
Partnership Agreement: Carriers

EPA's SmartWaySM Transport Partnership is an innovative program that recognizes Partners for setting and achieving greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals in freight transport.

With this agreement, _____, joins EPA's SmartWay Transport Partnership and commits to:

- Measure the environmental performance of our fleet using EPA's FLEET Performance Model - Carrier Module (results attached).
- Identify a goal to improve the environmental performance of our fleet, to be achieved within 3 years of signing this agreement.
- Develop an Action Plan detailing how the goal will be achieved.
- Submit the goal and Action Plan to EPA within 6 months of signing and submitting this agreement.
- Report progress toward achieving the goal to EPA annually.

In return, EPA commits to:

- Increase public awareness of Partner participation in the SmartWay Transport Partnership by listing Partners on the EPA SmartWay Transport Partnership Web site and in related educational, promotional, and media materials. EPA will obtain express written consent from the Partner before publishing the Partner's name other than in the context of increasing public awareness of its participation as described here.
- Publicize the actual performance data of Partners only with a Partner's express permission, except as otherwise required by law.
- Assist Partners in achieving goals by working to address challenges, create incentives, and provide technical assistance and support (subject to appropriations).

General terms:

- If the Partner or EPA defaults upon this agreement at any point, the agreement shall be considered null and void.
- Either party can terminate the agreement at any time without prior notification or penalties or any further obligation. EPA agrees not to comment publicly regarding the withdrawal of Partners.
- EPA reserves the right to suspend or revoke Partner status for any Partner that fails to accomplish the specific actions to which it committed in the SmartWay Transport Partnership Agreement and subsequent Agreements.
- The Partner agrees that it will not claim or imply that its participation in the SmartWay Transport Partnership constitutes EPA approval or endorsement of anything other than the Partner's commitment to the program. The Partner will not make statements or imply that EPA endorses the purchase or sale of the Partner's products and services or the views of the organization.
- The Partner understands that it bears its own costs for participation in this program, and agrees not to submit a claim for compensation to EPA or any other Federal agency on the basis of this agreement.

Authorized Partner Official:

The undersigned, on behalf of _____, understands and agrees to the terms of the EPA SmartWay Transport Partnership.

SIGNATURE OF VICE PRESIDENT OR EQUIVALENT	TITLE	
PRINT NAME	DATE	
CITY	STATE	ZIP
E-MAIL	PHONE	FAX

Designated Partner Representative:

NAME	TITLE	
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP
E-MAIL	PHONE	FAX

Becoming a SmartWay Transport Carrier Makes Good Business Sense

- **Cost Savings:**
The Partnership promotes new technologies and management practices to save fuel, which saves you money, period.
- **Business-to-Business Advantage:**
SmartWay Transport Carriers are preferred by SmartWay Transport Shippers, and they want to ship their goods with you. Shipper Partners are already giving priority contracts to SmartWay Transport Carriers.
- **Freight Management Tools:**
EPA's FLEET Performance Model allows you to track and manage fuel use, evaluate fuel savings and environmental benefits of a variety of fuel efficiency strategies, and create a custom-fit plan for achieving greater fuel efficiency gains in the future.
- **Technical Support:**
EPA will assist you in using the FLEET Performance Model and meeting your goals.
- **Recognition for Your Existing Environmental Improvements:**
Your fleet's existing fuel efficiency strategies, coupled with continued improvements, determine your status in the Partnership. You get full credit for improvements made thus far.
- **Promotional opportunities and public recognition:**
The SmartWay Transport Partner brand of excellence is awarded to qualifying Partners as a visible cue to your business customers, clients, and consumers to use in their advertising and other promotional media. It tells them that you are a champion of environmental stewardship and helps them to make educated choices about SmartWay Transport(ed) products. Visible exposure through national and regional events, advertisements, articles, and special recognition are just a few ways that EPA commits to recognize your achievements.

"... I encourage everyone to join Swift in becoming a member of SmartWay. You'll save fuel which means you'll make more money."

— Dave Berry, Vice President,
Swift Transportation

"Like others in the transportation industry we need the ability to operate efficiently and ensure that we reduce the impact our company has on the environment. By becoming a member of SmartWay, our company, as a whole, is challenged to improve our operations for the betterment of all."

— Joe Chapman, Operations Manager,
Triple S Trucking

Becoming a Partner is Easy

When you join the SmartWay Transport Partnership, you commit to:

- Assess your fleet's environmental performance using EPA's FLEET Performance Model for Carriers;
- Identify a goal to improve your environmental performance;
- Develop a plan detailing how the goal will be achieved; and
- Report your progress annually to EPA.

Simply mail or fax the signed Partnership Agreement to:

SmartWay Transport Partnership
U.S. EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality
2000 Traverwood
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
Fax: (734) 214-4052

Then download the FLEET Performance Model at www.epa.gov/smartway, fill in your fleet information, and email the completed model to smartway_transport@epa.gov. Your Partner Welcome Kit will be mailed to you shortly.

Become a SmartWay Transport Carrier TODAY!

For more information about joining the SmartWay Transport Partnership, call us at (734) 214-4767.