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Simon Garber, President of Chicago Carriage Cab Earns Industry's Top National Honor as Large Fleet—Taxicab Operator of the Year 2008 by the Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association (TLPA)

WASHINGTON, DC, NOVEMBER 21, 2008. Simon Garber, 43, founder and president of Chicago Carriage Cab (CCC), has been named Taxicab Operator of the Year for 2008, a prestigious national award presented by the industry's leading organization—the Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association (TLPA). Garber received his award at the organization's 90th Annual Convention & Trade Show in Tampa, Florida, on October 29.

CCC has the largest independently owned taxi fleet in North America. The company debuted in Chicago in 2003 with just 80 vehicles and has grown to 800 taxis, with 1200 drivers. It's garage and offices are headquartered at 2617 South Wabash, in a 220,000-square-foot complex that includes maintenance, dispatch and office facilities.

Garber has been lauded by Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley for "raising the bar" on driver courtesy and passenger comfort. This year, responding to the Mayor's call for improved air quality in Chicago, Garber added 10 hybrid vehicles to his fleet—exceeding the city's mandate.

Other CCC innovations include a unique safety seminar at their offices led by the Chicago Commissioner of Consumer Services, as well as joint programs with the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago on seat belt usage and other initiatives. Garber and CCC were key sponsors of the regional

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championship games of the U.S. Quad Ruby Association. They are also involved with a national program to provide taxi service for seniors, in exchange for their donated autos.

As founder and president of Yellow SLS Jet Cab, with 300 taxis on the street, Garber is also one of New York City's largest independent cab company operators. Garber and his family emigrated from Russia to New Jersey when he was 12. At age 17, he started driving a taxi in Manhattan to defray college expenses. The next year, recognizing the potential of the industry, he borrowed money and purchased two NYC medallions. He soon added more medallions and funded growth by establishing a financing arm to offer insurance and loans to drivers.

The Taxicab, Limousine, & Paratransit Association established in 1917, is an international organization representing owners and managers of taxicab, limousine, sedan, airport shuttle, paratransit, and non-emergency medical fleets. TLPA consists of more than 1,000 member companies operating more than 100,000 passenger vehicles, which transport over 2 million passengers each day, more than 900 million passengers annually. This for-hire vehicle industry is vital to a community's commerce and mobility, aiding in the relief of traffic congestion while promoting environmental improvements. The specialized paratransit services furnish more than half of the transportation needs of the physically challenged, while other facets of the industry provide feeder services to major transit stations and airports. The elderly and economically disadvantaged rely on the industry for fast, affordable transportation.

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Please note: An electronic copy of this press release and a photograph of Simon Garber are available from a link at TLPA's web site at www.tlpa.org.

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