

## **Congressman Ashford Tours NMC Railway Systems, Discusses Rail Issues**

**Omaha, NE** – On September 2, 2015, Congressman Brad Ashford (NE-2) joined representatives from NMC Railway Systems to tour their Omaha facility, learn about their maintenance-of-way (MoW) equipment, and discuss public policy priorities for the business and rail communities in Omaha. Locally, NMC employs over 680 throughout the state and region and contributes to the over \$3 billion industry that REMSA represents.



**Congressman Brad Ashford and Nick Mizaur**

Congressman Ashford’s tour was led by NMC Railway Systems’ President Nicholas J. Mizaur and Manager of Railroad Operations Todd Guenther . Also in attendance were Mischa Wanek-Libman, Editor, Railway Track & Structures and Sean Winkler, Grassroots Coordinator, REMSA.

**“The railroads are vital to Nebraska’s economy and job creation in the state,” said Mizaur. “We look forward to sharing our experiences and discussing issues critical to the continued success of the railroad industry.”**

NMC Railway Systems provides MoW equipment and specialized equipment solutions to the rail industry. Its parent company, NMC Inc., has proudly served the industry since 1938. Due to the success and growth of its railway division, NMC Inc. incorporated NMC Railway Systems in 2008 to meet the expanded demands of the rail industry. Capitalizing on decades of working closely with North American rail lines, the Omaha-based company is a true local success story. Due to NMC’s strong local presence and role in ensuring Nebraska’s agricultural products can efficiently get to market, Congressman Ashford was intrigued to learn more:

**“In my eight months on the House Agriculture Committee I have seen first-hand how government can help and hinder locally operated firms, such as NMC Railway [Systems],” said Congressman Ashford. “I will work to remove unnecessary red tape that impedes these companies.”**

The group discussed the private nature of America’s freight railroad network, which does not rely on federal support for the expansion or maintenance of its right-of-way unlike other modes of freight transportation. Also discussed were the looming December 2015 PTC implementation deadline and the importance of supporting short line railroads. The short line railroads help connect Nebraska’s agricultural, food, and bioenergy suppliers to the larger main line railroads. During the tour, Congressman Ashford pledged his support for the Short Line Tax Credit.



**NMC Railway Systems**

In Nebraska, twelve freight railroads operate and maintain over 3,300 miles of track and support over 12,000 jobs. Farm and food products accounted for approximately 72% of all rail traffic originated in Nebraska, followed by chemicals – mostly bioenergy – and stone and gravel.

**Industry Coverage:**

1. [NMC Railway Systems host Rep. Ashford for tour, discussion](#)
2. [Rail supplier update: REMSA](#)