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## Brokers, 3PLs joined to carrier services through APIs

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[Aljex Software \(http://www.aljex.com\)](http://www.aljex.com) has released Aljex API so that brokers and 3PLs can be quickly connected to a carrier's online services.

The API (application program interface) will give brokers and 3PLs quick and easy access to tracking information and proof-of-delivery as well as the ability to extract correct and updated rates and quotes.

API enables different applications to exchange information. Aljex APIs created for individual carriers are then available to any Aljex customer who uses that carrier. The API pulls data from a carrier site through the broker's account using the broker's log-on and password.

The use of Aljex APIs gives brokers and 3PLs the ability to view a carrier's online services without leaving their Aljex screens. Aljex APIs relieve brokers and 3PLs from having to update rates in their own systems each time a carrier makes a change and sends out an update, Aljex said.

"It's amazing, when combined with automated billing by the carrier to the 3PL and from the 3PL to its customers. It automates yet another piece of the transportation work cycle," said Aljex CEO Tom Heine. "It's especially helpful with multiple LTL shipments. You eliminate copying errors while always applying the latest appropriate rate."

APIs also enable an Aljex user to query multiple carriers to determine least-cost-routing with results displayed within seconds.

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