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NEW TRUCKS HELP TO UPGRADE SHELTON STATE PROGRAM

TUSCALOOSA – Shelton State Community College has added two new 2010 International ProStar Limited tractor-trailers to its Truck Driving Technology Program.

The state-of-the-art trucks will enable instructors to provide training for students in some of the most current industry equipment. Each truck has a Cummins ISX 435 Horsepower Smart Torque Engine with a 10-speed manual transmission that will get an estimated 6 to 6.5 miles per gallon. The trucks utilize Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel fuel that is designed to reduce exhaust emissions, both are also equipped with after market treatment systems to help further reduce emissions and feature full aerodynamic designed for increased fuel economy. Both the tractors and 53-foot trailers are also complete with ABS systems and feature improved instrument clusters.

The Shelton State Truck Driving Technology Program is an eight-week program that meets Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., and Friday, 7:30 a.m. – Noon. Courses are taught year-round. The course of instruction is to prepare students for entry-level positions in the industry as a tractor-trailer driver or straight truck driver. Students will receive classroom, range, and highway training for Class “A” (tractor-trailer) or Class “B” (straight truck) Commercial Driver’s License with air brake, tank, hazardous materials, and doubles/triples endorsements when applicable. Upon successfully passing the Commercial Driver’s License written exam and skills requirements, the student will receive his/her operator’s license from the Alabama Department of Public Safety and a certificate of completion from Shelton State Community College.

The program offers continuous registration on a first-come, first-serve basis, but classes are limited to eight students per session. For more information or to reserve a place in the Spring Semester, 2010, those interested may call 205-391-2386, or visit www.sheltonstate.edu and look for the Truck Driver Program under the Workforce Opportunities header.

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