

# 2021 Excellence Award Leadership Highlights



The 2021 SmartWay Excellence Awards program for shippers, logistics companies and freight carriers is a recognition program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) SmartWay Transport Partnership. SmartWay is a market-driven Partnership that helps companies benchmark freight performance, make informed decisions that drive sustainable supply chains, aims to reduce emissions and fosters the development of a cleaner and more efficient freight supply chain.

Through the SmartWay Excellence Award program, EPA recognizes leading shippers, logistics companies and freight carriers that are optimizing the environmental performance and efficiency of their freight operations, while serving as role models for other businesses to follow. This year we are recognizing 72 companies (ten shippers, two logistics companies, three multimodals and 57 truck carriers) with a 2021 SmartWay Excellence Award. This represents about the top one to two percent of all SmartWay Partners.

The 2021 SmartWay Award recognition is based on partners demonstrating superior performance using SmartWay's second generation environmental assessment system for transportation supply chains. This enhanced system includes a full suite of performance-based SmartWay Tools and benchmarking software that enable each SmartWay Partner to complete a thorough assessment of its goods movement and freight activity. Partners also receive a set of comprehensive and detailed reports on their company's environmental performance and operational efficiency.

EPA identified the top 2021 SmartWay Excellence Award recipients from among all shippers, logistics and carrier businesses that participate in SmartWay, are partners in good standing and that provided prior-year performance data to EPA using SmartWay Tools.

Candidates in SmartWay's shipper and logistics management categories were evaluated based on their impact, size and commitment to using high-performing SmartWay freight carriers. In 2021, eligible shippers and logistics companies were partners in good standing and used real world data to complete their SmartWay shipper and logistics management

tools. The selected candidates achieved a superior level of environmental performance and the highest level of efficiency within SmartWay by demonstrating that they ship more goods per mile, more efficiently, using higher-performing SmartWay carrier partners.

Candidates in SmartWay's freight carrier category were evaluated based on their efficiency and environmental performance in moving products and merchandise. In 2021, eligible carriers included large and medium-to-small companies that are partners in good standing within key business sectors, including: truckload, less-than-truckload, refrigerated, specialized, tanker, flatbed, mixed, dray, bulk/heavy, and multimodal freight operations. Within these respective fleet characterizations and based on their size, these carriers achieved a superior level of environmental performance and the highest level of efficiency within SmartWay by demonstrating that they carry more goods per ton-mile, using less fuel and emitting fewer greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions.

## SMARTWAY CARRIER COMPANY AWARDS

The 2021 SmartWay Excellence Award for carriers' honor Partners that are moving goods efficiently, with the lowest levels of CO<sub>2</sub>, PM and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions reported among all other SmartWay Partners. SmartWay Award winners within the carrier category can include companies that operate one or more of the following 15 fleet types: truckload, less-than-truckload, refrigerated, package, specialized, expedited, tanker, flatbed, mixed, dray, heavy-haul, auto-carrier, moving, barge and multimodal. SmartWay carrier Award winners were selected using environmental and efficiency benchmarks that included CO<sub>2</sub>, PM and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions measured in grams per ton-mile. These benchmarks were unique to each of the fifteen fleet types characterized by SmartWay.

Fleet size and impact were other factors considered. SmartWay's 2021 carrier Award winners represent large, medium and small fleets, as defined by the number of miles traveled. Carriers with miles traveled greater than or equal to one percent (five percent for multimodal) of the total number of miles traveled

by all SmartWay Partners falling within the same fleet type are large carriers. Carriers with miles traveled that are less than one percent (five percent for multimodal) of the total miles traveled by all SmartWay Partners falling in the same fleet type are medium and small carriers.

Within the carrier category, EPA proudly recognizes three multimodal carriers and 57 truck carriers as recipients of the 2021 SmartWay Excellence Award. These high-performing carriers are being recognized for their achievement in finding ways to move more goods, more ton-miles, using less fuel and emitting fewer emissions. They are SmartWay's top performing carrier partners and include large, medium and small carriers that serve as role models for other businesses to follow. This year, four truck carriers (J&R Schugel Trucking, Inc., Knight Transportation, Inc., Swift Transportation Co., and Werner Enterprises) had recognition in multiple fleet categories. Different divisions of CRST are also being recognized: CRST Dedicated Services, Inc. and CRST Expedited, Inc.

