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## From the Editor

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# From the Editor...

I begin this issue with an apology. I received an email from an irate reader (identified only as Liz) calling me to task for the title of the lead article in the Fall 2006 issue. Liz correctly pointed out that the usage of "first annual," according to the *Associated Press Stylebook*, page 17, is incorrect. Liz states that, "This error degrades your journal, the article's authors and the journal's editors." While I do not feel degraded, the rest of you may feel free to do so! Thank you, Liz, for noting this "egregious" error.

An excellent set of articles awaits you between these covers. The first article in the issue, by Robert Cook and Brian Gibson, reports the results from a survey of purchasing executives concerning outsourcing and offshoring practices. In the second article, Stanley Griffis and Thomas Goldsby compare the experiences of adopters and non-adopters of transportation management systems. In article three, Harry Sink addresses the need for a standardized curriculum in training entry-level commercial drivers. Maciek Nowak and Alan Erera assess the risks and benefits of expanding a satellite based mobile communications tracking system in article four. In the final article of this issue, Hokey Min, Hyun-Jeung Ko and Chin-Soo Lim describe a shortest-path, model based decision support system they developed for an inland logistics network configuration in China. I think you will find all of the articles interesting.

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