Mr. Harold Sumerford, Jr.

Harold joined J&M Tank Lines in 1976 and has over 40 years’ experience in the industry. When joining, the company had 114 company trucks and basically hauled cement in both Georgia and Alabama. The company subsequently grew to 500 trucks and had expanded operations into refrigerated vans and flatbeds. In 2002, Harold was named CEO and decided to spin off any businesses that were not related to their tank operations. Currently, at 415 tractors and 720 tankers, the company is involved in the transportation of both dry and liquid products. J&M currently has 552 employees and 11 terminal locations with its corporate office in Birmingham, Alabama.

Harold is currently First Vice-Chairman of the American Trucking Associations (“ATA”), the largest national trade association for the trucking industry. Through a federation of 50 affiliated state trucking associations and industry-related conferences and councils, the ATA is the voice of the industry America depends on most to move our nation’s freight. He will become Chairman in October 2021.

Throughout Harold’s work career he has been involved in various industry associations. He has always felt the need to give back to the industry that has been so good to him and his family. They are long time members of the American Trucking Associations, the National Tank Truck Carriers, the Georgia Motor Trucking Association, the Alabama Trucking Association, the American Transportation Research Institute and the Truckload Carriers Association. He is a past Chairman of the National Tank Truck Carriers and the Georgia Motor Trucking Association.

Harold received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Georgia State University. He and his wife Shannon have five daughters and six grandchildren. He is an avid upland hunter and off-shore fisherman.