## CARRIER AWARD WINNERS

EPA selected these 57 SmartWay truck carrier and three multimodal Award winners because they are the top environmental performers in their individual categories. EPA identified large, and small carriers with the best freight efficiency ratings in numerous fleet categories based on the selection criteria available here: [SmartWay 2021 Award Criteria](#) (PDF) (2 pp, 646K, January 2021, EPA-420-F-21-010).

### Truck Load/Dry Van Carrier Fleet Award Winners

Truckload carriers generally dedicate their trailers to a single shipper's cargo and typically fill an entire trailer with large amounts of homogeneous cargo.

Large SmartWay truckload dry van carrier Award winners include: **Contract Freighters, Inc. d/b/a CFI, CRST Expedited, Inc., Heartland Express, Inc. of Iowa, Knight Transportation, Inc., Mesilla Valley Transportation, Roehl Transport, Inc., Schneider, Swift Transportation Co. of Arizona, LLC, U.S. Xpress Enterprises, Inc., Walmart Transportation, LLC, and Werner Enterprises.**



Medium SmartWay truckload dry van carrier Award winners include: **Bison Transport Inc., Cowan Systems, LLC, Danny Herman Trucking Inc, Stan Koch and Sons Trucking, and Formerly known as Transport Corporation of America, recently rebranded to CFI.**



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Small SmartWay truckload dry van carrier Award winners include: **Artur Express, Inc., ATS, Inc., Halvor Lines, Inc., HBC Transportation Inc., Hogan Transports, Inc., J&R Schugel Trucking, JED Express Ltd.**



## Less Than Truck Load/Dry Van Carrier Fleet Award Winners

Less than truckload (LTL) dry van carriers collect cargo from different shippers and consolidate that cargo for multiple destinations on one vehicle.

The SmartWay LTL carrier Award winners are **BSP Trans Inc.** (small), and **Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.** (large).



## Mixed Carrier Fleet Award Winners

Mixed SmartWay carrier fleets are operating different fleet types, none of which represent 75% or more of the freight operations SmartWay uses to characterize fleets.

The large SmartWay mixed carrier Award winners are: **May Trucking Company, Penske Logistics, LLC., Ruan Transportation Management Systems, Inc., Ryder Dedicated Transportation Solutions (DTS), and Wilson Logistics, Inc.**



MAY TRUCKING COMPANY



Small SmartWay mixed carrier Award winners include: **AGI Transport Inc., CRST Dedicated Services Inc., M&J Carriers LLC, Meijer Logistics, LLC, S & S Transport, Inc., SSBB Inc DBA Delta Distribution, and Woody Bogler Trucking Company.**



## Refrigerated Carrier Fleet Award Winners

Refrigerated carriers move trailers equipped with temperature-controlled refrigeration units to keep freight at a constant temperature.

The large, refrigerated truck carrier Award winners are: **Knight Transportation, Inc., Swift Transportation Co. of Arizona, LLC., and TransAm Trucking, Inc.**



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There are ten small, refrigerated truck carrier Award winners: *Benny Whitehead Inc., Bill Davis Trucking, Inc., Freymiller, J&R Schugel Trucking, Inc., Lake Trucking Company, Logistiques Trans West Inc. - Logistiques Trans West Inc., Major Transportation Services Inc, RRR Transportation Co., USXL Worldwide, and Van Eerden Trucking Company.*



## Specialized Carrier Fleet Award Winners

Specialized carriers move a range of goods and merchandise and include hopper, livestock, heavy-haul, refuse and utility, among others.

The large SmartWay specialized carrier Award winner is *National Carriers, Inc.*



The small SmartWay specialized carrier Award winner is *A&M Transport, LLC.*



## Dray Carrier Fleet Award Winners

Dray carriers operate at ports and railhead connections where freight is picked up and moved to another transfer facility or transport mode terminal.

The small SmartWay dray carrier Award winner is *Werner Enterprises.*



The large SmartWay dray carrier Award winner is *Duncan and Son Lines, Inc.*



## Flatbed Carrier Fleet Award Winners

Flatbed carriers use heavy duty trucks to move flatbed trailers that can carry a range of goods.

The large flatbed carrier Award winners are: *Decker Truck Line, and System Transport, Inc.*



The small SmartWay flatbed carrier Award winners are: *Keim TS Inc., and Werner Enterprises.*



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## Multimodal Carrier Fleet Award Winners

Multimodal carriers move freight using a mix of truck, railcars and other transportation modes.

