionsolutions.com)) as the western region's carrier. The partnership extends Aspen reach as a national solutions provider.

Food Logistics first began publishing this list in 2006. This year the magazine has included 85 companies to its listing along with Aspen. As the industry's needs become more complex, these companies have had to adapt to demand. The magazine's editor-in-chief Katherine Doherty explains that these 3PL's needed to ". . . enable food companies to reduce costs, increase flexibility, and improve service levels." She goes on in describing the industry, "Food distribution is a very complex business and 3PLs play a crucial role in the supply chain." Aspen welcomes the recognition and will keep up its momentum in meeting with the ever changing needs of today's customer.

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Aspen Logistics Inc. is a top 100 third party logistics firm who has been in business for over 30 years and operates approximately 3 million square feet of modern refrigerated and ambient warehouse facilities along with their own fleet of trucks. Aspen specializes in a variety of value-added services, including co-packing, pick pack, just-in-time inventory management and time sensitive custom deliveries. Aspen is a specialist in the retail and healthcare supply chain and understanding the details involved with shipping to major retailers and grocery chains has been a key to its successes.

*Food Logistics* is published by Cygnus Business Media, a leading diversified business-to-business media company. The magazine serves the information needs of food, beverage and consumer packaged goods executives involved in warehousing, transportation and information technology, as well as third-party and refrigerated service providers. Through our print and online products, we provide news, trends and best practices that help more than 25,000 grocery and foodservice suppliers, distributors and retailers make better business decisions. On the web at [www.foodlogistics.com](http://www.foodlogistics.com).

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