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Welcome to the Spring /Summer 2013 issue of the Journal of Transportation Management!

This issue of the *Journal* contains an article on dimensions of airline profitability, an article on trucking HOS rules, an article on paratransit, an article on trucking transportation options, and an article on a cross cultural assessment of the logistics/supply chain typology across three countries.

The first article investigates the ongoing evolution of the U.S. airline industry under deregulation, and utilizes the Service Quality Model to analyze long-term implications. The second article explores the history of hours of service regulations for U.S. motor carriers and investigates the changes to individual carrier profitability and productivity from the last major change to those regulations in 2003. The third article reports on a decision support system (DSS) that can aid mass transit authorities in evaluating paratransit service performance, and examines application of the model in the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA). The fourth article studies the topic of trucking industry transportation options and evaluates potential benefits, while considering obstacles and possible resolutions to these issues. The fifth article compares the three dimensions of the Bowersox Daugherty (1987) logistics strategy typology among five disparate countries and reports on the robustness of the Typology across these countries.

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