The large SmartWay multimodal carrier Award winners are:  
**Hub Group and J.B. Hunt Transport, Inc.**

The small SmartWay multimodal carrier Award winner is  
**ABF Freight, an ArcBest company.**



## Bulk/Heavy Carrier Fleet Award Winners

Bulk/Heavy carriers move a range of dense, heavy and large materials and commodities at or above legal maximum weight limits, often requiring permits.

The SmartWay bulk/heavy carrier Award winner is  
**Doug Andrus Distributing LLC.**



## Tanker Fleet Award Winners

Tank truck carriers haul liquid (petroleum, chemicals, gases, hazardous waste, etc.) or dry (dry food products, cement, plastic pellets) bulk commodities using less fuel and emitting fewer emissions.

The sole large SmartWay tanker Award winner is  
**Eagle Transport Corporation.**

The small SmartWay tanker Award winners are:  
**LTI, Inc. and Quick-Way, Inc.**



## SMARTWAY SHIPPER AND LOGISTICS COMPANY AWARDS

The 2021 SmartWay Excellence Award for shippers and logistics management companies honor Partners that are helping build a market for clean and efficient freight transportation by shipping virtually all of their products and merchandise (98 percent of miles or ton-miles for shippers and 80 percent of miles or ton-miles for logistics partners) with high-performing SmartWay carriers. SmartWay shipper and logistics Award winners also were selected based on achieving superior environmental and efficiency benchmarks among all other SmartWay Partners. These performance benchmarks for shippers and logistics Partners were derived through an assessment of their carriers' carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), particulate matter (PM), and nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions measured in grams per mile.

Within the shipper and logistics management categories, EPA proudly recognizes 10 of its shippers and two of its logistics Partners as recipients of a 2021 SmartWay Excellence Award. These shipper and logistics Award winners are congratulated for their achievements in choosing to work with high-performing SmartWay freight carriers and finding ways to move more goods, more ton-miles using less fuel and emitting fewer emissions. They are SmartWay's top performing shipper and logistics partners and include large, medium and small firms that move a broad range of products and merchandise.

### Shipper Awards

EPA selected these ten SmartWay shipper Award recipients because they are the top environmental performers and industry leaders. These shippers were selected from part of a larger pool of semifinalist candidates using the [SmartWay 2021 Award Criteria](#) (PDF) (2 pp, 646K, January 2021, EPA-420-F-21-010). The semifinalists competed in large and medium/small mileage categories to demonstrate leadership actions that support SmartWay environmental goals. The Award winners were selected by EPA based on their achievements in the areas of effective collaboration, advanced technology and operational practices, a robust system to validate and report their SmartWay data, and communications and public outreach efforts.

SmartWay's 2021 large shipper Award winners, moving more goods more than 500 million miles annually include: **Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP, HP Inc., Johnson & Johnson, The Home Depot U.S.A., Inc, and Whirlpool Corporation.**



SmartWay's 2021 medium shipper Award winners, moving goods between 25 and 500 million miles annually are: **Fujitsu Computer Products of America, Inc., Kimberly-Clark Corporation, McDonald's USA, LLC, and Meijer.**



SmartWay's 2021 small shipper Award winner, moving goods fewer than 25 million miles annually is **Catalyst Paper Corporation.**



## Logistics Awards

EPA selected these two SmartWay logistics Award winners because they are the top environmental performers and industry leaders. These logistics Partners were selected from part of a larger pool of semifinalist candidates using the [SmartWay 2021 Award Criteria](#) (PDF) (2 pp, 646K, January 2021, EPA-420-F-21-010). All semifinalists competed in large and medium/small mileage categories to demonstrate leadership actions that support SmartWay environmental goals. These logistics Award winners were selected by EPA based on their achievements in the areas of effective collaboration, advanced technology and operational practices, a robust system to validate and report their SmartWay data, and communications and public outreach efforts.

SmartWay has two 2021 large logistics Award winners, moving goods more than 200 million miles annually:

**Armada and KBX Logistics, LLC.**



### RECOGNITION CEREMONY

The annual SmartWay Excellence Award honors top carrier, shipper and logistics companies that are setting efficiency benchmarks in how they move products and supplies. Carrier, Shipper and logistics Partners will be recognized as SmartWay Excellence Award recipients during a virtual SmartWay Excellence Award ceremony:

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. ET  
Zoom Live Event