

Attention Diesel Technicians!!

Are you searching for the right company to become part of?

Here's a few thoughts about our companies – Burnett Transit and Progressive Travel - from the standpoint of a diesel technician.

First, let's chat about our facilities. We have a clean shop. Keeping things tidy is a priority. Our fleet is clean and to accomplish that, our shop is clean. The shop is very well lit - having proper lighting is a priority. Instead of using a pit, we have electric lifts to put our vehicles in the air. These lifts make it possible for a technician to stand under the vehicle while working on it. No more lying on your back while attempting to work on the vehicle. Furthermore, when the lifts are not in use, they can be rolled out of the way to better use the space in the shop. That is difficult to do with a pit! While we have three different terminals, all of the major mechanical repairs occur at our main facility, which is located two miles north of Spencer on Hwy 13.

If you spent any time perusing our website, we talk a lot about honesty and integrity. These are two critical traits for all of our staff. You won't find any "negative nellys" among our full-time staff. Our shop staff includes two full-time ASE master certified techs. These are two dedicated, caring and respectful people. They work extremely well with others. The other shop staff are part of our Quality Control team (cleaning staff). Not surprisingly, these people are also kind, respectful people. The fact is that you won't find nasty, negative people here. Life is too short.

We offer all the typical benefits including tool allowances, footwear allowances, vacation (keep what you've earned from another company!) and much more. Perhaps most important, we can be flexible with your work schedule. We understand that you have a life away from work. When your personal life is good, it is far more likely that your work life is good. With that said, we allow for flexibility in terms of the hours you spend with us. There are no scheduled weekends. We only have a first shift (no second or third shift). You can come in early and leave early. Or you can come in late and work late. You can work extra hours early in the week so you can have a long weekend. We allow you to find a schedule that best fits your personal life.

Our fleet consists mainly of school buses (about 30 buses) and European motorcoaches (10 coaches.) The school buses are mostly Cummins engines with Allison automatic transmissions however the newer buses have gas engines (to avoid the ongoing issues with the emissions systems on diesel engines.) While our motorcoaches are built in Belgium (Europe), the major components on each coach are U.S. made. The engines are a combination of Cummins, Detroit and one Cat. The transmissions are mostly Allison automatics with two ZF automated manuals also in the fleet. The fleet also includes five shuttle buses. These are all Ford Transit chassis with gas engines. We also have numerous other vehicles in the fleet including company cars, pickups, Kubota lawn mowers, a Kubota utility tractor, various trailers, snow removal equipment, etc. If you enjoy working on a variety of equipment and not doing the same thing every day, this would be an excellent consideration for you. Let's just say no two days in a row are ever the same! Should we have a catastrophic engine or transmission failure, we typically do not do major rebuilds. We will purchase a rebuilt engine or transmission with a warranty. Our experience has been that it is less expensive, less time-consuming and the warranty is worth the cost. Especially in our coaches which travel throughout north America.

The motorcoaches in our fleet are very high end, sophisticated equipment. The electrical systems are well beyond a typical truck or bus. The HVAC systems are advanced – not surprising since they must keep passengers comfortable in temps ranging from minus 35 degrees to over 100 degrees. It takes the right people to keep these vehicles in peak operating condition.

Our companies enjoy an excellent reputation in both the school bus and coach industry. If you are looking to be part of something successful, more personal than the run-of-the-mill fleet or dealership, then call us. We need to talk.